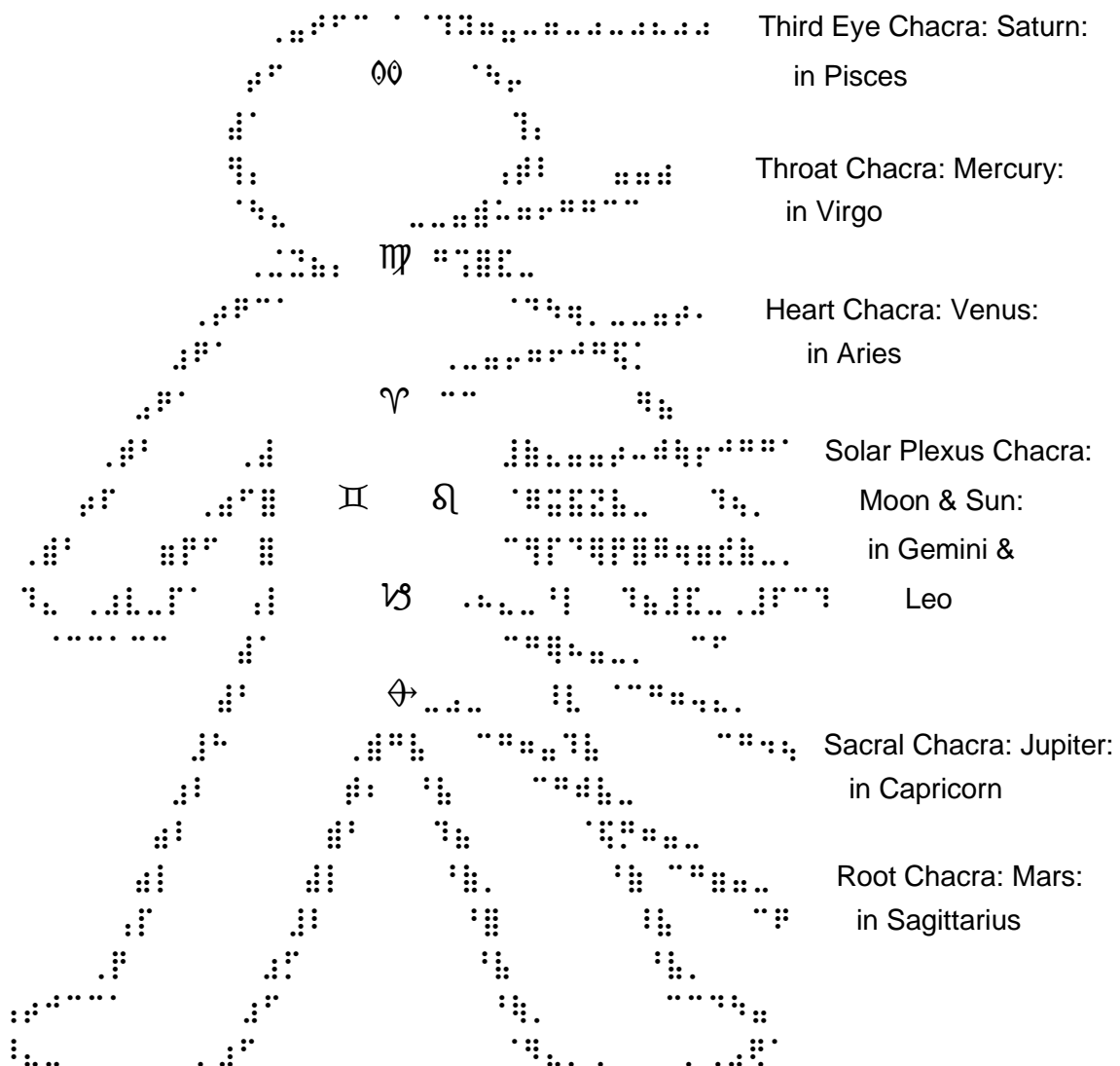


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Summaries

Leo Sun ☉ ♌ and ♊ ☾ Gemini Moon man

([765] i.thehoroscope.co)

A Reputable Personality - In a nutshell:

Positives: Supportive, communicative and relaxed;

Negatives: Impulsive, dramatic and criticizing;

Perfect partner: Someone who can keep things varied and exciting;

Advice: They should focus on long-term goals.

Sun ☉ in XII 12th House

([870] i.thehoroscope.co)

Very compassionate - Summary:

Strengths: Intuitive, perfectionistic and affectionate;

Challenges: Aloof, judgmental and stubborn;

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

Moon ☾ in X 10th House

([881] i.thehoroscope.co)

They succeed no matter the obstacles - Summary:

Strengths: Charismatic, dependable and caring;

Challenges: Worrying and feeling overwhelmed;

Advice: You should learn to let go of things that have changed.

Neutral: Helpless when not loving

Moon ☾ in 5th Nakshatra: Mrigashira

Short Version [2]

Strength: strong sense of individuality, sharp intellect, ability to learn quickly, natural leader, hard worker, action-oriented, witty, clever, hopeful, enjoys singing, writing, speaking, articulate, enjoys debates and arguments, has many friends and romantic interests, sensual, affluent, enjoys fine clothing and accessories, curious, inquisitive, eager to acquire more knowledge, perceptive, sensitive, amicable, peaceful, enthusiastic, gains pleasures in life.

Weakness: impulsive, fickle, helpless, scattered, suspicious, unbalanced, seeks constant attention, lacks commitment, critical of others; yet sensitive to criticism, easily offended, exhausted from too much excitement, flirtatious, craves sensual pleasures and has multiple partnerships.

Pada [1]

Moon ☾ in third pada

(0°00'-3°20' degrees Gemini): Libra navamsa. You are kind-hearted and you love to socialize, a combination that wins you many friends. Your intelligence and imagination ensure that you are always coming up with original ideas.

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

Mercury ☿ in ♍ Virgo man

([894] i.thehoroscope.co)

He's constantly trying to become better - In a nutshell:

Positives: Witty and ambitious;

Negatives: Careless and changeable;

Soulmate: Someone who has similar aspiration to theirs;

Life lesson: Taking a more open-minded approach to things.

Mercury ☿ in I 1st House

([908] i.thehoroscope.co)

Great public speakers - Summary:

Strengths: Communicative, driven and spontaneous;

Challenges: Intriguing, disrespectful and speculative;

Advice: Their uninhibited confidence might also give them the wrong image.

Venus ♀ in ♈ Aries man

([921] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Positives: Straightforward and confident;

Negatives: Self-indulgent and vague;

Soulmate: Someone who is very honest and reliable;

Life lesson: Taking less risks and being kinder to himself.

Venus ♀ in VIII 8th House

([952] i.thehoroscope.co)

Passion makes them feel better about themselves - Summary:

Strengths: Devoted, witty and romantic;

Challenges: Overly dramatic and superficial;

Advice: Be the person who matches their words to their actions.

Neutral: They are rather reserved

Mars ♂ in ♐ Sagittarius man

([973] i.thehoroscope.co)

A charming companion - In a nutshell:

Positives: Communicative and ambitious;

Negatives: Sneaky and self-indulgent;

Soulmate: Someone who is patient and understanding with him;
Life lesson: He should find his purpose to fight for.
Neutral: Not a big fan of commitment

Mars ♂ in IV 4th House

([984] i.thehoroscope.co)

Doing what makes them happiest - Summary:

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♑ Capricorn man

([1002] i.thehoroscope.co)

Don't judge a book by its cover - In a nutshell:

Style: Conservative and driven;
Top qualities: Serious, reliable and practical;
Weaknesses: Criticizing and prone to burn out;
Advice: Try to stress less about your reaction to emotional matters.

Jupiter ♃ in V 5th House

([1009] i.thehoroscope.co)

A lucky personality - Summary:

Strengths: Creative, fun and expressive;
Challenges: Pessimistic, speculative and conceited;
Advice: They need to learn to feel comfortable in their own skins.

Saturn ♄ in ♓ Pisces man

([1028] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Mystical and trustworthy;
Top qualities: Creative, spiritual and endearing;
Challenges: Oversensitive and pessimistic;
Advice: Leaving the past aside will do you great good.

Saturn ♄ in VII 7th House

([1035] i.thehoroscope.co)

Often looking for some kind of validation - Summary:

Strengths: Diplomatic, loyal and caring;
Challenges: Nasty, shy and judgmental;
Advice: They need to stop looking for other's validation.

Uranus ♅ in ♑ Capricorn man

([1050] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Disciplined and patient;
Top qualities: Organized and thoughtful;
Challenges: Pessimistic and aloof;
Advice: Try to get used to and accept disruption.

Uranus ☿ in V 5th House

([1057] i.thehoroscope.co)

Keen to experiment - Summary:

Strengths: Ingenious, thoughtful and warm-hearted;
Challenges: Restless and procrastinating;
Advice: They should learn how to cope with boredom too.

Neptune ♆ in ♎ Sagittarius man

([1073] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Style: Exploring and demonstrative;
Top qualities: Mysterious, adventurous, revealing;
Challenges: Personal struggles and indecisiveness;
Advice: Sometimes you are completely tactless.

Neptune ♆ in IV 4th House

([1080] i.thehoroscope.co)

An introspective personality - Summary:

Strengths: Complex, original and introspective;
Challenges: Sensitive and indecisive;
Advice: They should try and understand themselves more.

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

In a nutshell:

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

Pluto ♇ in VIII 8th House

([1108] i.thehoroscope.co)

Great resilience and attention - Summary:

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

North Node ♋ in ♉ Taurus

([1114] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Elegant, discerning, talented and appreciative;

Challenges: Indulgent, pretentious, moody and selfish

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

South Node ♏ in ♏ Scorpio

([1132] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Ambitious, direct, talented and adventurous;

Challenges: Pessimistic and possessive;

Experiencing an array of emotions, Escaping the mystical realm

North Node ♋ in IX 9th House (Sagittarius)

([1121] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Adventurous, creative and witty;

Challenges: Undisciplined and impulsive

Being on top of everything there is to know, Adding meaning to experiences

South Node ♏ in III 3rd House (Gemini)

([1127] i.thehoroscope.co)

In a nutshell:

Strengths: Inquisitive, communicative and idealistic;

Challenges: Confused and superficial;

Conflicted about their own beliefs, Looking to put their ideas in practice

(Black Moon) Lilith ♀ in ♋ Cancer

([1140] elsaelsa.com)

Atlas

(Black Moon) Lilith ♀ in XI 11th House

([1159] elsaelsa.com)

Outcast

► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ☉ Sun - (0°05')** ♏1 | ♏12

([11] astromatrix.org:) Paparazzi Magnet

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

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

► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°21') ♈8 | ♃4

([57] astromatrix.org;) I Did It My Way

Opportunities: 1. Following Your Goals Independently 2. Building a Physically Active Career

Challenges: 1. Learning to Cooperate 2. Learning from Advice

► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (0°31') ♈12 | ♋11

([624] astromatrix.org;) Intensely Dedicated & focused

Opportunities: 1. Mastering relationships 2. Chasing your heart

Challenges: 1. Avoiding impulsive decisions 2. Accepting Criticism

► **Saturn ♄ Parallel ♀ Lilith** - (0°21') ♏07 | ♋11

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

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

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

► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (4°12' A) ♏07 | ♈8

([179] astromatrix.org;) Unconscious Needs

Opportunities: 1. Knowing Your Desires 2. Gaining Confidence

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

► **Sun ☉ Conjunct ☿ Mercury** - (1°50' A) ♈12 | ♏1

([3] astromatrix.org;) Mental Focus

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

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

► **Jupiter ♃ Opposition ♀ Lilith** - (0°29' A) ♏5 | ♋11

([636] astromatrix.org;) Judgemental & Imaginative Personality

Opportunities: 1. Learning & practising self-control 2. Cultivating a trustworthy aura

Challenges: 1. Harnessing wild imagination 2. Building emotional security

► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°22' S) ♏10 | ♈8

([233] astromatrix.org;) Popularity

Opportunities: 1. Helping Children 2. Keeping Family Close

Challenges: 1. Finding the Right Partner 2. Taking Financial Risks

► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (0°26' A) ♏1 | ♃4

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

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

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

► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon** - (2°53' S) ♈12 | ♏10

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

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

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

Conflictual Tendencies

► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **Mercury** - (1°03' S) ♋10 | ♏1

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

Opportunities: 1. Healing Yourself Through Communication 2. Projecting Your Focus Externally

Challenges: 1. Overcoming Your Inner Conflicts 2. Get Past Your Defensiveness

► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (3°46' A) ♍8 | ♋4

([415] astromatrix.org;) The Demanding Lover

Opportunities: 1. Finding Outlets of Self-Expression 2. Showing No-Strings-Attached Love

Challenges: 1. Avoiding Destructive Habits 2. Remaining Mature in Relationships

► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (4°34' A) ♏1 | ♋10

([319] astromatrix.org;) Personal Sacrifice

Opportunities: 1. Finding Meaning in Giving 2. Taking Part in Public Life

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

► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°24' A) ♍8 | ♋4

([347] astromatrix.org;) The Hard Worker

Opportunities: 1. Making Bold Decisions 2. Getting Meaning from Your Work

Challenges: 1. Discovering Your Mission 2. Working in Teams

► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°15' S) ♏12 | ♋4

([302] astromatrix.org;) The Door Opener

Opportunities: 1. Finding Socially-Engaged Work 2. Taking on New Challenges

Challenges: 1. Curbing Impulsive Behavior 2. Recognizing Opportunities

► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°05' S) ♏1 | ♋4

([323] astromatrix.org;) The Technician

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

Challenges: 1. Channeling Multiple Interests 2. Balancing Ambition and Empathy

► **Venus** ♀ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (5°37' S) ♍8 | ♋11

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

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

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

► *Sun* ☉ *Quincunx* ♀ *Venus* - (2°31' S) ♏12 | ♍8

Extra Source

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

Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°47') ♎1 | ♊5
- 2) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°05') ♎1 | ♏7
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel ♂ Mars** - (1°21') ♍8 | ♋4
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♃ Jupiter** - (1°42') ♏12 | ♊5
- 5) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (0°10') ♏12 | ♏7
- 6) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♆ Neptune** - (1°04') ♎1 | ♋4
- 7) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel ♇ Pluto** - (1°58') ♎1 | ♍8
- 8) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♎ North-Node** - (0°57') ♍8 | ♏9
- 9) ► **Mars ♂ Parallel ♅ Uranus** - (1°23') ♋4 | ♊5
- 10) ► **Jupiter ♃ Parallel ♄ Saturn** - (1°52') ♊5 | ♏7
- 11) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (4°12' A) ♏7 | ♍8
- 12) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (5°21' A) ♏7 | ♍8
- 13) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct ♇ Pluto** - (1°09' A) ♍8 | ♍8
- 14) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct ♆ Neptune** - (2°51' S) ♋4 | ♋4
- 15) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (2°58' A) ♏12 | ♏7
- 16) ► **Mercury ☿ Opposition ♄ Saturn** - (1°08' A) ♎1 | ♏7
- 17) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♀ Venus** - (0°22' S) ♏10 | ♍8
- 18) ► **Moon ☾ Sextile ♇ Pluto** - (0°47' A) ♏10 | ♍8
- 19) ► **Saturn ♄ Sextile ♎ North-Node** - (2°08' A) ♏7 | ♏9
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars** - (0°26' A) ♎1 | ♋4
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♆ Neptune** - (2°25' S) ♎1 | ♋4
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Square ♃ Jupiter** - (6°02' A) ♍8 | ♊5
- 23) ► **Sun ☉ Square ☾ Moon** - (2°53' S) ♏12 | ♏10
- 24) ► **Moon ☾ Square ☿ Mercury** - (1°03' S) ♏10 | ♎1
- 25) ► **Moon ☾ Square ♄ Saturn** - (0°05' A) ♏10 | ♏7
- 26) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♂ Mars** - (3°46' A) ♍8 | ♋4
- 27) ► **Venus ♀ Square ♆ Neptune** - (6°37' A) ♍8 | ♋4

- 28) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♄ **Pluto** - (4°55' A) ♋4 | ♎8
- 29) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♌ **Moon** - (4°34' A) ♎1 | ♋10
- 30) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Trine** ♋ **Jupiter** - (0°56' S) ♎1 | ♏5
- 31) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°24' A) ♎8 | ♋4
- 32) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♅ **Neptune** - (4°33' A) ♎8 | ♋4
- 33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°15' S) ♏12 | ♋4
- 34) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♅ **Neptune** - (4°06' S) ♏12 | ♋4
- 35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♎ **North-Node** - (5°06' A) ♏12 | ♏9
- 36) ► **Moon** ♌ **Trine** ♋ **Jupiter** - (5°30' A) ♋10 | ♏5
- 37) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°05' S) ♎1 | ♋4
- 38) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♅ **Neptune** - (5°56' S) ♎1 | ♋4
- 39) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♎ **North-Node** - (3°16' A) ♎1 | ♏9
- 40) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♎ **North-Node** - (6°21' A) ♋4 | ♏9

Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

Sun ☉ in ♌ Leo 28° 10'

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

Approval is another quality Leos pick up from their father.... All Leos want to be approved of. Many people think that Leos are pompous, but that doesn't seem to be the case - they are really in need of approval. They are afraid that they may not get it. So they withdraw, waiting for some sign of appreciation. It's important for Leos to learn self-approval, for that is the key to the proper use of their energy. When approval comes from within, one doesn't need to look outside oneself for recognition. This frees up the natural energy for constructive purposes.

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

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

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

The Leo female is influenced by the attitudes of her father. She therefore tends to look for a place in the world that puts her either into a profession or in a place of trust in a business situation. She needs approval on her job, and she needs to be treated with 'proper respect' at all times or she gets very hurt and outwardly quite negative. As far as her father's influence on her romantic life is concerned, she, too, like her Aries sister, is looking for a knight in shining armor to come and save her from her plight. But he must

let her be the boss after he gets her! These needs cause confusion in relationships. A Leo woman will often align herself with inferior types of men, for she, too, is being the 'masculine' head of the household. Since she wants approval, she finds it difficult to let her mate get close to her. She can't let anyone see her imperfections. Her married life is often based on what she thinks she must do in order to maintain approval from the community. She will stay in bad situations because, as the old adage goes, she made her bed and now she must lie in it. Often she lies in that bed because her husband gave her approval and respect before the marriage - and she was so flattered by it that she never looked to see what kind of person he really was.

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

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

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

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

The idealism of Leos often draws them toward working in the political arena, but poor Leo doesn't do too well there. They bring idealism into the ball game, and find it difficult to handle the political situations - the deals, the graft, the political compromises that are sometimes made within the various political party structures. They may trust their fellow politicians too much, not realizing that each new election brings about a change in attitude for 'the party'. They may not recognize the wheeler-dealers until it's too late, and their reputations can suffer. The inner suffering that Leos feel is not always visible, but the pain is intense.

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

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

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

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

The Leo personality is attracted toward power, influence and being in the spotlight, where people notice them and where they can perform. If you can achieve such positions, then self-confidence rapidly expands; you will be more successful when you act from positions of responsibility and authority. Yet underlying these needs are feelings of insecurity and uncertainty regarding your abilities; and these need transcending by attaining some success. You have the opportunity to inspire others towards greater achievements, unless you become too obsessed with exerting power and influence over others.

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

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

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

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

You rarely feel content with any achievements, always driving onwards; and you can be

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

Leo females

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

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

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

Leo males

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

surprise - stability. He likes to get around and to be seen and heard, but he wants to return to the lair and be cuddled, cooed at and reassured.

A Leo man is never satisfied merely to be great: he wants to be told so. He is attractive to women; he seems to draw them like flies. He doesn't mind if you're jealous - he even enjoys it. But he does not like you to make scenes. The best way to hold the interest of this man is to be quietly dramatic. He is fascinated by subtle women. If you shout, you are lost. But try wiping away a tear, then holding up your chin as if nothing happened. Make sure, however, that he sees you! he'll melt; he'll change from a lion into a purring kitten. A Leo man can be taken advantage of; he enjoys being the centre of intrigue. You can lead him to a trap and even make him fall in. But, unless you keep him interested, he will get up and get out.

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

(Sasha Fenton)

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

Leos are proud people who, except for the rogue type which I mentioned before, have great integrity. To accuse a Leo of stealing or of taking advantage of another is to risk having your head removed from your body. Leos can be irritable and very bad-tempered, but their bad temper usually evaporates quickly. Fatigue and hunger have a bad effect on the Leo temper, and Leonine women become extremely irritable and depressed when premenstrual. Leos can panic when under pressure; but after the initial dramatics, their brains engage and they cope marvellously. The natural Leonine state is a cheerful, charming youthful one. Leos are realists, but they take a view of life which leans towards optimism, so they bounce back from problems and they can always find something good to look forward to. These subjects have very high standards and will often work harder and be far more successful than their colleagues. This earns them a good deal of

jealousy and spite from less successful types. Leos instinctively understand that the harder they work, the luckier they are, and that a pleasant and co-operative manner will advance their cause better than a sour or hostile one. Leonine people can be awkward, arrogant, insufferable, unco-operative and idle; but they usually reserve this kind of behaviour for people towards whom they feel contemptuous, or occasionally for their own families.

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

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

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

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

appearance. They may spend money on a weight-loss programme once in a while, but that's about all. On the other hand, Leos hate buying or wearing rubbish, and would rather have a couple of good-quality outfits which they wear to death.

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

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

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

Many Leos enjoy working to raise money for charity or, more directly, by helping less fortunate people in some way. For example, when a Leo gets rid of his children's outgrown clothes, he usually tries to ensure that these are utilised by other, less well-off

children. The Leo would, however, rather die than dress himself or his children in other people's cast-offs. This may look as if the Leo has a double standard in the way he sees his own needs and the needs of other people. As a fully paid-up member of the Leo tribe, I have to admit that it is just that: a double standard. It is not surprising, therefore, that many young Leonine mothers are excellent dressmakers.

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

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

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

Leos are relaters, so they rarely live alone, and are very attached to all members of their families and also to any pets. Leos grow up needing a lot of love, understanding and approval. They need to feel that they count, both out in the world and in their homes. On the whole, these people are not that hard to live with, although they do have some peculiarities which can irritate others. Leos are fussy, and they have high personal standards which they make seek to impose on others. They are also snobs. My Leo daughter won't shop in certain areas because she doesn't like the class of clientèle who

frequent the shops! This behaviour doesn't seem a bit strange to a Leo. Their homes must be well-run and very comfortable, but they are not excessively tidy, as they prefer a home to be a home rather than a shop window. One rather odd fact that I have come across is that all Leos have a place where they leave notes telling themselves what they need to do over the next few days. When entertaining, they will do so lavishly and in style. Leos can be very ambitious, both for themselves and for their families, and therefore they expect their partners to get on in life. These subjects are fairly hard workers, especially when they have their minds set on some special ambition. They like their jobs, homes, families and children to have a status and standing in the community, and they derive great pride from this. Leonine subjects expect their partners and, indeed, other members of their families to put their backs into work too.

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

Male Leos can be very demanding, expecting their wives to be super-woman; but, on the whole, as long as they can run their homes smoothly, with the addition of paid help if necessary, they won't grumble too much. It is possible to talk to these subjects and get them to see reason, so most problems can be worked out. Leos don't play games in relationships; they are honest, and they usually mean what they say. These subjects can be somewhat eccentric, and they do appear to march down their own road, even if this is completely different from everyone else's. They are more concerned about their own measurement of their worth than other people's opinions. Like all fire signs, Leos need freedom. They don't appreciate being told what time they should be home, and they won't stand for being given the third degree if they arrive late. It is unlikely that they are up to anything wrong anyway, because they usually get held up by people who buttonhole them in order to talk to them. Leos are fairly careful with money, hating to be

in debt, but they are never mean to others. They won't sponge off others, and they are embarrassed by those who see sponging off as a legitimate practice. Pride can be a Leo's downfall; and, although they can be teased a little, they won't be ridiculed. If they find themselves with a competitive partner, the kind who loves to have conversations in front of others about whose job is more important, they will just walk away. Leo dignity is sacrosanct, and they never forget a hurt or an insult. As a Leo myself, I can absolutely guarantee that nobody outside of my immediate family is ever likely to see me cry; and the chances are that the family won't see much of this phenomenon either. Leo women don't make a sound when giving birth, but they scream the hospital down after the event if they find themselves and their infant are not being properly treated by the staff! Some Leos are quite lazy, preferring to watch TV than to do anything useful, but most are good, steady workers if for no other reason than because they like a good lifestyle. Some Leo men and even a few women can become so immersed in their work that they neglect their partners and lose them as a result.

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

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

Most of all, Leos love and value their children. They treat them with dignity, and allow them their independence; but even when their children are completely grown up with

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

Static

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

Dynamic

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

them to occupy the centre of the stage. This gives you the objectivity needed for confidence to express yourself. As an example of childlike innocence and spontaneous vitality, you can inspire others to express the radiance within themselves.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker) (contd.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leisure is an alien concept to Leos, who prefer to fill every moment with activity. They are amateurs in the true sense, since they have no hobbies as such: all of their interests

are taken to a professional standard. However, they must not be self-satisfied, as selfcriticism is important.

Retirement will open new doors for Leos: they will already have many interests to follow up and develop. They will be very likely to turn some hobbies into moneymaking concerns, for they won't want to accept a standard of living that is lower than the one they have been used to.

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

They dislike repetition. Once they see the point, they become quite impatient, and often obstinate, in discussion. Those who disagree with a Leo's opinions should be tactful, for

he will surrender so long as his dignity is recognized. He wants people to think well of him; and as he directs a great deal of energy to this goal, it is frequently achieved. Leos are very aware of the effect they have on others, and study what to do in order to create a better effect. (This does not mean, however, that they are introspective or that they analyze themselves in order to improve their character.)

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

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

You are spirited and strong-willed, and like to be the centre of attention. Sometimes you may be a show-off, which others may find annoying. Nevertheless, other people like you because you are basically warm and affectionate. You work very hard to get your way with others. You should be careful of carrying this trait too far, however, because it may turn away people who would otherwise be your friends. You are proud, and consider yourself important. The positive side of this is that you are reluctant to compromise

yourself or lose other people's respect. Being respected by others is very important to you, and for this reason you are less likely than others to tell lies. You feel that everything should be out in the open.

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

When you are alone it is unmistakably because that is the only way that you can feel in command of your own life. The trouble with being a King or Queen is that to have a consort means being without any special privileges or perks such as you have come to regard as your divine right. The bedchamber may be royal, but what goes on in it can be decidedly common. In other words, emotions make equals of us all - and this can prove too much for your sense of pride and exclusiveness to abide. And so either you have ironically bowed out for want of being able to step down from your throne and relate in a

human-to-human way, or your consort has had no other choice but to leave you with only that throne for company. Either way, it is time to reflect and accept.

(Grant Lewi)

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

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

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

(Marcia Moore & Mark Douglas)

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

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

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

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

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

enjoy, and to help others enjoy, these light, bright pleasures.

Even a sophisticated Leionian will, at times, betray the self-centered simplicity of a child. A youngster wants to be the center of attention; and Leo, with his naturally trusting disposition, may have the same naive faith in the importance of his place within the cosmic scheme. When disappointed, a Leonian is downcast, like the Sun obscured by clouds. He seldom gives way to bitterness, however, for he has an abiding faith in the fundamental goodness of people. He is not inclined to worry about the future or to brood over the past, but lives to the fullest extent in the ever-present Now - and Leo loves luxe living.

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

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

Leo is the sign of self-consciousness, as Cancer is the sign of the instinctual conscious. Whether Leo people are constructive or destructive in their approach to life depends on who drives their chariot; self or Self. Leo people have great courage, but unless they have a sense of responsibility and are willing to take discipline of their own accord, they can bring great difficulties on themselves. One of Leo's keywords is 'dominion'. This does not mean dominion over others (a trap Leo needs to learn to avoid) but dominion over their own unsubjugated forces. Leo is the most vital of the signs and has tremendous energy. They have a confidence and an assurance that strengthens those who are timid and angers those who are seeking the power inherent in Leo. Leo is the royal and kingly sign of the zodiac. In an age where Kings are a thing of the past, Leos need the realization that the royalty of the Aquarian age will be the spiritual aristocrats who function through the heart and soul in real simplicity. What is simplicity but going to the inner heart of things and seeing things whole? Leo rules the inner center - the heart.

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

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

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

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

(Myrna Lofthus)

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

military, actors, teachers, salesmen, and jewelers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

sunny and happy again.

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

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

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

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

Sun ☉ in 12th House

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

unconscious mind, which if left unresolved could begin to form neurotic complexes or inhibit your capacity to form satisfactory social relationships.

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

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

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

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

It is unlikely that you will discover this path early in life, but you may find it later once you have undergone certain experiences. You have to heal yourself, and may need periods of relative privacy or seclusion to generate the healing silence. You will probably feel uneasy about intimate relationships during youth and early adulthood, and may choose to withdraw from deeper human contacts. Transcending any feelings of inferiority and insecurity may take you several years of effort, but will be worth your attempts to change. Mundane life may seem to lack a vital spark with you, and you may not be at your best in dealing with the demands of everyday reality; it is not your favoured

dimension, and you prefer the inner life, even when it is not so pleasant. Discovering a life purpose, meaning and direction is likely to be difficult until you re-orientate your inner life.

There may be artistic and creative talents present; and these should be consciously developed as a medium for self-expression and as a channel through which to release blocked energies. Dance, music and art may be specific areas, and there will be a latent psychic ability which could be exploited for both your own and others' benefit.

Mediumistic tendencies may lie close to the surface of your nature, and through your sensitivity healing powers may also be contacted; but until you rebalance your nature and have healed your dilemmas and conflicts it may be wiser to leave such types of expression alone. Similarly, prophecy and visionary tendencies may also be present, emanating from that close connection to the collective unconscious mind. Esoteric and occult work may appeal, especially the type of inner meditative service that invokes spiritual energies and potencies into fertilising, influencing and overshadowing the collective mind of humanity, and which inspires the global vision of interdependence. Participation in this service is an act that all can join.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

They will learn to live with others the hard way. Some truly learn to compromise, and some to dissemble and intrigue, pretending to compromise while pulling strings and making secret deals to get what they want; while some retreat from all confrontation, if they can. Those who attempt to retreat often find that life has a way of coming after them and forcing confrontations that they would rather avoid. Some become monsters of egotism, seeing enemies everywhere and crushing all who stand in their path. Anyone not with them will be considered against them, and even their friends may be suspected of being enemies in disguise. Still others will go the opposite way and come to suspect

their own egos, and ego itself, as a negative, selfish force. These people will be inclined to champion the voiceless underdogs of the world and give endlessly of themselves to others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: Fantasy is central to your life-purpose. No dreams, no life-energy, it's that simple. Fantasies are constructed around two sets of images: monumental selfimportance where the whole universe is commanded by your particular essence, or total surrender, the release of self as you dissolve into the cosmos. The difference is that one image expands ego while the other evaporates it, but the end-result is identical: reunion with everything. The pitfall is losing the distinction between what is real and what is only possible, what's actually happening and what you imagine to be happening. Don't

get lost in the Twilight Sone; you could go crazy. The challenge is to offer no resistance to either realm. Allow dreaming to influence and be influenced by real life; and let fantasies gently guide your development rather than blinding you to what is true.

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

You can achieve significance and successfully exploit your creative potentials if you use your skills for some cause that improves the quality of life for others. You may have to maintain a low profile, but that should afford you privacy to come and go freely according

to the demands of your work. You need to go your own way in your career, so you can grow into increasing opportunities to demonstrate your skills. You invest your resources as necessary, and you expect a favorable return. An imaginative and creative person, you realize you can't do everything yourself, so you obtain the services you need from people who are qualified in their fields. It is important to establish your own roots to prove to yourself that you can achieve on your own. You keep your private life separate from your professional affairs, rarely allowing one to interfere with the other.

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

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

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

Failure to recognize your potentials can be a serious liability. You can succeed if you promote your skills aggressively. Obscurity in your developing years doesn't matter if you know your efforts are appreciated by those who benefit from them. You might prefer to keep a low profile so that you can have a private life away from the public eye. At the same time, you will know you've made a significant contribution to improving the quality of life for other people. You can satisfy your own needs when you work to serve others.

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moon ☾ in ♊ Gemini 1° 3'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you seek others to provide an emotional escape from the isolation of your mental gymnastics, you embark on a search for the perfect person. This may lead to the frustration of never finding a single relationship that can satisfy and provide release from idealistic mental visions.

If you lack confidence in your instincts, you may fear losing one option by choosing another. Such behavior does not bring stability in relationships. Constant disillusionment can result in an endless series of relationships, a scattering of energies, and loss of identity.

It can be difficult to see inspiring influences that you can trust and aim toward. This results in a loss of confidence in your ability to be spontaneous. You may hold back in communicating, due to fearing that others will judge you; thus, you lose the benefit of others' abilities to put your ideas in a practical perspective. You may deprive yourself of the very solutions you seek by withholding the truth.

Dynamic

You can create an atmosphere in which you get your point across by noticing that logical methods have not worked. The truth is that others cannot accept ideas that are not relevant to the practical solutions they are seeking. The lesson is to allow the needs of others to direct your mental talents so that you can share ideas they can accept. This is accomplished by focusing beyond the threat of others' motives. Then you can see the

disorder in their lives and their attempts to organize themselves.

Sacrificing the assumption that you know what is right in the long run enables you to accept the needs of others. This acceptance allows their goals to guide your intuitive talents for mutually beneficial and practical results. When you realize that in order to achieve happiness it must be given to others, you experience what you are giving in the process. This interaction brings about wholehearted participation in assisting others to find their answers.

When you pay attention to problems others are having in their daily lives, you can make a commitment to serve on a practical level. Thus, you discover the very solutions that are next on your own path. You gain the spontaneous faith you need by encouraging others to believe in themselves. The power to direct your life is finally realized as a by-product of inspiring others; and your own role as a mentor is appropriately exercised. The realization that your excitement comes from serving and inspiring others develops unshakable self-confidence and a sense of variety in all relationships.

General

You have a feeling of incessant restlessness. You feel the urge to move on, thinking that there is always something new and exciting over the next hill or that the grass is greener in the next location. What actually lures you on is the feeling that the next piece of information to be gained and shared with others is to be found in the next town. Thus, the urge for continual movement from person to person continues.

You are constantly seeking new mental stimulation and may have a difficult time settling down with one person in a family relationship. An internal restlessness drives you on with the lure that the best relationship is just over the next hill. This idea can lead to a feeling of dissatisfaction in whatever relationship you are in, no matter how idyllic or healthy it may be for you.

You are learning to relax, to deepen your mental connection with those in your immediate environment so that the stimulation you seek can be satisfied at deeper, more profound levels. You are learning to exchange a quantity of ideas for the quality of a deep rapport by integrating the dimension of feeling into your arena of mental exchange. In this way your desires for constant communication take on a new dimension of satisfaction and fulfillment.

In order to develop deep mental connections with others, you are learning that you must first develop a connection with your own spiritual, intuitive processes. Once in touch with your intuition, you will have access to the information you need, when you need it, without the restless feeling that you continually need more information in order to feel secure. Then you can share ideas with others with a feeling of ease based on the joy of exchanging those energies that release both people into truth.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Gemini need to communicate verbally, to interact with a variety of people, to awaken and satisfy our curiosity, to train and utilize our minds, to develop basic skills, and to be open to and engaged by a stimulating environment. The deepest needs of our Gemini Moon pertain to experiencing and expressing our feelings in relationship, and to cultivating a network of people and activities which truly nourish us rather than simply pique our interest. We also benefit by feeding our hunger for knowledge and developing our capacities as thinkers and communicators.

When our real needs are not met, we may lose ourselves in compulsive Gemini behaviors - we may talk incessantly and superficially without making real contact; we may scatter our energies widely, shifting from person to person and activity to activity without experiencing fulfillment anywhere. We may seek refuge in knowledge for knowledge's sake and intellectual activity as an escape from feeling.

Negatively, our Gemini Moon suggests that we experienced one or both of our parental figures as changeable or inconstant, as overly identified with the mind and inclined to rationalize and intellectualize rather than directly express feeling. Such a parent may also have been high-strung, nervous, and preoccupied with trivia. Positively, our parent may have encouraged and supported our verbal and intellectual abilities and provided us with considerable stimulation and challenge.

If our parent did not provide the nurturance we needed, we may have internalized messages which incline us to deny or explain away our feelings, and to remain open to too many outside influences at the expense of learning to make commitments or develop an area of expertise. Feeling insecure in our bodies and emotions, we may have exercised our mental capacities to such a degree that we have become adept at rationalization and prone to use words and superficial interactions to defend against our needs for real contact, intimacy and communication. Our task may be to reconnect with our feelings and bodies in such a way that we may think, communicate and structure our lives to make our mental activities and relationships truly nourishing.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Gemini is indicative of one who is mentally alert, keen on self-expression - perhaps a literary buff, a reporter, one who can tell a good story, is adaptable, versatile, and has a tendency to scatter his forces. Seems to move about constantly - if not physically, then certainly mentally. He can see various points of view, but doesn't often go too deeply into any one subject.

He can be perceptive, can hit at the truth in a lighthearted manner; he would make a good satirist, for he is flexible, tends to doubt the seriousness of his own acts, intentions,

statements, writings. He would make an excellent humorist, but when things are not going just right, he is inclined to nervousness, brooding, self-suspicion, doubt, envy, and perhaps even a 'persecution complex'.

He is articulate, seldom at a loss for words; but he might spread himself too thin, at times becoming involved in absurd causes, attracting 'tricky' friends, flirting with the underground or passing a bit of money under the table.

He possesses a great amount of curiosity, but once he finds the answer, or thinks he has, he tends to lose interest. He does not have the staying power of the Moon in Taurus, but he is a better self-starter - more active and more likely to do something about changing an unpleasant situation.

Self-control is essential. Greater self-discipline is also necessary if the native is to be more than merely an attractive but superficial individual.

The native finds it fun to use his hands skillfully, such as in sleight-of-hand; he is fond of short journeys, getting around and contacting people. He would make an excellent salesman, is capable of living by his wits, and is willing to experiment with an occupation.

His strong points: versatility, curiosity. His weak one: a tendency to be superficial and flashy rather than thorough and knowledgeable.

(Haydn Paul)

You will feel an important need for mental stimulation, verbal communication, and a variety of relationships with others. Satisfying an alert curiosity and a desire to know will be a high priority, and your intellectual life will be a continuing sequence of 'fascinations', as exploring areas of human knowledge attracts your interest. While, over time, you can acquire a broad knowledge base, you may tend to develop only superficial knowledge, lacking real expertise in any particular subject. But the Gemini influence is like the magpie's activities, and accumulation is the game played; this may partly satisfy the lunar need for acquisitiveness. Displaying a fund of information will be enjoyable, and you hope that others will be impressed and respect you more.

Mental stimulation enlivens your life, although, with the combined Gemini restlessness and Moon changeability, interest will wax and wane in most subjects, only to be reawakened by the next exciting set of ideas. Indeed, words, ideas, and symbolic conceptual structures may be especially attractive; and in these you can almost become lost; the danger may lie in the trap of misrepresentation, where you focus on the pointing finger instead of that toward which it is pointing.

You may favor the Gemini dimension of this astrological relationship, and there are

benefits from following this. Mental development through training and constant use can help your responses to a highly stimulating environment; and any knowledge acquired can always have a potentially practical application. Rational analysis can be used for decision-making; and a higher quality of interpersonal communication may also be achieved when involving the intellect.

Yet there are also the more negative aspects of a Gemini-placed planet. Since Gemini characteristics are favored, the Moon influence receives less expression and acknowledgement. The negative attributes of an unbalanced Gemini Moon can include a lack of mental consistency, unduly influenced by every temporary attraction. Ideas and projects may suddenly be dropped due to more exciting ones appearing. The inability to sustain interest and complete things may be a weakness, both intellectually and in relationships. You insist on the freedom to change, and tend to express this by seeking variety, even to the point of being fickle with lovers and friends. You may find difficulty remaining committed to any idea or person for long; and being easily bored and restless does not help to create stability.

The Moon's influence and needs are probably denied to some degree, and yet will still filter into your life despite attempts to block them. Your emotions are changeable, and represent an unintegrated realm of your nature, one with which you prefer not to have to deal too often. Their subtle influence often distorts your reasoning faculty - even without your conscious realization - and helps to form judgements, decisions, and personal values, even if you do disguise these in apparent rationality. Begin to examine your defensive arguments, and you'll observe a deep emotional bias to them; what you are really protecting are unacknowledged lunar tendencies.

You may also attempt to rationalize away feelings, reducing their impact or covering their inner messages - avoidance tactics. Ignoring instinctive feelings can lead to expressing more compulsive and negative Gemini-type behavior, such as excessive talking, continual information acquisition, engaging in a whirl of nonstop superficial social activity, or a general scattering and dissipation of personal energies.

If this happens, there may be an unconscious attempt to convey a message of confusion derived from previously ignored feelings and instincts. Often these are related to unease with the demands of your physical and emotional natures. Your mind has become overly dominating and out of harmony with other parts of your self. To redress this imbalance, you may need to reduce involvement in any wide diversity of activities and interests, and, at least temporarily, recenter yourself; stop displacing your identity into external interests and activities.

Relationships need transforming so that you become free to experience and express whatever you really feel, perhaps by concentrating on the quality of interpersonal communication with a more select and intimate group of friends and family. Essentially, you may need to re-evolve the Moon qualities in yourself, integrate denied feelings, and

allow them release and acceptance. Intellectual activity should not be used as an escape from or substitute for personal feelings. You may need to reconnect to any repressed instinctual feelings, satisfy emotional needs, and integrate your personality, rather than believe that fulfillment can be still found by repeatedly ignoring inner promptings. These needs are also an integral part of you, and require acknowledgement.

(Skye Alexander)

You are generally easy-going and good-natured, and rarely stay angry or unhappy for long. Friendly, gregarious and sociable, you probably have a large circle of friends, lovers and acquaintances. You enjoy parties and get-togethers of all sorts, and will find any excuse to socialize. When you can't visit with friends or family members in person, you call them on the 'phone or write them long, chatty letters.

All types of communication interest you, and you are never at a loss for words. You probably enjoy reading, writing, languages, word games, and of course, talking. Many people with this Moon placement have natural writing ability.

You are always eager to meet new people, and want to experience as many different kinds of relationships as possible. As a result, you find it almost impossible to remain faithful to one partner for long. You might miss out on something! Quantity is more important than quality to you, and you are inclined to be fickle. You'd prefer to have two (or more) partners simultaneously - if you can keep them from finding out about each other.

Emotionally shallow, you don't tend to form strong attachments or get deeply involved with anyone. Though you may marry or maintain long-term relationships, you never become really intimate with your partner(s). Unless you also have water signs prominent in your chart, it's almost as though you think your emotions rather than feel them. You aren't very introspective and don't examine life below the surface. Consequently, you tend to misinterpret other people's needs, motives and desires. Unless you have Scorpio or Capricorn energies prominent in your chart, you can be quite naive and are easily duped.

Freedom is important to you, and you don't want to be restricted by emotional demands. Jealousy and possessiveness have no place in your relationships, and if a partner becomes too clingy or serious you might start looking for someone new.

Infinitely curious, you want to know something about everything. A life-long student, you enjoy taking classes, reading, going to museums, attending lectures, socializing with people who can teach you new things, and sharing what you know with others. Ideas nourish you, and your minds never stops buzzing. Your interests are many and varied, and you'll try just about anything once. However, you have trouble sticking with anything

for long, and don't usually become proficient in any area. Nervous and high-strung, you are rarely still, and tend to flit from one thing to another like a butterfly sampling flowers.

At an early age, you displayed your cleverness and your ability to learn quickly. You probably impressed your parents, who encouraged you to develop your mind. Perhaps your parents, or at least your mother (or nurturing parent), were intellectuals and valued mental ability. Your earliest recollections might be of your mother reading you stories or teaching you the alphabet. Your parents may have sent you to good schools and praised your mental acuity, but neglected to nurture your feeling side.

You strive to teach your own children all you can, and try to instill in them your love of knowledge. Though you enjoy talking with them, taking them places and playing games with them (non-physical ones), you aren't very comfortable showing them affection. Any sort of physical closeness can seem cloying, and your children may not get enough hugs and kisses from you.

Your physical home isn't terribly important to you, and you may never choose to own property; you don't want to be tied down or be responsible for maintaining it. Probably you change residences more often than most people. Other than books, you don't tend to acquire many possessions, and your home may seem rather stark and uncomfortable to those whose nesting instincts are stronger.

Because the Moon is an embodiment of female energy, women usually respond to it more easily than men do. Women with this Moon placement are likely to demonstrate their Gemini characteristics readily; men sometimes project this part of themselves onto the women in their lives and are attracted to women who are friendly, communicative, intelligent, high-strung and somewhat superficial.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are interested in the intimate contact of the moment. Your emotional personality requires variety and novelty rather than duration and depth of feeling. You are generally incapable of long-sustained feelings or of undivided loyalties. Though at times you can be insensitive, your perceptions are quick and accurate. You sustain impressions through thought rather than feeling.

Your senses serve the intellect rather than the emotions. This results in an ability for dispassionate observation and reasoning. Your mind is changeable and at times chaotic, but you can assimilate an indefinite amount of detail. Being versatile and adaptable, you may have two or more vocations, often at the same time.

You have a fondness for action and movement, either physical or mental. Your hands are able, facile and skillful, and you have a well-developed sense of smell. You are not intuitive, but rather you are observant, quick to form impressions, and usually able to

verbalize these impressions.

You are drawn to artistic and literary professions or any area involving communications. A preference, even a need, to do several things at once is important for your psychological well-being. The intellectual ability of this placement often makes you an avid reader or a talented artisan.

You are reserved in personal matters, and at times others find you cold; you are more interested in the here and now than in the past. Torn apart by changing feelings, you can spread yourself too thinly and scatter your forces; this can manifest in nervous tension. You know how to play up to others, and at times you may be too shrewd for your own good. Your restless nature is always in search of something new.

This position of the Moon may indicate superficiality and a lack of domesticity in a woman's chart. A man with this placement is attracted to an intellectual partner who can fit herself into any social role.

You see your mother as emotionally detached, social and versatile, yet supportive of your education and early attempts at conversation.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is not really comfortable in this sign, and this may lead to some conflict within the personality. The instability of Gemini plus the fluctuating nature of the Moon could make your emotions a little too changeable and your nerves jumpy. If you have something steady such as Leo or Taurus on your Sun or Ascendant, then the Gemini nervousness would just be confined to bouts of irritability. You are impatient with demanding people and cannot cope with those who are chronically ill. Your own health is not all that good but you try to ignore bouts of illness and hardly ever take time off work to recover or recuperate.

The mutability of this sign gives you a fascination for new and interesting people and places, and this leads you into the kind of job where you continually come across new people and get around from place to place. You like to be in the swing of things, and hate to miss anything that is going on. Your private life is probably less changeable, but you certainly have many friends and can usually be found on the end of a 'phone somewhere.

Women with the Moon in Gemini need to be out at work. This is even stronger with the lunar type than in women who have the Sun in Gemini because the underlying nature is highly ambitious and rather calculating. Both sexes like the home to be clean and orderly but are not interested in doing much housework themselves. Both sexes like to look nice and tend to feel confident if they go out knowing that they are well dressed. Your mind is very active and you may be intellectual; even with very little formal education, you would

be a deep reader and a self-educator. Your mind (unless Mercury is badly placed) is very quick and acute; and you have a fine, fast sense of humour and a gift for making amusing and witty comments. The reverse of this coin is that you may become sarcastic if irritated. Lunar Geminians think fairly deeply and are less likely to be content with surface knowledge than are Sun in Gemini subjects. However, in addition to this depth of thought, you also have a dustbin-like mind full of rag-tag bits of knowledge. Although chatty and friendly to every new face on your scene, you do have strong relationships with your family and you will keep your most personal friends for years. Your moods change quickly but you don't sulk, and you have no patience with those who do. Your attention span is strange; people who moan about their problems or go on at length about their pet subject bore you, but an interesting book or TV programme will hold you riveted for ages. Your thought processes are logical and you learn in an orderly fashion, but you can blend this logical approach with instinctive or even psychic awareness if there is help from other areas of your birthchart.

There is a kind of Peter Pan aspect to this Moon position which I think may also apply to the other air signs of Libra and Aquarius. Somehow you never see yourself as quite grown up, and can continue to display quite babyish behaviour when away from the outside world. The reverse side of the coin is that you do seem to keep your youthful looks and a young outlook to life far longer than most. You have creative and artistic ability, and may paint, or make ornaments or interesting clothes. You may be interested in model-making or computer techniques. You have strong dress sense and a good eye for matching up an outfit.

If given the opportunity, you learn to drive a car while you are in your teens, explore your own neighbourhood, and then travel the world as soon as you are able. Cities appeal to you more than the countryside, and you particularly enjoy visiting foreign cities. You are resourceful and can usually find a way to solve practical problems. You are probably quite good with your hands.

Although not a social reformer, you hate racism and ill-treatment towards those who can't stand up for themselves such as children or animals. As a parent you would make quite sure that your own children were being well-treated, but would not want to spend all your time looking after them. Your worst fault is a certain inner coldness. You really cannot take to people who wish to lean upon you, and may give the appearance of having very little depth of concern for others. You can give practical help when it is needed, but you may find people's emotional problems hard to cope with. Being logical by nature, you cannot see how or why they fell into their particular emotional mess in the first place. Care must be taken to watch that your witty tongue does not spill over into sarcasm.

Oddly enough, you can suffer from depression at times, and can become so downhearted that you feel life to be a total waste of time. One case of those feelings might be when you are suffering from exhaustion, because you have few reserves of

energy to call on and you have the habit of going beyond your limit if there is work to be done.

Some of you may delay marriage or parenthood until you feel that you are sufficiently grown up to cope with it, but when you do take the plunge, you are quite serious in your attitude. You make a delightful parent because you never quite grow up yourself; therefore, you relate easily to children. You will break the bank to provide them with a good education, and your children will never be short of books, materials of any other kind of mental stimulation. You will try to remain close to your grandchildren, as you value family life.

You can have a real problem in the realm of relationships, leading a very busy life which leaves you too tired and over-stretched for much relating. To some extent this is a mechanism which helps you to avoid the reality of responsible relating. This 'busy-busy' business could hide a deep well of unspoken unhappiness. You may avoid emotional commitment, preferring to keep your contacts with the opposite sex on a somewhat shallow level. You could attract (or choose) a rather weak, dependent type of partner who would be drawn to your inner strength - remember Gemini is a positive sign, but you are better off with one who can stand on his or her own feet. Helen, a young Moon in Gemini travel agent, tells me 'I'm not so much afraid of commitment as bored by it. I still feel at my age (early twenties) that I want to play the field. I have to admit that to some extent I dread the thought of being tied down.' Perhaps you need to get in touch with your own feelings before being able to handle those of others. You could be a theorizer and, as far as emotions are concerned, you may prefer to read about emotional matters and to rationalize them than to feel the reality of them. To some extent this derives from a mistrust of the opposite sex and possibly a lack of sexual self-confidence. You don't like to be emotionally fenced in. Malcolm, a high successful Sales Manager for a vehicle hire firm, told me recently that he had just fallen in love for the first time at the age of forty-eight. 'Why?' I asked him, 'why now?' 'Well', he replied, 'I suppose I was always nervous of being somewhat vulnerable or of committing myself totally. I did go through some really stupid escapades with a number of totally mindless women at one time - escaping reality, I suppose.'

You don't suffer from jealousy if you see other people making a success of themselves; and, like most of the lunar masculine signs, you measure your own successes against your own achievements. Not being jealous or possessive yourself, you strongly resent being on the receiving end of this behaviour by others. You are proud of your achievements however, and also proud of your family. You could push your children educationally, and will make sacrifices in order to help your family.

Sex has to start in your mind and, if you are not careful, it can stay there too; like lunar Pisceans, you may be happier fantasizing about sex than actually indulging in it. If you find a compatible partner who encourages you to relax, you can bring all that sexuality down from your mind to reach the parts that the other signs cannot reach, and then you

could become the lover you always wanted to be. You are easily put off by coarseness. Your nerves are sensitive; therefore, a quiet atmosphere, an amusing lover and a couple of drinks will work wonders. You may possibly experiment with bisexuality, and may privately enjoy rude books and even blue films! Oddly enough, both solar and lunar Geminians are tactile. They enjoy hugging, touching and being touched, as long as they are not smothered or held too close. Before leaving the fascinating subject of sex, it is worth noting that anyone with Gemini strongly marked on his chart can do two things at once!

The position of the Moon will not indicate any specific career, but will show your inner motivations. People, mental activity, words and travel are essential ingredients for your working life. You may work in sales, telephone or telex communications, or marketing. Writing, especially journalism, may appeal; also all forms of teaching. Your own education may have been of almost any quality, but many of you do teach yourself, then others, possibly in the realms of sports or dancing. You are generally respected by others both for what you know and for your pleasant way of handling people.

Your mind should be orderly (unless there are other indications on your birthchart) and you can organize both yourself and others. Travel appeals to you, especially air travel; and many lunar Geminians work in the airforce or the travel industry. You all seem to love driving, and may be able to pilot a plane as well. You have a quick grasp of new ideas, and can communicate them well to others. You are very good at handling people and make a wonderful manager. You can be canny and crafty in business; you love wheeling and dealing, and you may not always be a hundred percent honest. You are at your best when teamed up with a practical partner. As this sign rules the hands and arms, you could be a super craftsman, printer, manicurist, or even a palmist.

Oddly enough, religion and mysticism may interest you, but only on a surface level. You may enjoy the social side of a religious group rather more than the deeper elements of its philosophy.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

The chances are that you had one parent, probably your father, who tended to lay down the law to you. This gave you an awareness of the need to be obedient and to conform with the parent's ideas of behaviour. Your childhood home was probably filled with books and educational aids; and your parents will have been quite happy for you to have tuition in practically anything. There would have been good conversation and interesting visitors in your home. You should have been born fairly easily and may have been the youngest child in a small family or the only one of one sex among a family of the opposite one. There is some evidence of deep unhappiness in childhood, and a sense of not fitting in anywhere. This may have been within the family or at school. You may have been on the receiving end of racial or religious prejudice! You may have been compared to other brothers and sisters, a dead child or even one of your parents, and found wanting. It is

possible that you fancied working in the services or in a hospital but somehow this either doesn't happen or just doesn't work for you when you try it.

An unusual mother is indicated for you. She may be a career woman, highly intellectual or just plain eccentric! Your mother would have shown you, either by direct reference or by example, that women must be able to stand on their own two feet in life. This will influence you, if you are female, to become a career woman; if male, to choose a career woman for your partner.

The problems associated with this placement could jump back one generation and apply more closely to one of your parents's experiences of childhood.

This is not a healthy placement for the Moon, especially if it is also badly aspected by other planets. Your lungs may be weak; also there could be problems with your hands and arms. Some lunar Geminians suffer really horrendous accidents which affect their arms, hands, teeth and faces. This lunar position can lead to bones and features having to be rebuilt! You can suffer allergies and may have one or two ailments from among the range of nervous or auto-immune diseases. This could be asthma, eczema, rheumatism, migraine, psoriasis, ulcers, colitis, etc.. Your nerves may be your worst enemy. You need to find an outlet for your nervous energy; sports, fresh air pursuits or even sex could help!

(Julia and Derek Parker)

A very quick verbal response to situations is characteristic of the subject who has Moon in Gemini. He or she will, especially when young, often express him- or herself in such a flurry of words that they can sometimes tumble out in an incoherent muddle.

The versatility of Gemini is present, and will be seen particularly when the subject is confronted with several tasks. Rather than consciously deciding on a particular order of preference or importance, the tendency will be to start all of them at the same time,

Our emotional responses are powerfully influenced by the Moon, so there can be conflict, when a contrary instinct to rationalize argues with emotion and intuition. The individual must come to terms with the fact that intuition and objective rationalism must merge and flow positively.

The Geminian tendency of not entirely trusting the emotions will be apparent; and, because we are dealing with the Moon, the traits will not be far from the surface when the subject is challenged.

The natural instinct to speak up will be very strong. For example, the individual will rush to telephone the local radio station in order to join in a discussion on a topic in which she has an interest or firm views. Indeed, this is one of the planetary placings that indicates a

chatterbox!

A certain impatience and restlessness will also be obvious. While the individual may well be aware of this and do much to counter it, nevertheless it is to her advantage to realize that her resources of nervous energy are very high and must not be allowed to stagnate. This is where difficulties can be encountered, especially if other areas of the chart suggest a much slower, more stolid personality.

In theory, there should be the ability to get the best of both worlds, with the Gemini Moon adding a natural quickness of response and the heavier traits contributing stability and patience. Good aspects between the Moon and other personal planets will help, and there could well be a positive or negative link as a result of Mercury's influence.

Sometimes nervous strain and pressure can lead to periods of tension, and digestive problems may be one of the results. In certain cases, because of the Gemini connection with the lungs, asthma (again as a result of tension or worry) may be a problem.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

The Moon in the sign Gemini indicates an emotional nature that is likely to be vacillating, although quick-wittedness and resourcefulness are also present.

Persons with the Moon in Gemini tend to talk incessantly, sometimes to the point of annoying others; they are the type of person who never gets off the 'phone. They are inclined to rationalize their emotions, so that sometimes they do not know what they really feel. There is a great deal of restlessness, with frequent changes of residence and many short journeys. These people are often nervous and fidgety.

With this position, there is a tendency to spread oneself too thinly; to become excited momentarily but many ideas without being able to follow through on them. If the Moon is well-aspected and other factors in the chart indicate practical ability, there can be resourcefulness in thinking up solutions to practical and domestic problems. If the chart is favorable, this Moon position can subject the emotions to rational analysis. However, if the Moon is afflicted, the emotions can distort reason. Heavy afflictions to this Moon position indicate excessive vacillation, superficiality, and confusion.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a friendly though potentially flippant soul. You need to be in communication with Other - but without resorting to rationalizing emotions. You have the instinct to acquire knowledge - but should avoid overlooking feelings. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is quick and light-hearted, and / or shallow and cynical.

You naturally respond with a carefree lightness that gives Other the impression of your

being fun, interesting, and easy to be with. You respond to Other's problems and questions with a ready wit and an informed mind. You respond with bright ideas and alternatives that refresh and stimulate Other.

Your inner child reacts by skipping over or trivializing deep or difficult feelings that you or Other might be experiencing or presenting; with clever quips or fast and easy remedies that are ultimately ineffectual; and in a contrary way that disputes or twists much of what Other thinks or says.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who are emotionally uncomplicated and who feel no need to plumb the depths of the soul; towards Others who (also) appear to be flighty, naughty and hard to pin down; and towards Others who are mentally stimulating and 'in the know'.

You can get caught up in relationships which lack the 'X factor' or the opportunity to reach the part that you find, through dissatisfaction, you want reached; in 'curiosity killed the cat' situations where you get in over your head and so have to become more emotionally earnest; and in 'all head and no heart' situations.

When you are alone, it is more than likely to be because you find it hard to commit to a relationship deeply enough for it to be sustained, and you have flitted on to another flower, or are in the process of doing so. Having said this though, it is quite unusual for Moon in Gemini to be on its own because you are so adept at making new contacts, friends and lovers - as well as keeping things interesting. However, if you are alone, or caught between two Others, as it were; or if you are feeling alone within a relationship, it will be because of that reluctance to commit. Consequently, Other could give up on you for sitting on the fence too long; or no Other would be forthcoming at all because you are putting out this 'non-committal vibe'. Behind your fears of commitment is a predisposition to avoid confronting what is called the 'dark twin' - that is, the side to your personality that you don't want anyone to know about because you believe it to be unacceptable. But this is possibly down to your mother not recognizing this facet of your personality. So it is not really 'bad', but just made to feel that way through not being acknowledged when you were little.

(John Townley)

Your style of lovemaking is very supple and adaptable; you happily participate in any kind of loving that pleases your partner. Indeed, you could become a true expert in sexual technique.

Do not let the physical elements of sex interfere with or overcome the emotional side of loving. Sometimes deeper communication gets lost in the complexities of a pyrotechnical sexual performance, and for that reason it may be better to keep it simple and sincere.

Many people find it hard to talk about sex, but you should have little trouble in discussing it openly, finding out just what your lover's tastes are and how you can best please each other. Your partner should have a good sense of humor, because someone who takes sex very seriously is seldom willing to talk much about it, oddly enough.

You should choose a partner who is not too possessive, for you need to know that you have freedom, even if you don't choose to exercise it. Be careful about making a personal commitment, for a lover may take it more seriously than it is meant, which could cause harm inadvertently. A few words spelling out your expectations from time to time will make the relationship go more easily.

Moon ☾ in 10th House

(Haydn Paul)

You may feel a need to achieve recognition, public status, and success; and these high expectations are influential and motivating forces which determine many of your eventual choices and decisions.

The primary source of this may come from childhood experiences, where your parents held high ambitions for your future, whether realistically or not. This may be related to your 'social class', and to parental aspirations. You may have received projections of parental wish-fulfillment, especially from your mother, who may have wanted you to achieve or experience something that she was unable to reach. It may be that the life you have been living is a reflection of parental desires rather than resulting from your own needs and desires. One way of determining this is to evaluate how satisfying your life-style feels. If it does not satisfy, first define your attitudes and try to establish if they are actually yours or have been absorbed unconsciously from others. If they are conditioned attitudes, consider if they are still suitable or should be changed. If they are your attitudes, reconsider your objectives and aims, or refocus with greater determination to achieve them.

You seek approval from others, as if you were a child wanting reassurance from parents. In so doing, you conform to others' expectations of you, and often deny your feelings, instincts, and freedom. If social approval is achieved, you feel more secure, developing a sense of community and belonging; you need to feel wanted and safe, and may gravitate toward careers that have a high social profile or status. Becoming an authority in some sphere is attractive, and having others rely on you also appeals. You are extremely concerned about what others think about you. By trying to ensure that only good opinions are formed, you create a persona that reflects a social image appropriate to your role. If taken to extremes, this can cause severe personality repression of characteristics that fail to match this ideal. This can also create personality fragmentation,

and should be avoided.

Become a whole person; acknowledge your totality and do not condemn any part as failing to meet expectations, your own or those of others. You need greater selfinsight, identifying deeper needs which demand satisfaction and nurture, and taking time to fulfill them. The result will be extremely beneficial and will allow integration through defining your identity. Self-denial is a route toward fragmentation, and is an unwise action which sows seeds for eventual suffering. You need to accept and love yourself, becoming less dependent on the transient or inaccurate opinions of others; living from your own light is more revealing than living through reflected light.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Moon gives a hunger for success, prestige, and renown. People with the Moon at the top of the chart often have most success working with or for women. A woman - whether their mother or someone else - may influence their choice of a career and help them get started.

Women with this position rarely remain financially dependent on their husbands. Usually they start early to earn their own living, and even with children, generally keep on working, often managing a full-time career. They are usually good at organizing and managing others, especially other women. Often, they marry men who depend on them, at least the first time, as it is a pleasure, at first, to be looked up to as the organizer and protector. Later, they usually want to escape from such a relationship; not to one where they are dependent on a man, but to a wider sphere for their managerial talents. They don't relish dependency, and have little respect for those who do. With the Moon in a Water sign, they may understand emotional dependency - but they will still want out.

Men with the Moon in the tenth often marry women with more drive and ambition for them than they have for themselves. Often, they will go into business as a team, with her providing the ideas and drive. In any case, she generally 'wears the pants'. Such men often have strong-minded and ambitious mothers as well. It is usually best for men with this lunar position to wait until their careers are established before they marry. This way, they will meet their mates working in their own career field, and the working relationship will be the foundation of their emotional lives. Whatever their relationships with women, they will find it hard to keep them private. Somehow the spotlight always finds them.

People with the Moon in the tenth house have a feeling for the public. They know instinctively what 'the people' need and want, and are clever at molding themselves into an image that will arouse public enthusiasm. The public gives its heart to those who somehow can express what it feels but cannot express for itself.

This placement is a very strong testimonial to a public career, although supportive aspects are necessary to make it permanent and successful because there are facets

other than popularity that must be present. With just a tenth house Moon, there may be too great a hunger for popularity for its own sake. If so, they may appear to have no strong will of their own.

With squares, oppositions, or inconjuncts to the Moon, there is a tendency to a loss of self-control under pressure that can bring unfortunate results.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Maternal energy is quite powerful in your personality, although you may not always recognize it in operation, since it's so natural for you to express. Taking care of others is a deep imprint, a responsibility you took on early, usually in reaction to your mother. In moderation, she may have been a constant presence, an unflagging model of dignified, receptive strength. In the extremes, she might have been strong and overly protective, or she could have been missing, weak, or inadequate to your needs. In any condition, you learned that it was your job to take care of others. Your protection is not limited to those in your personal life; it goes much further. It is a need to be responsive to the troubles of the world. You draw out the child within everyone, and this can be heartwarming or tragic, depending on how you do it. Your challenge is to be responsive and nurturing in ways that foster strength, and to do so spontaneously without conscious effort.

Professional ambition: Your orientation toward social status will typically be somewhat conservative, since safety is very important here. Any you may be subject to worry or greater than ordinary day-to-day concern with keeping your career world in smooth running order, since regular maintenance is at the heart of this placement. As for the actual profession you might choose, it's more natural to provide a service than to produce a product, since you're more oriented toward people than toward things. You could succeed in any profession where protection, survival, or the fulfillment of personal needs is involved. Ambition is linked with personal security.

Missions and messages: The combination of vulnerable softness under a strong, defensive surface is so radiant in your personality that others receive a universal message. Your personal emotions are sometimes downplayed to near-invisibility; but your continual concern for the care of others' feelings is very visible. Our awareness of the basic human need for protection is stimulated when we're in your presence. We learn about mothering from you, either how to do it well, or how not to do it. In either case, your mission is to show us the meaning, process, and effects of maternal influence, the power of early imprints, and the importance of security, for better or worse.

'Outer-link' parent: The classical parental roles may have been reversed in your family. It's likely that your mother played the dominant role in your external conditioning, in the imprint of beliefs about the outside world. It's possible that your father was a feminine figure, more of a warm nurturer than a firm structuring force; but this is somewhat less

likely than the first condition. The reversal itself does not present any particular problems, although it does tend to unify what are ordinarily differentiated roles of fathering and mothering.

Authority: You believe that the correct role of authority is to protect, to make secure, and to provide strength in emergencies. Your own need to be in an authoritative position is strong, but not totally conscious. In fact, you may experience conflict when you have to make a conscious choice about authority or power, since you're more comfortable just responding instinctively to what you see as others' needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a strong need to be involved with the public in your career; but you are easily distressed when people react unfavorably to your efforts. You sincerely want to be helpful, so don't worry if others criticize your methods. That happens to anyone who works with the public, so don't feel you are being singled out in this regard. When you see human suffering, you react instinctively to get the wheels turning right away to provide whatever help is needed. It makes you happy to know that you have provided a valuable service when it was needed most. Since you are devoted to the demands of your career, it should be spiritually uplifting to know that many people consider you indispensable.

No one understands people as well as you do; and your sympathetic concern makes you qualified to help them with their problems. Because of this faculty, people seek your advice, for they know you will do everything you can for them. All your life you will have to cope with this kind of situation. You may dream of the day when you can think only of yourself; but probably there will always be someone who needs your help, and you won't have the heart to refuse. For your own protection, however, it is imperative that you insulate yourself somewhat to avoid the crisis of becoming so overburdened that you lose contact with reality. You have to learn to allow yourself time and energy to use in the way you want; you need to reserve space for yourself. You should not feel guilty when you say 'no' to people who always expect you to agree to help them - it's a matter of personal survival.

You face the dilemma of trying to accommodate the demands of your career with your family's needs. You are bothered by the fact that your career sometimes intrudes on your close relationships and causes distress to your partner. If your partner is understanding, this situation should not cause too much tension between you. It is important not to lose your own identity while helping others. While it is good that you consider other people's needs as most urgent, it may mean that your own priorities will have to come second. But don't feel guilty for not doing all you can under the circumstances.

With your skill in management, you will find a way to satisfy your responsibilities to your

children and family and still remain active in the career that you have chosen, which is commendable. But don't forget that you are important, too, and that you have an obligation to develop your ideas so they will serve your goals and ambitions. You shouldn't sacrifice your objectives simply because others feel they deserve your attention.

You are probably more qualified than you know; and you will receive deserved recognition for your accomplishments. Because of your natural feelings of inadequacy, you will always try harder than others to live up to the public's expectations. You have a vast storehouse of valuable information that will help you when you need it most and expect it least. Don't forget to put aside time and space for yourself; and don't let people talk you into indulging them. You deserve some time to indulge yourself without feeling guilty about it.

(Howard Sasportas)

As children, our well-being depends on our mother loving us. Those with the Moon in the 10th project the 'mother' onto the world: their safety and security needs are linked to issues of profession and status. They are extremely sensitive about their reputations, standing before the public, and what people think about them in general. No matter how mature and self-sufficient they appear, inside is a little boy or girl looking up to the mother / world and asking to be loved. Squares and oppositions to the Moon in the 10th denote other parts of the person which frustrate or do not necessarily gel with what winning that approval requires.

The person with the Moon in the 10th often exhibits, through gestures and movements, a close identification with the mother. As children, they are exceptionally responsive to her physical and emotional life. Later on, some people with this placement may even become like mothers to their own mothers. At some point, they need to sort out just where mother ends and they begin, by defining their own space and physical reality.

The career or profession may reflect mothering qualities: serving and catering to other people's needs, feeding them, housing them, nursing them, etc.. Career issues will elicit and expose their feelings and emotions. Bosses or authority figures may be the target for unresolved problems with the mother or parents in general.

Some may look to the world to mother them via the welfare state. There will be a sensitivity to the moods of the public, and a potential to sway the feelings of the masses.

Mercury ♀ in ♍ Virgo 0° 0'

(Grant Lewi)

Sense impressions never reach you till they have been interpreted. What you see, hear, smell, taste and feel is swiftly given significance before it arrives at the reacting center of the brain. You never see just a chair; you see a beautiful chair, an old chair, a charming chair, a chair that looks comfortable or uncomfortable. You never hear just a noise; before you have heard it, it has been labelled pleasant or raucous or sweet or whatever. Your senses take the impression, hold it for ransom, and say to the brain, 'Name it and you can have it'. Thus you tend to card-index and catalogue every sense experience that comes to you. This leads to boredom, because pretty soon everything drops into its own niche and there is nothing new under the sun. Your pleasure in the physical world thus tends to diminish as life wears on; and through too much intellectualizing you can lose the zest for life. To get it back, try to regard things for their own sake. Remember that 'a rose by any other name would smell as sweet' and that you get more fun out of a kiss if you don't think of it as a deception of nature to encourage reproduction. Exorcise the demon of words from the temple of nature, and in the name of simple animal enjoyment throw away the dictionary!

(Sydney Omarr)

In Virgo, Mercury tells of a native who can be sharp but brittle. He can be aware, sensitive and alert, but subject to quick or mercurial changes and to an early breaking point. He needs to be made 'softer'. The astrologer must teach him to develop a greater attitude of acceptance. Perhaps the native analyzes too often, too much - and by the time he finishes, the flavor, the joy of whatever activity he is engaged in has gone. Because of self-criticism, he breaks down his own confidence, yet is surprised when others express a lack of confidence. He pushes too hard; he wants results, yet is sceptical when they finally materialize. He is cautious, prudent and versatile, and has good intuition, but he has to be so sure before taking a step that, in numerous instances, the step simply is not taken.

He can be methodical, so much so that subjects and persons take on a 'dry' flavor. The astrologer must encourage a greater degree of relaxation and confidence.

The native is fond of work which enables him to digest facts thoroughly and come up with conclusions. This is an excellent indication for an accountant, mathematician or individual in charge of seeing that others receive the best for their money. He can also be found teaching; and in photography, reporting, radio and television. This native is sincere, but tends to find himself with too many irons in the fire - and not enough fire. He is neat, careful about food, and often afraid to let himself go in relations with members of the opposite sex.

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind works in an orderly and organized fashion. Each step of your thinking process

is carefully calibrated and predictable; your thoughts work together systematically and logically like the gears of a machine. Though you may not be the most creative of thinkers, you are certainly one of the most practical and efficient. You are the person who operates behind the scenes, figuring out how to make someone else's brainstorm work - the film editor who cuts and splices the director's 'masterpiece' until it makes sense, the tailor who takes the designer's sketches and turns them into whole cloth. However, unless you have your Sun in Leo, you probably don't get much credit for your contributions. Shy and timid, you often hold your tongue when you should speak up for yourself, then later complain profusely to friends and co-workers.

You have a good memory and can retain volumes of facts, figures and words. For example, many actors and actresses who must memorize hundreds of lines of dialogue have Mercury in Virgo. You learn best through repetition, and by applying what you've learned in some practical way.

Like people who have Mercury in Gemini, you love language and the written word and may have talent as a writer. You are more disciplined, organized and work-oriented than your Mercury-in-Gemini counterparts, however, and thus more capable of completing long projects.

You probably were a dedicated and conscientious student. You enjoy learning, and usually prefer to study subjects that can be applied in useful ways - especially ones that will benefit you professionally - rather than art, music or philosophy. Your interest in health may lead you to give medical advice to everyone you know; and you invest much mental energy in thinking, talking and worrying about your health.

It's hard for you just to take something at face value - you immediately start dissecting it to see what makes it function. In school, you probably loved diagramming sentences and labelling the organs of a frog. As an adult, you might use your keen analytical ability in such fields as accounting, computer programming, medical research, auto repair or book editing. You enjoy trouble-shooting, discovering errors and correcting them; and derive satisfaction from setting things right. You have the patience to search column after column of numbers to find where the books are off, or to examine hundreds of laboratory samples to determine which bacteria are causing the problem.

A perfectionist, you can be a stickler for detail and exactitude. Your checkbook always balances, you have your car tuned every six months, and the letters you write to your mother never have any spelling errors. Since Mercury rules the hands, your perfectionism may be expressed as great manual dexterity, control and precision. Your perfectionism can also lead to negativism, pessimism and irritability, however, since nothing can ever meet up to your expectations. You tend to be overly critical and fault-finding with others and yourself.

Cautious and conservative in your ideas and opinions, you are a follower rather than an

intellectual leader, and rarely initiate any unique or progressive ideas of your own. You are most comfortable with 'tried and true' concepts. Philosophy, metaphysics and theology probably don't interest you much - they're a bit too undefined and disorderly. Unless you can 'prove' something, you don't believe it, and you can be something of a sceptic. Because you refuse to open yourself up to knowledge that defies quantification in physical terms, you also are inclined to be self-limiting and narrow-minded.

If you have Uranus aspecting your Mercury, you'll be more unconventional and inventive in your thinking. If Neptune aspects Mercury in your chart, you'll be less analytical and methodical and more idealistic and creative. Mars aspects will make you more verbally aggressive and outspoken. Jupiter aspects will encourage you to be more optimistic and expansive mentally.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in Virgo is in the sign of its rulership, a position indicating an analytical mind with great practical reasoning ability. These natives insist on minute precision and accuracy to a level that can appear trivial to other people. They require orderly surroundings and efficient methods and procedures, especially in their area of work. This is the best position of Mercury for detailed scientific work and research.

These people achieve professional and financial success by acquiring a good education and specialized skills. Interest and ability in grammar can make them eloquent in speech and writing and proficient in languages. As a rule, they will insist on proper grammatical usage, spelling, and punctuation; and for this reason make excellent secretaries and correspondents. Unlike Mercury in Gemini, which is concerned with ideas for their own sake, Mercury in Virgo is interested primarily in ideas having a practical application for financial success and status. The person with this position is work-oriented, and consequently may be shy and retiring, preferring not to waste time in idle conversation.

Medicine, diet, hygiene, mathematics, and precise, detailed work of all types attract the attention of these people. In contrast to Mercury in Leo, however, they can lose sight of the main issues through overconcern with details that assume undue importance.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is the second sign that Mercury rules, so its influence is increased. The ability to analyse and critically assess every aspect of a situation or problem is a dominant feature of this placing, which also gives much common sense and a very practical approach - yet this does not usually prevent the individual suffering to a certain extent from worry. Learning to think for oneself is important, as sometimes the organizational ability is undermined, and there is a tendency only to feel totally safe and at one's best when knowing precisely what to do and what is expected. Preoccupation with detail can sometimes mean the overall grasp of a situation is poor, so this trait should be

countered. (Often the placing of Jupiter and its aspects will be helpful.) The subject can think practically and constructively, and is very able to cope with demanding intellectual work. There is a great deal of highly-charged nervous energy which must be burned off if stomach upsets, bowel problems or even migraines are to be avoided.

If the Sun sign is Leo, Mercury acts as a brake to many of the over-exuberant, enthusiastic and optimistic qualities of Leo. Its influence will add some practical, down-to-earth common sense, preventing the Leo from over-reacting when excited, and causing him or her to think twice before bragging, or perhaps buying showy clothes. Here is an excellent blend of the ability to assess situations in detail and the broader Leonine approach. The nervous energy of Mercury will complement the fiery emotional and physical energy of Leo; and, if other planets do not inhibit, a great deal should be achieved, since creative flair (Leo) will work with the careful, critical development of potential (Mercury in Virgo).

If the Sun sign is Virgo, the individual will seem very Virgoan, with a great many of the known attributes of that sign, but must guard against being over-critical or a born worrier. This critical streak will often be turned on the self, causing a lack of selfconfidence and shyness. But here is an excellent mind, capable of detailed, analytical work and research of all kinds. Nervous haste can sometimes cause surprisingly careless mistakes; and the ability to relax is almost nonexistent. Yoga is often beneficial.

If the Sun sign is Libra, Libran procrastination and indecisiveness is mitigated, with the subject able to assess problems more critically, due to an active, versatile mind. Common sense is also present; and the stimulation it brings will certainly encourage the development of all kinds of Libran potential (usually considerable). Libran laziness is not usually a problem, and there is a liking for social intercourse; sometimes, too, there is a love of gossip. This is a good combination, provided Venus is not also in Virgo.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you indulge in the Virgo tendency to analyze and judge what is right and wrong in yourself and others, you could create endless categories in your mind. Thus, it may become difficult to communicate in an orderly or confident way. This compartmental analysis of right or wrong might appear harsh and inadvertently alienate those close to you. Concurrently, in judging others you can pave the way for heavy self-criticism if you distort perfectionism in any way.

Dynamic

When you put trust in the universal, unseen order of things, you can cease to be so defensive about the way actions reflect imperfection. Through developing selftolerance,

you can accomplish a job with a sense of perfection but without applying the same high standards of performance to your personal life. By your detaching from perfectionism, relationships and communications with others can be transformed to a new level. You will not have to be defensive with others since you no longer need to justify your humanness to yourself.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have an analytical, though potentially worrisome, mind.

You see life in terms of being right or wrong; and so you take great pains to ensure that you are in possession of the facts and can be trusted as a straight talker with an intelligent mind. You also see life in terms of being accurate and precise; so you look into the details of your own and Other's issues, separate the salient from the irrelevant, and deliver clearly your findings.

You tend not to see the wood for the trees, and so have to spend a lonely night in the forest. This means that, correct though you may be, Other is only going to hear you when he or she feels valued by you for more than just being able to appreciate your fine sense of logic. You tend also not to see that Other sometimes just wants to hang loose or be silly or downright emotional.

(John Townley)

You have the power to develop very elaborate and detailed fantasies. The more specific and varied each love scenario is, the richer your sexual expression becomes.

The only word of caution is that few real situations can fulfill your fantasies in every respect; and therefore you should not be too demanding of your lover. But at the same time, let your partner know exactly what you like and how you like it. Together you can derive great pleasure from acting out a shared fantasy, with every move discussed and choreographed ahead of time, as if it were a play performance.

You may enjoy using love objects and articles associated with sex. Many different garments and bodily adornments can have powerful sexual connotations and can be used to enrich both foreplay and lovemaking.

Considerable pleasure may be obtained from elaborate kissing and other forms of oral gratification, because you have a very strong desire to devour and be devoured by your lover. Indeed, when lovemaking is inconvenient because of circumstances, a prolonged and sensuous kiss can be a sufficiently deep expression that satisfies the appetite temporarily while promising more for the future.

(Robert Hand)

You have a good, thorough mind, and you pay attention to details, so you can learn about subjects that require careful thinking and learning complicated techniques. The more intricate the techniques, the better you like them. Also you are likely to be good with your hands, because you work very carefully to reach a high standard of craftsmanship. If you cannot do something well, you are not likely to do it at all. Whatever you learn, you want to put it to practical use, for you feel that everything you do should serve as a useful tool to get a job done.

You have a very critical view of the world, but you must be careful to criticize others and yourself in a helpful manner, not merely to tear them and yourself down. You will have to learn not to say anything at all at times.

You should be good at your studies, because you approach all of your work so carefully. The only possible problem is that if you don't see the usefulness of a subject that you are studying, you may not be interested in it. But stay with it anyway, because its use will become clear later in your life.

As you get older, you will become very skillful at working with ideas and information. This is a very useful ability in library work, scholarship or any field that requires organizing and classifying ideas and data. Even while you are young, you may be fond of collecting and classifying things, such as stamps, shells, coins or the like.

(Freda Edis)

Mercury rules Virgo, and a placement of the planet in this sign indicates a form of mental operation which is practical, precise and analytical. These people have meticulous minds, paying great attention to ordering their thinking, speech and writing, logically and efficiently, much as Thoth is required to do when recording the actions of the dead in the Halls of Judgement. Requiring purity in all forms of intelligence and mental expression, they may become carping and critical towards others if their standards are not met; and we know that Thoth in his early form could be a destructive god if his standards were not attained. The placement may ensure good practices of discrimination, and there is often a feeling of satisfaction about the control of thought processes. Where people feel that they are not in control, they may become overly worried and fretful. Though they can express themselves eloquently and clearly, too many anxieties can impede their work. To offset the stress caused by a sometimes exacting mind, relaxation and less nervous attention to detail are a requirement and a necessity for these people; otherwise, the essential meaning of the routines may be lost.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The mind functions in a detailed, systematic manner.

Symbol: A mailman delivers letters to various offices in a large building.

In Virgo, the duality of Gemini subdivides into a multiplicity. The Mercurial Virgoan can skillfully cope with a vast assortment of details. This is an exemplary sign position for Mercury, which both rules and is exalted in Virgo. The pragmatism of the sign effectively grounds the airy diffusiveness of the planet, and directs its force into suitable channels of expression. While Mercury in its positive sign Gemini flits like a butterfly from one intriguing idea to the next, Mercury in Virgo is pinned down to a solid surface of facts which can be microscopically studied, labelled, and preserved for posterity. Such precision may be hard on the butterfly, but the cause of human knowledge is advanced.

Since Virgo rules the digestive system, Mercury therein imparts the ability to digest information. The intellect is less innovative than adaptive, endeavoring to find out where everything fits, glorifying physical fitness, and wanting people to behave fittingly. This compartmentalization of functions is fine from a utilitarian point of view, but the compulsion to be correct can inhibit the mind from reaching higher intuitive realms where differences fade and opposites blend.

If, however, the Sun is in Leo, its creative fire may irradiate the intricate patterns laid out by the logical mind with glowing colors. A Libran Sun will also interfuse the productions of this wingless Mercury with lightness, poise, and grace. When the Sun and Mercury are both in Virgo, however, the mind is inclined toward business, educational, and scientific pursuits.

The old saying 'the mind is a good servant but a poor master' is confirmed by the assignation of Mercury to the sign of service. The Virgoan Mercury is useful to the extent that it is disciplined, controlled, and kept 'in its place'. While propitious for scholarly research, it is less well-suited to the inductive process of reasoning on which the broader application of knowledge depends. Writers with Mercury in Virgo often produce books replete with voluminous data, formidably buttressed with footnotes and erudite references. Yet they are reluctant to integrate their mosaic bits of facts into the larger picture. A debilitating lack of confidence, to which most Virgoans are prone because of their strongly self-critical faculty, can lead to an unwillingness to take a strong stand on any fundamental issue. Someone else - probably a Fire-sign person - generally has to be the one to assert, 'This I believe'.

Mercury in Virgo can dissect with precision or desiccate with unending revisions. If the vital juices have been sapped by excessive ratiocination, scholarship degenerates into dull pedantry. On the positive side, the mental faculties may be so keenly honed that almost any problem can be solved - if it has a solution. If it does not, it may not be recognized to exist. This placement is ingeniously adept at devising specific techniques for accomplishing work. It indicates a person who adjusts easily to the academic world and who can profit through the continued development of his intellectual skills.

The Virgoan needs to remember that there is no cut and dried formula for living - only

the fluid process that is life itself and which, while it may be measured on its surface, can never be fathomed to its primordial depths. Mercury's clever mapmaking mind wants to outline the contour of every continent and land-mass. However, he must also realize that there are profundities of experience beyond his ken which are no less significant in the development of man and the cosmos.

(Isabel Hickey)

Mercury is at home in this sign, and gives a strong stability to the mind. There is a practical and logical trend of thought. This is a card index type of mind, and is quick to learn, but doesn't concentrate enough to retain knowledge. Good speaker. Essentially honest. Can be critical and intolerant toward stupidity. Apt to forget that the world is ruled not by reason, but by prejudice, emotion and self-interest. Because the mind is analytical, it is very necessary to polarize this position of Mercury with its opposite, Venus. Notice position of Venus in regard to repolarizing a negative or afflicted Mercury. They have to balance each other for equilibrium of mind and feeling.

(Bernice Grebner)

If the Sun sign is Leo:

These individuals may be very interested in perfecting their craft, whatever their craft is. They are also interested in broadcasting, to anyone who will listen, about their very special techniques. Mercury in Virgo may give them a passionate interest in health foods and all things that make one a healthier person. If they have leanings toward art, they will produce art objects that have a practical use as well as artistic display. They may project a dynamic flair due to the influence of their Leo Sun, but the dramatic flair will have a very serious Virgo message. This message may be 'look at my service record', or, in a negative sense, 'why can't you improve yourself?'

If they perfect a system, they do not only want to use this system for themselves, but feel intensely flattered when others adopt what they have developed. They want a system, a perfection, a practical purpose for existing; and the ego Sun will dramatize the facts of this system.

When in love, this Leo Sun's sense perceptions will think of service to the beloved or even a beloved cause. If there is a difficulty with this, it is that they will desire their loved ones to be perfect (as they feel they are) and may become so impassioned with this desire that they will pick apart with their words and ideas the very thing they love the most. This may also bring the tendency to keep loved ones in their place... in pigeonholes, much to the frustration of those loved.

As a critic, or as an editor of creative material, they can be at their best, for they can view an object with Leo appreciation, and the mind can pick out the flaws, resulting in a

most perfect work of art or any publication. It, therefore, becomes a piece with warmth and detailed perfection.

When it comes to their children or those under their authority, they can surely teach them to get the most out of any given talent these people may have. On one hand, they can be dominating with loved ones, and at another time they may express complete flexibility, adjusting to their ideas. They must learn one thing: that their way is not the only way of solving a problem, for they may be so tuned into their own narrow detailed thinking at times that they cannot see the forest for the trees.

If the Mercury Virgo gets too much in power, it stifles the Leo Fire's go-ahead and foresightedness. Since the Mercury is Earth and the Sun is Fire, the Earth may put out the enthusiasm and creativity of the ego. The mind may wait too long for just the perfect plan where destiny is concerned, and may not accomplish as much or get out of its ruts. However, if they use their ability at practical reality in a positive way, they can put the Leo's enthusiastic creativities into concrete form. Leo is known for egocentricity at times, but with a Mercury in Virgo, there can be just the right amount of humility to keep a fine balance to their natures. It is a matter of directing and balancing.

Famous people with this configuration surely do represent a cross-section of talent.

If the Sun sign is Virgo:

This is solid Earth. There can be very little deviation here. Virgo represents the ability to utilize information. Here is a mind and an ego that is always seeking a workable solution to problems in life and a better way of doing things. This can be the scientist, the chemist, the one who invents new machinery, and those who can put things together with the fewest possible errors. If there is a difficulty with this combination, it is taking too much time with trying to achieve perfection, thereby negating the chance to accomplish more in volume. There is a phrase that interprets this simply and concisely, 'quality, not quantity'.

Their biggest talent but also their greatest difficulty lies in the tendency to pigeonhole everything including relationships. They create so many, many parts, so many sections, that all are separated; thus, it becomes very difficult, if not impossible, for them to see the total picture. If a project has one tiny, little flaw, they feel like throwing the whole thing out. They simply cannot stand the tiniest little speck of error or flaw.

This is an excellent position for anyone who works at research, or in a scientific laboratory where microscopes and the like are used. The word 'microscope' and Virgo seem to be synonymous. Unless other aspects and conditions in the chart show otherwise, this can inhibit them from being intuitive, having blind faith, etc.. What they cannot see is not real to them. Even when it comes to research, they can dissect all the parts, but it is very difficult for them to put all the parts together again. It takes Pisces

and Sagittarius for that. If they make any reports of their work or research, they do not get down to the bottom line, but have the tendency to get boring to faster, more impulsive, foresighted people. If these people are to get the best out of any given facet of their lives, they must learn that any plan, any formula can be changed, and that life at times needs to be faced with a little gambling. When Virgo's Sun and Mercury cannot do this, they get stuck in a rut and their health suffers.

On the positive side of this combination, when they get into the study of health, healing, vitamins, minerals, health foods, they can become excellent authorities. Their ability to zero in on a given health problem for themselves and others can result in a solution that can be corrected; hence the therapist. Another of their talents that can be perfected is their fantastic talent with computers. Theirs is the mind and ego that has no limit with the computer world. Despite whatever else you may have read, it is Virgo who will rule the up-and-coming computer world because of their ability to program, to be proficient to the tiniest part of computing, whether in building computers, designing them or programming them.

Every Mercury / Sun combination has its negatives and positives. This combination especially has to watch the negatives and eliminate them, for the positive directions can become so fantastic that these people can fulfill their life on earth as authorities in whatever talent drives them. They can leave many constructive projects behind them as a memorial to their life's work. Solid Earth. You will certainly see the results, whatever they turn out to be.

Famous people with this combination include notable actors and actresses.

If the Sun sign is Libra:

The Sun is Air, it is light, it is graceful, it has poise. Mercury is systematic, detailed, careful. This combination brings balance to an otherwise very critical mind. The Libra influence will indicate those who are capable of seeing possibilities even in those things they tend to criticize. In many ways it makes for accurate judgement when it is at its best. However, in many other ways it causes endless delays. Mercury in Virgo has the tendency to make many changes in its mercurial work, so that coupled with the Libra tendency to not make up its mind easily and the lack in taking a single track with an issue, this can cause delays and 'in a rut' experiences.

Their attitudes and their ability to reason things out in a practical and realistic way can put somewhat of a damper on romantic relationships. They may appear to be more loving than may be the case. Their conscious minds in this instance have much control over the Libra Sun's tendencies. Having a Libra Sun gives a destiny to relate to others and to consider the needs of others, but this Virgo Mercury will only go so far in this direction. Virgo is not the most unselfish position in the zodiac. It makes for a more narrow view, and lacks the ability to be tolerant and compassionate with others. The

mind sees things in pigeonholes and has a tendency to dissect, so that when the chips are down, the communication with a loved one may come into criticizing much to the hurt of the person with whom they are trying to relate in a loving fashion. When everything is going all right, charm can be their middle name, but when things are not going right, fussy, detailed, narrow, critical communication takes place.

The combination of the Sun and Moon represents ego with emotions and feelings, but when the Sun is in combination with Mercury, it represents the influence our conscious mental attitude has. So that in the final accounting our conscious awareness can control everything. Libra is balanced Air, a consideration that has to weigh two sides against the middle, so to speak. Now, when an Earth Mercury enters the picture, we have to put this Sun in Libra's purposes through a practical, perfectionist earthy Mercury door. Whatever balance, whatever diplomacy, whatever refined artistic talent Libra espouses will have to be tinged with Virgo's thinking. Whenever a Sun has a different sign from Mercury, there is going to be some dilution of the Sun sign's purpose. It is like having black coffee and suddenly a bit of cream and sugar is put into the coffee. It is still coffee, but no longer black coffee, and it begins to have a different taste, a different effect upon our body.

Mercury ♿ in 1st House

(Freda Edis)

Mercury in the first house displays a need for self-expression through a questioning and inquiring attitude to life. People with this combination gain a sense of identity by knowing how their own minds work. Sometimes they want it recognized that the intellectual way in which they perceive the world has some validity. They are curious, occasionally impulsively talkative, and can express themselves fluently using logic and reasoning to good effect. If aspects to Mercury support it, there can be an interest in languages. Thinking about the world and their part in it is of great importance to them, and they are likely to spend much of their time engaged in mindorientated activities, needing to gather knowledge and communicate it to the world around them, particularly where Mercury conjuncts the Ascendant.

The sign on the Ascendant will colour the way the planet's functions are displayed. Mercury with Capricorn rising, for instance, may express itself through a steady, careful mind and cautious speech, while Mercury here with Sagittarius rising might mean an identity realized through impulsive thinking on a grand scale. Occasionally, tactless speech is an issue for these people. Close aspects to another planet will also influence the way a first house Mercury operates.

There is a myth concerning Hermes which has some bearing on the Mercury-in-firsthouse need to actualize ideas. When the rather belligerent Herakles was on a visit to

Troezen, he stopped at the wayside because he was tired. As he sat to rest, he leaned his club against a statue of Hermes which had been erected by the side of a road. The club took root, put out leaves and grew into a tree. Herakles, it seems, needs to produce, rather than destroy, on this occasion. Even a weapon of war can be made productive if a Mars-inclined person stops for a while to take stock and allows a fertile flow of ideas to develop beyond the present moment - a characteristic not often associated with Herakles. The tale is an indication that the Mercury principle and the Mars principle can be combined successfully.

Alternatively, people with this placement, especially if the planet is near the Ascendant and / or in hard aspect to other planets, need to ensure against overemphasizing an intellectual approach to life. On first acquaintance, other people may see them as lacking at some deep level the qualities of warmth and intuitive empathy needed to balance the inquiring mind - nobody in his or her right mind would have called Herakles deeply empathic, usually. But, through their life experiences, Mercury-in-first-house people may come to an intelligent understanding of how to work on the impulse to act first and think later, though the energy for communication will always be high.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Mercury makes a good counselor. It is an excellent position for a teacher, actor, lawyer, politician, or anyone in similar careers as it gives the power to speak well, both to groups and in conversation. If there are limiting aspects from Saturn, or if Mercury is in a Water sign, the ability to speak may be diminished, though the desire to communicate will be strong, and so may find an outlet through writing, singing, or film-making etc.. In any case, people with a first house Mercury are almost always extremely quick, apt and flexible, and retain their youthful energy and enthusiasm throughout life.

Often they feel themselves to be the spokesman for a group and will feel called upon to speak out in defense of someone or something. They are usually witty (particularly if Mercury is in Virgo, Aries or Gemini) and are able to use words to make others laugh. They are excellent teachers and, even if they don't teach as a profession, they will be useful throughout life instructing others, showing them how to do things.

They are able to put things into words much better than most people. Everything that they experience they frame in words and images, for themselves if not for others. If they can't put something into words or images it hardly exists for them. They are quick studies, able to pick up ideas rapidly from cursory reading or listening to others speak. They may become distracted by words or ideas, too caught up in them, if Mercury is in an Air or Earth sign. If it is in a Water and Fire sign, it is the thing itself they see, not the word for it, so this is a good position for an artist or poet who works more with images than with facts or concepts. Sometimes Mercury in a Water sign even causes a problem with words.

They are often athletic, or physically active, loving motion and the use of their bodies as it is the sport itself, the game and the action, that they crave, and not so much the victory as this position is not competitive of itself. They are willing to take the less glorious roles in games or other group activities if the performance of the group as a whole requires it, as being part of the group or team is what appeals to them, although if they or anyone else appears to be treated unfairly they will not hesitate to speak out.

They either love speed or are insensitive to it, and, if other factors are present, could have a car accident at some point due to their attraction to fast motion. They usually like the roller coaster and the faster, wilder rides at the amusement park. They usually love airplanes and flight, especially if Mercury is in a Fire or Air sign, and make good pilots.

If there are conjunctions or oppositions to Mercury from Saturn, Uranus or Pluto, they may stammer or have a speech impediment, or possibly even brain damage. A retrograde Mercury may turn them towards writing, photography, art, or acting - anything where images or ideas can be constructed in private, because they may feel that the words they need to express themselves don't come easily enough in the spontaneous give and take of conversation.

If other chart factors are present that indicate long life, this position of Mercury strengthens them, giving a sort of perpetual youth and a strong ability to rejuvenate. However, if sudden death factors are present, this position will intensify those as well. In high political office, it increases the potential for assassination. In some cases there is the possibility of an early death due in part to a distaste for aging.

Those with Mercury in the first house always relate well to young people, and will have young friends even when they are old.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: Mercury in the 1st reveals that your spontaneous personality is nervous, mental, quick to perceive, and just as quick to change direction. There is a certain 'short-term' orientation; the mental focus is immediate, but your attention span is short. you love solving riddles and are fascinated by any activity that propels your mind into immediate action. As with every Mercury interpretation, this can be altered significantly by its sign position and interplanetary aspects, and even more importantly by the placement and condition of the Sun. It is also affected strongly by environmental factors like education, family, and sociocultural background. Those considerations aside, however, the basic indication of the house placement alone suggests that you have a loquacious, verbal type of persona, one which is quick and clever.

Natural persona: Mercury indicates a mental face, with an emphasis on rationality and cognition. How talkative you are depends on other considerations, but your persona certainly indicates an interest in communication. The mask is nervous and quick, as

likely to question others as to reveal anything about the self.

Your name-tag says, 'I am curious, interested in your mind, mobile in my focus, and objective in my perceptions'.

Self-awareness: Activation of the thinking, perceiving, and communicating functions of the nervous system promotes awareness of your true inner self. The more you think, the more you awaken to yourself. It's not at all necessary that your thoughts be about yourself; in fact, the more they remain objective perceptions of the world around you, the more self-awareness results. Curiosity about the world and everything in it wakes you up.

Boundaries: The bridge between inner and outer realities is associative, rational, and nervous, with mental interplay providing the connection. Expression without thought or communication without content can send the two environments spinning around one another in a meaningless whirlwind, while too much nervous energy or strictly impersonal calculation alienates them, destroying the linkage. The challenge is to analyze and communicate with both environments without falling into cold, mechanical rationality.

Vitality: Clear perceptions and logical thinking provide support for your essential vitality, but vulnerability to nervous disorders may exist. Observe yourself; learn as much as you can about the physical and mental disciplines that keep you vital.

(Robert Pelletier)

You express your opinions so precisely that no-one questions your meaning, and you eagerly accept a challenge from anyone who disagrees with you. Your respect for education and your insatiable curiosity give you an advantage over less-informed competitors. When you take time to examine all the details, you solve problems quickly and accurately. You try to understand others' motivations, and you learn a great deal from them. You learn from your experiences, and you enjoy travelling to promote your ambitions. Getting away from the daily routine renews your mental and physical energy. Your great creative potential only needs to be developed so that you can establish your credentials in your field. You know what you can and cannot do, and you strive to maintain the highest ideals. You put a lot of thought into your endeavors, and you have faith that you will succeed. You may seem lucky, but actually you are inspired and imaginative in using your creative gifts. Your partner should understand how important it is that you achieve your goals. You feel that your mutual interests will be better served if each of you compromises to some extent.

You try to live each day as fully as possible, for you know that your future security and independence depend on it. You know how to put your ideas to work for your later years, when you want to be free from obligation. You take advantage of opportunities provided

by your friends, and you don't forget favors you have received in the past. You realize that your future is in your own hands, and you won't really feel fulfilled until you see tangible evidence of your success.

It is important that the public consider your ideas substantial. You depend on associates and competitors to show you where your skills need refining. Although it isn't easy for you to admit you are wrong, you concede when your career goals are at stake. You are willing to learn, which will help you grow. You show good judgement in relationships, and you don't make binding commitments lightly. You learn something from everyone you contact. Your early environment taught you the importance of establishing roots. Having to stand on your own in spite of frustrating early conflicts stimulated your creative potential. Because of this conditioning, you find it painful to be confined by a daily routine that restricts your freedom. But you are willing to work to gain the professional status that will give you that freedom.

You may not realize that your greatest liability is neglecting the people on whom you depend for success. When you understand what the public expects, you will accept the responsibility of serving them. This will be your greatest contribution to your own future. You have much insight into what's wrong with people, and they look to you for understanding. This insight is useful in your career because you understand your competitors' weaknesses.

Failing to implement your creative talent and exploit your ideas would put you at a disadvantage. You must put your faculty for communication to work if you want to benefit from it. Underestimating your worth would be a tragic waste of inspired imagination. You can accomplish much if you respond to the needs of the society and let your creative talent become its asset.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with this placement become conscious of themselves and life in general by being curious and asking questions. They are meant to be spokespeople - distributors of ideas and information or channels through which one discipline is linked to another. They are usually highly analytical, both of themselves and of others.

Mercury is a mimic and will take on the qualities of the sign it is in and any planet it closely aspects. Therefore, these need to be carefully examined. For instance, Mercury in a Fire sign or conjunct Saturn is more prone to cautious assessment prior to committing the self to activity. Things have to 'sit' right within them before they can act. Mercury in a Water sign or aspected to Neptune will evaluate the perceptions through the feelings and emotions, unlike Mercury in Air or aspected to Uranus, which will speak and act from a more purely objective stance, having (often in a flash) computed the bigger picture.

Those with Mercury in the 1st imbue the world with significance on the basis of what they think about it. If they don't like what they see, rather than blaming the world 'out there', they should try changing their own attitudes and then take another look at what they find.

Those with Mercury in the 1st often maintain a youthful appearance throughout life. Sometimes there are frequent changes of environment in the early years, as if they are forced from a young age to view life from different angles.

Venus ♀ in ♈ Aries 0° 41'

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

Venus rules the principle of love and reaching out to others. Venus in Aries indicates those who tend to be aggressive in their emotional self-expression. Their outgoing natures lend enthusiasm and sparkle to social gatherings. They have no reticence in pursuing the object of their interests, and they can be competitive when seeking the affection of others. In a female horoscope, this quality may make for an aggressive approach in which the woman chases the man. The ability of these people to be passionate in love and romance results from Mars, the ruler of Aries, which gives energy to the affections of Venus. These affections can be impulsive and unstable, however.

Venus in Aries is in its detriment, because Aries is the opposite sign to Libra, which Venus rules. For this reason people with Venus in Aries demand a lot of personal attention and tend to be self-centred.

If Venus is afflicted in Aries, the native's manners can be coarse, lacking refinement. When Venus in Aries is well aspected, there is a positive, cheerful attitude. There is also the ability to be actively creative in artistic pursuits.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

Venus in Aries is the most impulsive of all the Venus signs, leaping straight into relationships, usually on the basis of romantic attraction alone. Practical difficulties are no deterrent at all to them. There is something of the knight in shining armour about these people - they like to feel that they are rescuing someone from a miserable existence and carrying them off to eternal bliss.

Idealistic and somewhat naive, the Venus in Aries person expects the best of everyone. Straightforward and direct to the point of bluntness themselves, it never occurs to them that some people are devious and manipulative. Because of this they feel terribly hurt and let down when people betray their trust.

Venus in Aries likes to take the initiative and tends to come on pretty strong, which can be very alarming to more timid types. Aries has little time for the subtle approach, preferring things to happen now, and lacking patience with people who cannot make up their minds.

Because Venus is the relating principle and Aries is concerned with being itself, there is going to be some degree of internal conflict between the self and the other; and it may be quite difficult for the Venus in Aries person to work out a balance between the need for independence and personal self-expression and the need for relationship and sharing.

Venus in Aries needs space and freedom in relationships, and appreciates independence in others. As lovers, they are warm and demonstrative, giving their love freely and openheartedly. They need, and can create, an element of excitement in their relationships, so that life is never dull for someone involved with them.

The person with Venus in Aries tends to demand attention and will definitely want to be the number one attraction in their partner's life. Their love is full of heat and intensity which can quickly change to dramatic rage when they feel hurt. Venus in Aries gives drama and passion, together with romanticism and naive hopefulness. For the Venus in Aries person, the eternally burning flame of hope is what makes life worth living; and they will never cease to pursue their vision of the perfect love.

(Skye Alexander)

This is a difficult position for Venus. Here, the planet that represents female energy is placed in the most masculine of signs. Consequently, Venus has a hard time expressing its natural characteristics of harmony, union and romantic love in a sign that is individualistic and combative.

In partnerships of all kinds, but especially love relationships, you insist on being the dominant partner and are not willing to compromise very much in order to maintain domestic tranquility. In fact, you don't really want your relationships to be peaceful and harmonious. You prefer to maintain a high level of tension in your relationships, and find conflict and arguments stimulating and exciting. Often you start fights - verbal or even physical ones - with your partner, just to see the fireworks. If things stay calm for long, you become bored.

You see love as a contest and partners as opponents to be conquered. It is the chase that intrigues you most; and you are likely to lose interest in someone once he / she succumbs to your advances. The way to keep your attention is to keep you guessing. Always looking for new experiences, new challenges, you tend to be rather promiscuous, or at least to change partners frequently. Whether male or female, you are usually the aggressor, easily pursuing your 'quarry' rather than waiting for hi, / her to

make the first move.

Sex is more important to you than affection; and unless you have water signs prominent elsewhere in your chart, you may lack the ability to express tenderness and romance in love relationships.

In itself, this placement of Venus is not an indicator of an artistic sensibility. If you have artistic talent, as a result of other factors in your birth chart, you are likely to be avantgarde, even rather provocative in the way you express yourself creatively. Your style tends to be highly energetic and forceful, even abrasive or violent.

Women with this planetary placement may reject traditional feminine images and put little value on such things as home, a husband and family. Independent, outspoken and assertive, you refuse to let any man dominate you, and insist on being free to do as you wish in matters of love. You probably aren't 'feminine' in a traditional sense, for what makes you feel good about yourself as a woman is being able to do things like a man. You want to show everyone (including yourself) that anything a man can do a woman can do better. Thus, you might express this image of yourself through athletics, by being highly competitive in the business world, or by playing the role of 'buddy' to the men in your life. As a child, you probably were a tomboy who beat up your brothers and could out-hit anyone on the local Little League team.

Men with Venus in Aries tend to be out-of-touch with their female sides (unless their Moons are in Cancer, Pisces or Taurus) and have little respect for female values, or even for women in general. Your ideal woman is one who is 'one of the guys', who likes to play football with you and your friends on a Saturday afternoon and can drink the lot of you under the table afterwards. Emotional, gentle, delicate or sensitive women don't interest you in the least. You want a partner who is strong, feisty and independent, even a little 'butch'. Thus, you might find women with mesomorphic bodies, athletes and body builders more attractive than those with 'hourglass' figures.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The individual is passionate, falling in love quickly, and will be demonstrative. Sexual fulfillment is of above-average importance, and an unco-operative partner will not be tolerated. Although an element of Arian selfishness may well cause problems occasionally, the individual will be generous to a loved one, making sure there are many occasions of joint enjoyment. Here is a lively friend and energetic colleague. The attitude to money is extremely enterprising, but a risk-taking element can cause financial losses. Often, there is an enjoyable second source of income, but money can still slip through the fingers.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, Venus here adds warmth and passion to the cool detachment of the Aquarian Sun. There will be powerful emotional relationships; but

sometimes conflict can arise when the subject has to decide whether to deepen one of these through home-sharing or marriage; and there may be a delay in making an emotional commitment. Independence is most important, as is the Aquarian lifestyle; there will be an active social life and many like-minded friends. There is an erratic attitude to money, with a liking for unusual possessions.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, the sensitive watery emotion of Pisces combined with the fiery passion of Aries makes these individuals ardent but caring and tender lovers. At times they will be confused by their own emotional intensity; and apprehension and a lack of self-confidence may clash with a desire for the loved one (Venus in Aries). Nonetheless, the striving for a rewarding relationship is important, as are friends with shared interests. Money will be enjoyed, so saving may well be difficult. The subject may find that impulsive generosity could cause problems.

If the Sun sign is Aries, here is a very passionate and enthusiastic partner who needs to maintain independence within a permanent relationship. Although selfish at times, he or she will be generous to loved ones, wanting them to enjoy the relationship. Rivalry can occur in friendship, with the subject needing to take the lead. Money is often made from sidelines as well as a main source; and investment will be enjoyed. Impulse-buying can lead to cashflow problems.

If the Sun sign is Taurus, the passions are very powerful; and while this subject makes an excellent, sensual lover, the emotional level is so high that storms may well arise. At such times, possessiveness (Taurus) and selfishness (Venus in Aries) can cause serious problems; but the highs will be marvellously romantic as well as fulfilling. Over-emotional reactions can sometimes cause difficulties with friends. In money matters, the individual is clever; but a liking for luxury will prove expensive.

If the Sun sign is Gemini, the Geminian mistrust of emotion can cause problems with this passionate partner; but there will be good rapport and friendship, and sexual fulfillment once the tendency to rationalize is overcome. This is a lively friend with many varied interests, wanting to do a great deal and travel widely. Spendthrift tendencies must be countered.

Static

If you value aggressive independence in relationships, you might without knowing it relate to others thoughtlessly and forcefully. Thus, you may experience an endless series of temporary alliances. In attempting to prove the Aries self-worth by disregarding the values of others, you may ultimately win the conquest yet end up alone.

Consequently, a reluctance to sustain closeness often results in a lack of confidence in your worth and ability to relate to others. When you withhold your ability for positive leadership in social situations, it may lead to a competitive viewpoint that is destructive

for all concerned.

Dynamic

You possess the ability to take the initiative in social situations. You can be a spontaneous leader. With the natural Aries gifts of enthusiasm and courage, you inspire others to contribute to the group.

You can realize your inherent value when you share your independence in a manner that helps others to help themselves. This encourages others to actualize their potential for self-sufficiency. You can become aware that others feel insecure about their sense of selfreliance. This awareness enables you to motivate them to believe in themselves and assert their individuality. As you help others to build their own independence, you simultaneously come to a realization of your true worth.

Combining your talent for seizing leadership with the recognition of other people's feelings can lead to a sense of confidence in your ability to stimulate others to interact socially. This situation maintains your independence and validates the worth of all concerned.

(Grant Lewi)

Your reaction to emotional stimuli is highly personal. You will do anything for someone you love, and little for anyone or any group that has not won your personal affection. Love, sympathy, human kindness are all related to yourself; you are therefore not a great humanitarian, nor especially interested in group social problems. But you may be much interested in society - that is, social gatherings, social position, social graces. You are warm and even ardent when you feel you are loved, but can also be touchy with friends and easily offended. This is a somewhat narrowing position for Venus, and with it you should make a conscious effort to find sympathy and understanding for people whom you don't love and who never will love you. By universalizing the Venusian vibrations, you broaden your whole nature, widen your interests and give greatest scope to your abundant emotional vitality, which benefits you in direct proportion to the number of individuals whose problems you are able to take to your heart.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aries, Venus is an emotional antenna - the native is sensitive, aware of how others feel and react. He wants to love and be loved - romance is the key. Without romance, he withers, becomes discouraged, broods, worries complains.

The astrologer's job is to help him discover the romance that is everywhere, available, ready to be grasped and enjoyed. The native tends to be too romantic about romance! He often doesn't recognize the real thing and is taken in by the phony, the imitation.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a bold, though potentially impatient, lover.

Love for you is something that has to happen quickly, like at first sight, almost as if you are taken by storm. There also has to be a childlike, spontaneous quality to it that never settles down into an 'adult' rut of habit and predictability; love has to make something happen. The dark side to your particularly bright love nature is that you can be selfcentred, impetuous and emotionally immature, causing you to give in to mere fancy.

You attract with a forward but quite innocent seductiveness that is instantly beguiling; with a wild and primal sexuality that suggests a romping, playful and uncomplicated sort of pleasure and love-making; and with a youthful appeal, whatever your age, that forces progress in some way.

You repel with a selfish, demanding and minx-like nature that can drop Other quite unceremoniously; with a reluctance, or possibly an inability, to give any more of yourself than is needed to keep Other where you want him / her; and with a Peter Pan complex that prevents you from accepting your social responsibilities.

You are attracted to forceful and demonstrative displays of interest and affection; to Others who are independent with, to a degree, interests other than you; and to Others who have energetic or hectic social lives that are full of exciting and individualistic people.

You are repelled by limp, unsure or, worst of all, creepy types who lack passion or conviction, for it reflects badly on your own vibrancy; by fawning or clinging characters who want mothering or constant reassurance; and by fuddy-duddy social scenes and people that lack spontaneity and a bit of wildness.

When you are alone, it could be because you have pushed one or more of the above negative traits to a point where no-one is willing or able to commit to you. One of two choices here is to recognize that Other can keep your interest if you give him / her long enough to discover how to - but not too long, of course. The second choice is to settle for the fact that you are just too young at heart, or old in body, to find anyone who will last more than a week or so - if at all. The irony here is that sooner or later you will have to settle for something - the very thing you may believe you are so averse to. Alternatively, you could be alone because love has ended as suddenly as you like it to begin - kind of living by the sword and dying by it.

(John Townley)

Your appetite for love is quickly whetted; and you wish to possess the object of your

affections without delay. If there is too much dallying about with a potential lover, you are likely to lose interest and move on to a new partner.

Your style of loving may be very intense, even violent upon occasion. On the other hand, your desires are usually satiated rather quickly, particularly if the experience is a very intense one. This enables you to thoroughly enjoy a brief but fiery affair that would leave another person unfulfilled. In a longer-range affair, however, you may feel that your partner lacks the intensity of passion you desire, or that you wear yourself out while your lover is still getting into stride.

You may have to make an effort to pace your desires and be more consistent in your tastes to match your partner's. At the same time, your lover must understand that an apparently inconsistent or fickle desire is actually one in a series of sudden but sincere enthusiasms that must be seized and enjoyed on the spot before the impulse takes another direction. Although such an affair may take some time to develop, you would be happiest with a patient and understanding lover who can adjust to your timing rather than someone whose rhythms are similar to but out of sync with yours.

(Robert Hand)

You are very affectionate toward others, but you hate to be tied down by anyone. Not shy or reserved, you express your loving feelings freely, and you need to be free to love whomever you choose. When you are older and have some kind of romantic life, you may have problems in understanding the balance between your own rights and the rights of your loved one in the relationship. You are unwilling to give in to your partner, because you always want things your own way. The price you pay for this may be difficult relations with the opposite sex. While you are young, this could be a problem in your relationships. However, now is the time when you can learn how to give and how to make compromises with friends, relatives and other people.

With others, you often make no special effort to be popular and well-liked. But people usually like you anyway because you are yourself, not because you are charming. If you like someone you meet, you will not hesitate to say so. You are usually the person who starts a friendship or, later, a love relationship. You know what you want, and you are willing to go after it.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus is in its detriment sign. Here is 'self'-satisfaction. Where Venus loves, she is apt to do much for the loved one, but in this position she is apt to love herself through the loved one. A tendency to touchiness; and is apt to be easily offended due to self-love. Apt to be inconsiderate of others without realizing it. This is a love springing into activity with ardor and enthusiasm, but not a sustaining and nurturing kind of caring. Passion and aggressiveness can be strong; thus, Venus may lose her sweetness in this sign. The

lesson needed with this placement is the ability to put oneself in the other fellow's shoes. In spite of an impulsive approach to love, Venus in Aries is idealistic, and is always seeking outwardly that which can only be found within. There is a tendency to lack stability, for Venus can tire quickly and change her mind often in the impulsive, restless sign of Aries.

Venus ♀ in 8th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: Jealous, intense, charismatic, financially and sexually manipulative.

While the seventh house describes the types of partnerships to which one gravitates as well as the ability to co-operate and share, the eighth house (second from the seventh) depicts the financial assets and liabilities acquired through marriage, business partnerships or family relationships, ranging from money, stocks and real estates to legacies, lawsuits and insurance benefits. Corresponding to the fixed Water sign of Scorpio, the eighth house also symbolises emotional, psychological, sexual and financial attitudes that colour personal and professional relationships - especially the use and misuse of power.

Just as Inanna and Dumuzi represented the convergence of sex, money and power, individuals with Venus in the eighth house seek the same type of adrenaline rush from their financial conquests, intimate and / or professional relationships. When the Goddess was sexually fulfilled, she was injected with a sense of potency that stimulated the prosperous growing season and, ultimately, empowered her people. Similarly, the selfworth of individuals with Venus in the eighth house is directly connected with sexual prowess, the ability to acquire money and / or the need to be in control.

Because the eighth house relates to emotional and sexual intensity, these individuals are aware that, in order to satisfy their complex needs and sustain their interests, relationships must have an element of challenge and excitement that quenches their sexual appetite and thirst for money and / or power. If Venus is well-aspected these people are charismatic, attractive and filled with confidence, magnetism and a boundless sense of power and control over their lives, which attracts equally magnetic, commanding and financially successful personal and business partnerships. Although these relationships may also be volatile and, in some instances, sexually motivated, there is the capacity for striking the balance between emotional compatibility and physical attraction.

If Venus is harmoniously aspected, however (especially by Mars or Pluto), these people may seek someone who provides the kind of excitement they feel incapable of attaining through their own talents. The overriding passion and sexual power may become so

overpowering that these emotions will be exceedingly difficult to control. While they may be physically attracted to and enticed by those who match their level of intensity, these unions are more often than not compulsive and ill-fated, often evoking jealousy, uncontrollable passion and destructive power games. Unless they learn to trust others and relinquish their inordinate need for control, their personal and professional relationships will always be threatened.

Rather than strive towards equality and / or develop the seventh house capacity for cooperation, these individuals thrive on the struggle for supremacy and often utilise their seductive charm and / or sexual prowess to achieve their goals by enticing others with promised rewards of sex, money and / or power. In fact, the difficulties incurred during relationships arise out of their egotism and the desire for constant self-gratification. With their self-esteem in question, they frequently seek adulating partners, friends and associates whom they can manipulate or dominate emotionally, psychologically and / or sexually.

While the placement of fertile, beneficent Venus in the amazingly creative but potentially destructive eighth house tests one's capacity to sustain a long-term partnership, the key lies in the ability to maintain a balance of power while constantly revitalising a partnership so it remains exciting and challenging. If their aggression, thrill-seeking and high level of energy are channelled through the performing arts (drama and dance), strenuous physical activities or competitive ventures that are creative and financially rewarding, individuals with Venus in the eighth house are less likely to express hostility towards their partners and might even learn to relax.

While their inexhaustible enthusiasm fuels successful and profitable business pursuits, it may also be their downfall should they succumb to negative emotions such as jealousy, combativeness, lust and greed. If Venus is poorly aspected, therefore, their ability for healthy competition may become as tenuous, ruthless and potentially destructive as it could have been prosperous. Because there is an affinity for speculation, investment or using their powers of persuasion to market a product, an idea or even themselves, these individuals will be attracted to the performing arts, politics or finance either as an avocation or, if Venus rules the second, sixth or tenth 'work' houses, as a vocation.

Fascination with the dark side of the psyche or underside of life also draws them to undercover / investigative work, occult research, psychology and astrology, often for the sheer excitement these areas evoke and not necessarily as a career. In fact, their love of intricate game-playing and risk-taking draws them into business dealings where speculation, investments and / or psychological challenges are at the forefront. Although they may profit wildly from these ventures, they are just as likely to incur devastating losses during difficult transits when their judgement is clouded by greed and the desire for instant gratification - one of Venus's most problematic characteristics.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Venus in the eighth house seek a deep emotional and sexual contact with a partner - nothing short of a soul union. They want depth and intensity; and, depending on the aspects to Venus, this may involve a certain amount of anguish. These people cannot bear things to be static or staid in relationships; their need is for something intense, and they prefer to move through the extremes of joy and ecstasy to the pits of misery and despair than to feel their emotional life is drab. They need the extremes to feel they are really alive; and anything everyday and comfortable can feel mediocre to them, as if some essential component is missing.

They thrive on crisis; and if it is not there they will create it. Their love life can be like an emotional roller-coaster. Love is continually going through transformations with Venus in the eighth house, dying and being reborn. With each death, they are never sure whether it has died for good this time. A treadmill of pain pursues, deepening the love bond. After visiting some very dark places with a partner, they become inextricably bound up with him or her. To some extent, they will be testing their love and the love of their partner. There is a need for this to be regularly reaffirmed; and there is nothing like an emotional crisis for achieving this. This is not likely to be a conscious choice; and people with Venus in the eighth may be in considerable pain and feel this dynamic is completely out of their control.

They will be looking for someone who can offer them the emotional depth they crave. They are often possessive and jealous themselves, or else they will choose someone who is. Fundamentally it is the strong feelings they desire; and jealousy and possessiveness tend to go with passion. They will choose those who are emotionally complicated - who do not offer them a smooth relationship. Whether consciously or not, they will choose someone who will shake them up and change them in some way. Their partners will plunge them into crises if the relationship is at all meaningful for them.

They may also get pleasure from the possibility of throwing their partner into an emotional turmoil, enjoying the power they have to affect another. Knowing they can have this effect, and that they can bring about change in another, may be a source of satisfaction for them. It may be a kind of revenge for them, in response to their having been hurt (albeit inadvertently), and give them great delight.

In a relationship, they will enjoy sharing any moving experience together. Sexual and emotional intimacy and the sharing of deep feelings is where their greatest happiness lies. It is when things are going wrong in these areas that they draw to themselves the rather more traumatic circumstances already described. Occasionally, people with Venus in the eighth house may stay out of a relationship fearing the depths that they will be taken to and crave. They can then experience periods of intense loneliness.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the love nature is experienced through the mystique of sexuality, the beauty of the unconscious, the wonders of the occult and a fond attraction for all that exists in the hidden and secretive mystical side of life. The individual can regenerate feeling through his deeply passionate nature which seeks to know the very core of all. Thus, he feels the unconscious currents of hidden forces, and has a strong ability to effectively create smooth endings to the influences which he outgrows. Yet, until the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, he can experience much difficulty in finding the profound depths of insight and wisdom which his love can bring him to realize.

Instead, he can linger in darkness, living in the shadow of others almost jealously spying on them, while refusing to see any light in himself. Some with this placement will inherit; but others can tend to sponge off the goodness, finances and resources of a partner or mate as their primary means of support. There can be a tendency to take advantage of others through a secretively smooth and suave manner, whose subtle undercurrents are not consciously visible.

In this House, Venus opposes its rulership in the Second House. Thus, if the individual hides himself in dishonest feelings, or goes against accepted values, he can lose out on experiencing the depth and beauty of love that Venus promises.

In many instances, the love nature is dissipated through sexual preoccupation, and the individual, rather than raising his love to the heart chakra, finds himself struggling with internal fixations which impede his moral, emotional and mental unfoldment. He has a tendency to inhibit what could be easy relationships with others, because of an attachment to a secretive lifestyle which makes him feel separated from the goodness and warmth of society that he truly needs.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod in the Sign are learned, however, the individual experiences a complete transformation in his consciousness. He realizes that sexual love is more than lust of the body, coming instead from the inner depths of one's being. Thus, rather than hiding his sexual nature behind a façade of complexes which keep him from his true feelings, he begins to confront the regenerative kind of sexual love that brings his unconscious into harmony with his conscious life.

In this way, the secrets of dishonesty become transformed into a sacred love which guides the mystical truths that surface from within. Thus, he becomes sensitive to his unconscious as well as the hidden feelings of others close to him. When this occurs, the individual is afforded the blessings of having other people's resources made open to him, not because he selfishly wants them, but because he is capable of understanding the great hidden mysteries of God's love that exists just below the threshold of human awareness.

He can be the strongest emotional healer in the zodiac, for he can see love manifesting

where others have not even thought to look. And, it is through his very special brand of courage and willingness to serve a master higher than himself that he begins to experience the great depth and beauty of regenerative love, the redemption of the Phoenix and its transformation into the birth of spiritual power. Thus, more than any other House placement in the zodiac, he earns his treasure through spiritual tests which bring him to transcend the limitations of the lower self as he overcomes temptations.

His very special Gift of Love is his ability to transform and regenerate the destructiveness of his lower passions into the reformed beauty of new life, filled with the eternal mystery of wonder at the silent sounds of God's love whispering through the quiet stillness of darkness, and changing it into light.

(Howard Sasportas)

Venus in the 8th 'cares about' what happens between people, and wants to ensure that anything which is shared or exchanged is beautiful, appropriate, beneficial and valuable. It favours business partnerships and the accruing of money and possessions through marriage or inheritance.

In the bedroom, Aphrodite's magic girdle transforms into a provocative corselet (possibly black leather if Venus is aspected to Pluto). Her seductive charms find no better mode of expression than in the intimate whispers and caresses of love. Venus in the 8th people have a way of receiving and responding to others which relaxes them, making partners feel secure enough to loosen inhibitions and restraints. In this sense, those with Venus in Scorpio's natural house, whether innocently or not, entice others to give in to them. Hearts open, secrets are exposed, and bank accounts are put in their name.

There is also a love for that which is mysterious or esoteric, and a desire to probe for anything hidden or subtle as if what is found on that level will make them more complete. (Seance parlours are probably filled with people with Venus in the 8th contacting their dear and departed, wherever they may be.)

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here, Venus gives a charisma that outshines any physical imperfections, attracting others in a singular manner that is hard to define. There will be a great test of loyalty at some time during the life, requiring some kind of sacrifice. If there are oppositions or inconjuncts to Venus, this may be a great sacrifice, such as the physical relationship with the beloved.

Love is always bound up with death, loyalty, and sacrifice in some way. It is likely that they will suffer the death or permanent loss of someone beloved, someone beautiful and good. This loss, and its inherent threat of further loss, permanently affects their outlook on life. If the Sun is also in the eighth house, their entire life may be bound up in a drama

of love, loyalty, and sacrifice, with death as the last act. This is an extremely selfsacrificial position.

These people take themselves very seriously. They don't wear their hearts on their sleeves, and are very cautious about giving their affections, because any mistake in this area will leave them shattered. They suffer so much from unrequited love that they are extremely cautious, and will wait for a long time before declaring themselves, but once they give their hearts it is usually forever.

They love stories of romantic courage, loyalty, and sacrifice. If they are artists, their works have the same appeal that their personalities have, a sort of pathos, tenderness, and idealism at the heart of a bitter and ironic realism. They are both idealist and cynic, romantic and realist; and the excitement of their personality comes from a constant tension between these extremes.

This position testifies to one whose feelings were persistently ignored or badly hurt in childhood, so that they remain cautious throughout life. If they attain power, they may be cold or cruel to others who they imagine might be cold or cruel to them, though they are usually extremely sensitive and tender toward children, the disabled, animals, or anyone who is clearly vulnerable and from whom they can feel no potential threat.

They are very sexual, and love to make love, but are capable of great restraint. They tend to be jealous, but if forgiveness is asked they will give it freely.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: you enjoy being close to another. You appreciate the experience of surrendering to love. But first make sure that love is indeed present before you surrender, and second, be certain that the other person is also in the flow of the same love. Do not seduce another into union; this leads to the pitfalls of inevitable betrayal and loss of harmony. Instead, take advantage of every good feeling to promote shared intimacy. The challenge is to understand that even personal love is a presence between two individuals, something that does not originate in their separate lives, but is instead created out of the harmony that arises from togetherness.

Transformation: Venus loves ritual in all forms, even the extreme rituals of egotranscendence. The possibility of rebirth offers its own aesthetic, so you willingly participate. You're receptive to psychological change, since you embrace more than you currently embody. The pitfall surrounds the belief that you'll be able to keep all your existing value systems after you've changed. It's as if you look forward to a future self that is the same as your present self, only better able to enjoy the fruits of life. Though this can work to your benefit in some ways, it's still a carrot-and-donkey approach to growth. The challenge is to understand that ego-death means completely giving up old ways of understanding pleasure in favor of new values, and, happily, new pleasures.

Sexual merging: The chemistry of sexual union is a powerful aphrodisiac, a perfume of lovely and delicate scent, a very magical potion. For you, it's the icing on the cake of life. Feminine qualities are emphasized here: enfoldng, softening, receiving. Whether you are male or female, it's your beauty that draws others toward union with you. You know how to offer yourself to your beloved in total openness, but there are pitfalls. You can also be seductive, presenting an alluring mask of receptivity to entrap those you wish to snare. You can even seduce yourself into believing you're open when you're not. Remember that sexual vanity is your enemy, not your ally. The challenge is to understand that the aesthetic and physical pleasures of union are truly worthwhile when they occur with the right person, at the right time, in the right setting. Under those conditions, the joy of full release invites self-renewal.

Focused intuition: Your intuitive capabilities have a special purpose, to tap into the vibration of personal love. You also appreciate psychic sensitivity in others. Finding it in someone fills you with pleasure, making your inner world resonate more harmoniously. The pitfall involves using these sensitivities in a purely self-serving manner, rather than with mutuality, to benefit both yourself and others. The challenge is to open yourself to the invisible worlds that exist all around us, worlds of ineffable beauty.

Shared assets: It may be that you stand to inherit money, or marry someone wealthy. In any case, the struggle for money is something you may not understand. Even if you don't have any money, you imagine yourself deserving of it, since you feel it to be the birthright of your superior station. Whether you're correct or deluded, it's a consideration in all your decisions. The pitfall lies in this attitude of complacent superiority, the tendency to overlook real suffering and deprivation in the world. Nonchalance could inspire enmity in others. The challenge is to use all resources to further expression of love and beauty. This may be limited to family or friends, but it should keep expanding until you've filled the world with love. You can be the shepherd of the open heart, whether or not you have a dime.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are attracted to warm and sociable persons who are as eager as you are for a meaningful relationship. You have a compelling need to satisfy your strong physical desires, but you are usually on your best behavior, hoping to attract the kind of person who will indulge you in your desires. You are greatly influenced by physically attractive persons who have the same needs as you but who also have qualities you admire. You enjoy doing favors for people, because you know that this increases the likelihood of making the right kinds of social contacts. At first you tend to underestimate your ability to satisfy people's expectations, because you make unfair comparisons between your qualifications and theirs. When you realize that everyone has fears and anxieties, you will be more comfortable with yourself. You don't want to offend others, which is admirable, but it doesn't allow others to know that you also bring something of value to a

relationship.

You are willing to make concessions to others and to tolerate their negative qualities because you truly want to understand them and their problems. You tend to regard their positive traits as sufficient compensation for their less desirable qualities. The people you help will remember you; and later in life you should derive some satisfaction from the knowledge that your efforts were appreciated.

You must make many adjustments before you can satisfactorily indulge your personal desires. Obligations to your loved ones must take precedence over personal pleasures. You also have an obligation to fully exploit your creative talents to fulfill the demands of your career. This will improve your image before others and let them know that you share some of their material and personal advantages and that you aren't intimidated by them. Choose a career that requires you to deal with people's problems, because that is probably where you are most effective.

You are generally successful in dealing with people, because you make the concessions that allow for a continuing relationship. They enjoy talking with you, and they know that your interest in them is sincere. You definitely need people to be a sounding board for your intellectual development and to verify that your actions in their behalf have yielded satisfactory results. You must figure out exactly why you are interested in people and what your motivations are for becoming involved with them. There are two possible reasons. On one hand, you may be driven by envy to gain control over their resources, but on the other hand, you may be sincerely concerned for their well-being and want to do what you can to make them happy. You may be tempted by both motives and vacillate between them before making a commitment.

Make certain that you understand every implication of the preceding paragraph. Ideally, your actions will be directed by a strong spiritual desire to make sacrifices in helping those who lack your deep perception in handling problems. While it may often be desirable to make concessions to others, you must not allow them to gain complete control over you so that you cannot fulfill your own destiny.

Mars **in** **Sagittarius** 26° 55'

(Donna van Toen)

You have high physical energies, adequate mental and emotional energies, and low practical energies. Your energy is freedom-seeking, erratic and speculative. It is often channeled into gambling of a literal or figurative nature, publishing, and giving advice to others. Your strengths include hope, optimism and enthusiasm. You lack discrimination, endurance and consistency.

You have a strong sense of justice and an inner strength based on a positive philosophy of life. You're also courageous and very good at debating, persuading, and popularizing. Your spontaneity is a plus, although at times it can contribute to sloppiness or slapdash work. And should your Mars be under severe stress - in a Grand Cross, for example - your tendency to act without thinking can get you into a fair amount of difficulty.

Sexually, you're expansive and undoubtedly not the sort to 'save yourself for marriage'. You tend to approach any kind of sexual encounter optimistically, and sometimes with not a lot of discrimination. If it's offered, after all, it must be a sign that somebody 'up there' thinks you need it. If it's not offered, men with Mars in Sagittarius can be quite bold, blunt, and even crude about asking for it. And they have few qualms about one-night or even one-hour stands. What they do have qualms about is committing and taking responsibility; they are not, by nature, Boy Scouts, and hence do not always come prepared. Women with this Mars placement tend not to be really good at 'feminine wiles' and often wind up being the best friend rather than the lover. They do, however, enjoy sex - although they sometimes, to their detriment, get it mixed up with love.

It's hard to say what you want, except that you want what you believe in. And you'll fight to get it. 'It' might be foreign travel, higher education, specialized knowledge, or merely freedom to come and go as you please with no strings. You tend to approach virtually any involvement in a wide-open, anything-goes fashion. For this reason, a lot depends on your philosophy of life. There can be beautifully spontaneous relationships that deepen without losing their zest as time goes on, or there can merely be a series of rather superficial relationships - fun while they last, but not lasting long. Your best chances of happiness would come from involvement with someone who has Venus in a Fire sign, Venus in the 9th house, or a Venus / Jupiter conjunction. People with Fire or Air predominating in their charts will probably be more compatible with you than those who have Earth or Water predominating.

You're best off working for someone else in a salaried job. You have a high energy level and are a self-starter, but meeting deadlines isn't your strong suit. You have a tendency to get side-tracked and spread yourself too thin. In a corporation, this tendency will be squashed pretty quickly, and therefore will be kept under control by you if you value your job. But when self-employed, or working freelance, with no-one to account for your time, your unreliability can lead to more than one setback. Curb that tendency to scatter your energies, and success will be yours! With proper training, you could do well in the following areas: legal work, religious work, publishing, diplomatic work, publicity, communications, lecturing, philosophy, travel, exploring, or flight engineering.

Unless an activity has tremendous potential to improve your life, your interest in it passes quickly and your motivation remains on low. Trips to little-explored foreign places and opportunities to teach or do research in new, wide-open fields would be typical of the sort of activity that motivates you strongly. On a smaller scale, social activity involving shared creative or intellectual interests, or meeting people who expand your

mind somehow, can lead to lucky breaks. So can romance. Fads, especially those of a recreational nature, can provide you with good opportunities, as can any action on your part that's designed purposely to remove restrictions from your life.

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have a tendency to alienate others by competitively pitting your philosophical understanding against another's intelligence. You can inadvertently imply that the beliefs of others are based on inferior understanding and intellectual ability. You may lose energy for expanded insights by using the power of Sagittarius intellect to intimidate others with demonstrations of self-righteousness.

Dynamic

You can assert a powerful intellect by inspiring others to attain their intellectual heights. When you are willing to learn as well as teach, you can accept the views of others and incorporate their ideas with yours. Taking the time to understand another's point of view first allows you to establish a line of communication. You can gain energy by acknowledging the intellectual contributions of others and actively inspiring them to reach out and expand their goals and ideals.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

People with Mars in Sagittarius tend to have huge expectations of sex. Believing it to be a path to self-knowledge, many are looking for sex to give meaning to life, and they may elevate it to the status of a religious belief. This can lead to restless promiscuity as they search for the spiritual enlightenment they crave. They can make a religion out of their own need for sexual freedom in order to pursue this illusive goal. On the surface, they appear to be happy and easy-going; but underneath there may be emptiness, despair, and a sense of having been cheated, as life constantly fails to match up to expectations. This provokes an endless search for the deep sexual healing that they believe could soothe this inner pain.

As with all Fire signs, but most intensely with Sagittarius, there is a propensity to feel limited by the body, which holds them down when they want to be all spirit; and this can lead to a total rejection of the physical. This manifestation of Mars in Sagittarius can indicate someone who despises the ways of the flesh and aspires to devote him- / herself to the concerns of the mind and spirit, therefore renouncing sex completely.

On a more ordinary everyday level, most people with Mars in Sagittarius do not live in such an extreme way, but they do all have the need for sex to bring meaning to life, together with a strong belief in personal freedom. There is a common desire for sex to

enrich their lives spiritually and offer a gateway to personal development. They are stimulated by differences and challenge, and so are often attracted to those who come from very different backgrounds who can give them a new perspective and widen their horizons.

The impulsive nature of Mars in Sagittarius people means that they often jump too quickly into close relationships and then immediately feel restricted, so that often they have no sooner started a relationship than they have dreams of leaving. There is a tendency to run away from difficult situations rather than face up to the consequences of their own action. Indeed, they often find it hard to accept responsibility for what happens, believing that they have acted with the best of intentions and that therefore it must be the other person's fault.

In order to enjoy sex, these people need to feel free to act spontaneously. Within a relationship that offers this, they are very active and enthusiastic sexual partners, uninhibited and keen to experiment. They need the stimulation of variety, and tend to become bored if sex is too predictable.

The person with Mars in Sagittarius will want to get a lot of fun out of his / her relationships, and will enjoy going out to the cinema, concerts, and other entertainments with his / her partner. These people are also likely to enjoy their partners participating in sporting activities with them, so that a shared morning job or a tough game of tennis could be quite an aphrodisiac!

People with Mars in this sign are able to make their partners feel really good. They have a warm enthusiasm which they give out freely - if they want you, they really show it. Generous-spirited and optimistic, they expect to be desired, and so act in an open, confident way. If they are rebuffed, they will just try again or turn their attention elsewhere. They can, however, be rather careless with other people's feelings, tending to act first and think later, which can be very painful to those who are more sensitive. They find it hard to focus on the here and now or empathize with other people, as their gaze is firmly fixed on the distant horizon. They prefer to ignore difficulties, and that includes people's hurt feelings. Rather than grapple with present problems, they will concentrate on their visions for the future and chase their dreams. For someone who shares these dreams, it can be an exciting road to travel.

(Skye Alexander)

Restless and energetic, you need lots of physical activity, and have trouble sitting still for long. You want to be on the move as much as possible. Your boundless curiosity and adventurousness may inspire you to explore distant realms; and you enjoy nothing better than travelling.

You probably enjoy sports and have natural athletic ability as well as energy, speed and

enthusiasm. Since Sagittarius is associated with the legs, you might excel at skiing, running, soccer, basketball or bicycling. Or, your love of speed and gambling could make you an auto- or horse-racing enthusiast. Unless you have some stabilizing factors in your birth chart, though, you may not have the discipline and determination to develop your talent fully; you want to have a good time, and once it becomes work you lose interest.

You have a tendency to scatter your energy, to try to do too many things at the same time, and to spread yourself too thinly. Because your attention span is short and your interests are many, you often start things but fail to finish them, and are inclined to promise more than you can deliver. It seems that you are always late and rushing madly from place to place, like the rabbit in Alice in Wonderland.

Friendly, witty and good-natured, you have many associates, people with whom you like to do things and have fun. You love to talk, but prefer to keep the subjects light and humorous, and often entertain friends with jokes and amusing stories. You have a vivid imagination, and might channel your energy and enthusiasm into creating a colorful fantasy world. Too often, however, you prefer the fantasy land you've imagined to the responsibilities of the material world.

You believe that you are invincible; and your irrepressible confidence and optimism usually get you through the tough times, so that it seems as though you were born under a lucky star. Often you succeed because you never stop to think about failing. You are the quintessential salesperson or con artist, and sometimes even manage to convince yourself that your snake oil really works. Even if one of your fanciful schemes doesn't pan out, however, you bounce back from defeats with hope in your heart and a smile on your face, and it's hard to stay mad at you for long. To you, it's all a game, and the playing is what counts.

You approach sex as if it, too, were a game to be enjoyed, but not taken too seriously. It's difficult for you to commit to one person, partly because you don't want to limit your opportunities and partly because you are afraid of serious involvements. You are terrified of being 'trapped' in a relationship. In this area as in so many others, you are better at starting things than finishing them.

Men with this planetary combination are proud of their sense of humor, positive attitude, athletic ability and playfulness, and see wit and optimism as desirable qualities in a man. You enjoy nothing more than watching a ball game or going out drinking with the boys. But when things get too serious you become uncomfortable and you fill your life with activity to avoid dealing with important issues. Free and easy with your money and time, you like to impress others with your generosity. Responsibility, however, isn't your strong suit, and things like mortgage payments and business meetings tend to slip your mind.

Women with Mars in Sagittarius find humorous, upbeat, fun-loving men most appealing.

You want a partner with whom you can go places and do things, not someone who will sit quietly with you in front of the fireplace. In particular, you might be attracted to athletes and / or tall, active, robust men who make you laugh.

Mars in 4th House

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

Anything in the 4th house may be hidden from view. But, sooner or later, the drive to express the self latent in a 4th house Mars can no longer remain underground. And like anything which has been locked away for any length of time in the basement, it is not likely to be very pretty when you finally let it out. This placement suggests a hidden aggressiveness and anger that needs to be brought to the surface, analysed, re-

integrated into the personality, and consciously directed to constructive ends. At first Mars may appear as intense fury and rage, erupting volcanically all over the place, surprising both those who spew it and anybody within close range. Once the Mars is 'freed', however, those with this placement eventually grow more adept and graceful at expressing and honouring everything that is going on inside them - the nasty bits as well as the good. Reconnecting to a 4th house Mars, like drinking a wellknown beer, enlivens the parts other planets can't reach. A kind of juicy vitality which wasn't there before pervades much more of the life.

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

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

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

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

This placement almost always indicates a heavy relationship with the mother that marks the entire life. The mother is apt to be domineering, though if aspects are supportive, this

may simply show as strength and support without her will being imposed to too great a degree. In any case, the mother outshines the father, who may die or leave the home during childhood. If the Moon is here, or Neptune, or if Mars is in Cancer or Pisces, there is sorrow added - the mother suffers, is ill, or is unhappy or hysterical. Or, she may die, leaving them with lifelong emotional pain and guilt. This can result in alcoholism and, possibly (with enough other testimony), suicide.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jupiter ♃ in ♑ Capricorn 25° 33'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

In delaying or postponing the use of the Capricorn natural talents to fulfil your desires, formulate plans, or manipulate business dealings, you may experience insecurity about your inner integrity that is aimed toward achievement. Thus, you can be at a loss to manifest those talents within you. If you give in to righteous ideas about controlling others or repress your fine managerial abilities, you may undergo frustration and doubts about yourself.

Dynamic

When you trust your integrity and utilize your natural managerial talents to organize what you truly believe in, you may discover that your abilities to manage others bring joy to everyone as well as yourself. By taking a leap of faith and putting yourself in situations where you can delegate authority and manage resources, you can experience an expansion of faith in yourself to use your talents with integrity.

(Marilyn Waram)

When the expansive, inquisitive, optimistic Jupiter drive has to express itself through the cautious, reserved, and often pessimistic sign of Capricorn, something has to give! Sometimes the person will live frustrated for years, unable to completely hold in the Jupiterian exuberance and tendency to gallop off into the future only half-prepared, and equally unable to stop the regrets and Capricornian recriminations and guilt which follow such behavior. If she allows the Capricorn to prevail most of the time, her Jupiter nature is even more likely to break free at unexpected and usually completely inopportune times.

There is something of a clash between the Jupiterian tendency to invest faith, particularly in intellectual concepts and coherent systems of philosophy, and the Capricorn tendency to not believe in anything unless it can be eaten, put in the bank, or

slept on. Capricorn deals with what is material, and judges this and often only this to be real, and therefore acceptable. Jupiter's territory looks like so much hot air, smoke and mirrors to the Capricorn side of human nature.

The Jupiter nature may, however, invest Capricornian principles and traits with great value. The individual with this placement is often a committed employee because she upholds the work ethic, puritan-type virtues, reality as it is, and the need to succeed in the world's eyes. She may find traits such as dependability, reliability, conservatism, frugality, strong career devotion and ambition, and hard-nosed realism very appealing. She could preach to others about the superiority of these characteristics.

The person with Jupiter in Capricorn may bring optimism, confidence and far-sightedness into a business environment. She may infuse reactionary philosophies with new insight and enlightenment. She could express her values in practical ways, expanding the vision and scope of society's structures and conventions until they deal more effectively with current problems and issues. She has the capacity both to work effectively herself - that is, to be ambitious and hardworking - and to envision a better future. She may make a highly valuable leader, whether in business or government, as she can combine idealism with pragmatism, high principles with effective action, a vision of the future with the ability to deal with the structures available today. She could also swing back and forth between all of these, feeling hopeful and full of faith in the future one moment, and crushed by the realities of the present the next moment.

Usually, the person with Jupiter in Capricorn has some strong ideals about government, business, career goals and the way to deal with reality. She can make an ultimate value out of career or public success, and place all her faith in control and power, or monetary gain, or discipline and denial. Her approach to philosophy may be somewhat dry - if it will advance her ambitions or status or wealth, fine; if not, what's the point? This is more likely when the placement is backed up by other chart factors.

If projected, the individual with Jupiter in Capricorn may see her father, or the conditional-love parent, as well as subsequent authority figures, as intellectual, bright and full of knowledge. She may think they are just blowhards. She could expect them to have answers and be disappointed when they fail her. She could expect material resources and career success to give her a sense of complete fulfillment, and be very frustrated when they do not. She tends to place a great deal of faith in the work ethic and the puritan virtues, and may suffer great disappointment when one of life's crueler vagaries happens to her. She expects to avoid these by prudent living.

This is another of the transpersonal placements of Jupiter. The individual may grapple with the seemingly selfish tendencies of Capricorn, wherein personal security is sought - but by being competent and successful in the larger world. She may find she is most fulfilled when she expresses and lives her values at work and through her career choices.

Jupiter in Capricorn is one suggestion that difficulties with beliefs originate with too much focus on materialistic goals, too much scepticism and fear of expansion, and too much demand for scientific proof. When Jupiter in Capricorn is positively expressed, however, the individual has the capacity to be a visionary executive, that rare leader who has self-discipline enough to deal with the realities of the present, but who also sees into the future with hopeful expectation that things will improve. She not only hopes; she thinks about how to act today to ensure that the improvements actually occur. She balance fear with hope, scepticism with exploration, cold facts with future possibilities.

(Skye Alexander)

Through work, you expand your understanding of yourself and your place in the world; and some of your most important learning experiences are likely to come to you through your career. Actually, you enjoy working and derive much pleasure from seeing a job well done. However, you might become a workaholic since so much of your self-esteem and your satisfactions in life are connected to your job.

You possess natural managerial ability, have a good head for business, and are known for your shrewdness, common sense, reliability and diligence. Supervising and organizing operations gives you a sense of satisfaction, and you like being in a position of responsibility. You assume authority easily, and are comfortable in a decision-making role, believing that no-one is quite as capable as you.

Status is important to you, and you want to have the respect of your peers, your community and society in general. Though you are ambitious, you do not desire glory or riches as much as honor and authority. For instance, you would prefer being president of a colleg to being a movie star. Success, however, is likely to come to you slowly, little by little and as a result of your own efforts, rather than being dropped in your lap by Lady Luck.

In the extreme, your ambition might cause you to do just about anything to achieve your goals; and you may believe that 'the ends justify the means'. Above all, you are a pragmatist, and you do what you believe must be done without letting your emotions or ideologies get in the way. Thus, others often see you as cold and calculating.

You respect traditions; and unless something has stood the test of time you don't place much value on it. Consequently, you tend to stick with what you know rather than taking chances on new ideas, techniques or practices; and you can be extremely rigid and oldfashioned. The 'god' you worship might be tradition. Upholding the status quo benefits you, and through becoming part of the establishment you are likely to increase your wealth, status and / or sense of security. Therefore, you see no reason to make changes or 'rock the boat'. You might even become well-known as a result of your conservative views.

You also seek security, stability and a predictable, well-defined, orderly life. Thus, you might go to the 'right' schools, work hard, plan carefully, hold on to your resources, invest in blue chip stocks, support the established order, and associate with people who can benefit you so as to provide the best possible future for yourself and your descendants.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Jupiter in the sign Capricorn is in its fall because Capricorn is opposite the sign Cancer, in which Jupiter is exalted. This situation is manifested in an overconcern with the letter of the law rather than the spirit. However, Jupiter in Capricorn, if well aspected, can give great integrity, especially in moral conduct, business ethics, and the responsibilities of high office.

Natives generally have conservative, traditional values concerning politics, education, and moral conduct. They support the value system of the social, economic and political status quo, overlooking its injustices, faults and hypocrisies. The resulting rigidity of social outlook can alienate the younger generation and those who embrace a universal point of view.

People with Jupiter in Capricorn often acquire positions of economic or political responsibility. They will exercise prudence, caution, and a mature judgement therein, but may lack imagination, creativity, and the ability to innovate.

They have a strong drive for power and status, prompted either by personal ambition or by a sense of duty to society; this drive can interfere with their home life and the personal, emotional values associated with it. The corporation executive who spends all his time at the office dealing with those in power, and neglects his family, is typical of persons with Jupiter in Capricorn. These people often acquire a cold, austere personal manner in their later years, and they hide the inner feeling of emotional frustration and loneliness engendered under an attitude of dignity and importance.

With this position of Jupiter, great wealth is often attained, through ambition, patience, managerial ability, and the wise use of resources. Since these people seek the status conferred by wealth and high position, they automatically adopt the values of those with impressive status who can help them achieve prominence.

These people abhor extravagance and waste. If Jupiter is afflicted and this tendency is carried to extremes, there can be miserliness or an inclination to economize in small matters and at the same time to be extravagant in large ones.

(Grant Lewi)

This position presents opportunity to you from very practical sources. Anything will appeal which helps present you as an authoritative and consequential person; and you will follow most readily those beacons that lead to the mountain tops of public acclaim. You combine daring and caution in a nice mixture. Money is not important in itself, though it may be as a means to power or as a symptom of success. You will risk money to get fame or power; but you'll never risk fame or power to get money. Because you see only such opportunities as tend to advance you in the eyes of the world, irrelevant bypaths and blind alleys don't distract you, and you plug mercilessly along the only path you see, leading upward and onward to the High Place.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Capricorn, Jupiter is a contradiction. The native wants to be generous, but also has a deep respect for security. He wants to travel but has a need for an 'anchor', a place to stay, to feel secure. He wants to pioneer, but has enormous respect (or fear?) for tradition. He wants authority, yet hesitates to bear down in order to earn it. He has the ability to organize, manage, direct; he has great interest in challenges, things that seem far off in the distance - but when the challenges are met (or come closer) he seems to lose interest. The astrologer should help him to see the obvious, to keep his mind open, to remain intellectually curious and excited, or his life will sink into the morass of the conventional - and, eventually, he will drive loved ones away because he grows so sure of himself he becomes a downright bore.

(Stephen Arroyo)

With Jupiter in Capricorn, one seeks to grow and to improve oneself through hard work, discipline, and steady progress. One needs to express qualities of self-control and confident conservatism in order to improve the self; one has an innate sense of authority that inspires trust from other people. Optimism and expansion can be squelched by an overly serious, fearful attitude. One's faith and trust is based on reality, experience, and one's innate understanding of the value of history and tradition. Opportunities come through one's ability to be reliable, responsible, and patient - qualities that are usually well-developed.

In Capricorn, Jupiter is opposite Cancer, where it is especially well-placed and therefore traditionally considered to be 'exalted'; in Capricorn, Jupiter is in its 'fall', a position where its innate qualities are not so easily expressed. However, that does not mean Jupiter's power should be underestimated here, as we shall see in this section. Nothing in Capricorn comes quickly or easily, although at times one must wonder why these people make things unnecessarily difficult for themselves. As Isabel Hickey wrote, those with Jupiter in Capricorn are 'too cautious for their own good'.

The extreme caution with which these folks approach everything, from close relationships to handling money, is of course typical of the sign Capricorn. Those with

Jupiter here don't trust anything that is not 'proven' or validated by traditional acceptance. The sceptical streak in their minds is pervasive, but they are not without practical ideals! The fact is that tradition plays a large part in molding their ideals. They will look at the history of any action or ideal that they are evaluating, and will slowly test it to determine how much risk there really is. They are not fools and don't ever want to appear to be such; dignity is immensely important to them. They feel that knowing the risks in advance is simply practical. They have little need for the sheer excitement of taking risks, as so many people do; once they have determined that there is little risk, or at least that it is acceptable for the goal being pursued, they can act decisively.

However, those with Jupiter in Capricorn will take extra risks in order to gain authority. Oftentimes, those with Jupiter here seem to attract especially powerful enemies, because of their power or prestige. This Jupiter certainly inflates the ambition, and the result is well-described by Moore and Douglas: 'Having achieved the position of eminence for which they have labored, they may be obliged to pay the price once more in a sense of isolation and loneliness. Then they should try to forget their dignity and enjoy the simple pleasures of life without worrying about an image to be maintained or an impression to be made'.

The resourcefulness of these people should never be underestimated, nor should their determination. They may well simply outwork those endowed with more cleverness or imagination; and their sense of duty and responsibility is legendary. They can of course be austere and heavy-handedly judgemental; a Jupiter in Capricorn evidently often becomes rigid and easily lapses into self-righteousness. Carter, Mayo, and Davison all use the term 'conscientious' to describe this person; and Ebertin relates Capricorn Jupiter to 'consciousness of goal', which I take to mean the innate ability to patiently act with a view to long-term plans.

Carter wrote of this placement: 'Reticent, self-controlled, righteous'. Mayo wrote: 'Enthusiasm for duty; expands ambition (autocratic) and organizing ability'. Ebertin wrote: 'A sense of responsibility, trustworthiness... qualities of leadership, hypocrisy, egotism'. Hickey wrote: 'A tendency to be miserly with the expression of loving feelings, as well as with money'.

This last quotation brings to mind the inherent conflict with Jupiter in Saturn's sign; it can create a tension between thriftiness and extravagant arrogance, or the need to be recognized and respected for being generous while at the same time wanting to maintain one's financial security by not spending unnecessarily. Although they are more concerned with appearances and being 'respectable' than are Jupiter in Scorpio people, those with Capricorn Jupiter are quite similar in that they may alternate between penny-pinching and spending prolifically. They do not like waste, but they may invest huge sums in either business ventures or goals that they deem to be in accord with their higher values.

Essential qualities of the Jupiter-Capricorn personality are precisely captured in Moore

and Douglas's following comments: 'Jupiter-Capricorn people work in a practical and conservative manner without the inclination to indulge in risky speculation. They conduct their affairs according to the tried-and-true rules of tradition, and are satisfied with slow growth and gradual gain. Generally, they flourish in business; and when given the opportunity to manage established enterprises of proven merit, they justify the faith invested in them. They want to know precisely where they stand financially and to feel that the ground is solid beneath their feet. This position is conducive to a career in government, politics, or large corporations where business is carried on impersonally and strictly according to protocol'.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This gives a blend of positive, extrovert qualities (Jupiter) with powerfully negative, introvert ones (Capricorn). Together they produce a set of remarkable characteristics. The individual is ambitious and determined and will not shirk responsibility. He or she is able to work very hard and persistently, and usually has excellent powers of concentration. Parents of children with this placing must not expect their offspring to make meteoric leaps to the top of the class. Nevertheless, they will make very steady gradual progress; and what is learned will be remembered. This is generally the pattern throughout life.

The outlook is extremely sensible, neither shirking the acceptance of challenge nor being blindly optimistic. Common sense and some caution should dominate, and hard-earned success will be the eventual outcome. There can be times when the more serious side of Capricorn will be to the fore, resulting in a tendency toward a rather bleak and marginally pessimistic attitude or outlook; the generosity and flamboyance of Jupiter will not often be evident when the planet is in this sign. However, the jolly Jupiter sense of humor combines with the offbeat Capricorn one to emerge when it is least expected, to the great amusement of those present; it is most certainly something to look for!

The individuals are usually kind and thoughtful, but sometimes pigheadedness and the tendency to think that they are always right can be evident. At times, this will tend to make them their own worst enemies, but these more extreme tendencies usually only occur if Jupiter receives a square aspect from the Sun or Moon. Pay extra attention to the placing and influence of Saturn since, if that planet is heavily aspected or personalized, the capricorn influence on Jupiter (i.e. the more serious personality traits) will tend to dominate.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a constructive, though potentially conditional, giver. You have the goodness to live up to material responsibilities - without it becoming a slog. You have the morality to uphold traditional values - without them becoming restrictive. You have reverence for time-worn customs and rituals - yet should pledge to do so without incurring a loss of

meaning.

You can be trusted to keep to certain tried and true methods and patterns in one or more areas of your life, even though they may not be that obvious; to deliver what you promise, mainly because you don't promise what you cannot deliver; and to endure and make the most of times of difficulty or scarcity.

You may be excessively dependent upon the rules and regulations laid down by someone else, be that Other or the State, or whoever appears to have the authority; excessively reactionary towards this; excessively cautious in what you give out - and then you expect something back in return; and excessively caught up in the seeking of status, and overlooking your true worth in the process.

You believe that life is basically a proving ground, a working situation, and that any kind of luxury must be well-deserved; that any spiritual belief should be based upon and around practical needs and natural laws and cycles; and that 'by their works shall ye know them'.

You disagree with fanciful or newfangled beliefs and ideas that have no proper roots in older systems; and with giving time or space to anyone who is all talk and no walk. Be aware that today's radicals are tomorrow's conservatives; constructive criticism is better than outright dismissal.

When you are alone, it is as if you yourself have barred yourself from rewarding and sustainable relationships by imposing certain limiting conditions, or by allowing yourself to be subjected to them. This has something to do with the idea that you are what you believe you are - an idea that Jupiter in Capricorn will possibly sniff at. If you believe you are not capable of having a successful relationship, then that is what the case will be. From your point of view, there are probably some very practical and logical reasons for being on your own. But it is the other way around - you are choosing these restrictive circumstances, when the real reasons are to do with more emotional and internal qualities of your being. In short, you attract apparently limited or limiting relationships that reflect how you are limiting yourself - because you do not want to explore an area where you have no control. I recommend you to look for the real reasons for being alone under your other Planet-Sign combinations, especially the Moon and Venus if you are male, or the Sun and Mars if you are female.

(John Townley)

You are happiest when a new affair can be guided along familiar paths. Then you can provide your partner with enrichment and fulfillment. In an unpredictable relationship, you will spend too much time coping with change to fully unleash your capacity for expression. Your style is solid and substantial; continual fluctuations diffuse your energy and do not suit you. You need a fairly well-defined relationship.

For this reason, you will probably be happiest with a lover you know well and can be certain of pleasing, a comfortable companion who also knows how to give you maximum enjoyment.

One technique that may particularly heighten your lovemaking is abstinence, followed by fulfillment in a very carefully delineated and predictable fashion. In this way, you may reach a special intensity of expression that can't be found in regular sexual release.

On the nonphysical level, it is best if you have the reinforcement of continuous love from your partner. If you can count on love, you are able to keep your creativity flowing in other areas. Similarly, you are most appreciative of a lover who treasures your daily affections and is aware of the variety of your attentions, however small.

(Robert Hand)

Your growth in life will come through concrete achievement in the world. You feel that ideals are all very well, and it is good to be moral and ethical, but you want to translate your ideals into action. You want to see real results that others can point to as yours. With your fine organizational skills, you will be good at putting other people's ideas into practice, and you will understand what can and cannot be done. You are, or should be, a practical person and a realist, because if you are not, your life will not work out very well. Capricorn planets must deal with reality. With this placement, you may feel that the universe will not meet your needs unless you work to justify your existence. This has the effect of dampening the normal exuberance of youth to some extent, although you should have plenty left. Most of the characteristics of this placement will be expressed more clearly as you get older.

You are quite concerned about being right; and you will argue very hard for your point of view. Anything that is not right, you condemn as weakness, and you may be very hard on yourself when you make a mistake. Also you are likely to be hard on others when they make mistakes. You must work to develop a sense of compassion for your own and others' weaknesses, for otherwise you will gradually become cold and unfeeling. In that case, people would begin to avoid you.

You enjoy taking responsibility and being in a position of authority. You work hard to gain the approval of authority figures, such as teachers and parents; and you may identify with them rather than with people of your own age. This could alienate you from your peers, however, if you carry it too far.

Jupiter ♃ in 5th House

(Stephen Arroyo)

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Since all of the 'fiery' houses have a major impact on one's attitude toward life itself, one would be correct in assuming that having Jupiter in this house (the house correlated with the Sun and Leo) would indeed motivate a person to have a strongly philosophical - and usually optimistic - attitude toward life. There is in this placement of Jupiter a powerful urge toward significance - toward 'being somebody' (as in show business), toward expressing something significant creatively, or toward making a significant contribution to society. It is not surprising that Jupiter in the fifth house is not known for a humble expression of one's self and beliefs, for such a big planet in such a powerful, dynamic house cannot be squelched or ignored.

The upbeat, optimistic quality of Jupiter is expressed well through the fifth house, with little inhibition; and, in fact, sometimes life is seen or felt to be a show, a drama, or an arena for spontaneous and enjoyable play. Traditionally, the fifth house rules speculation, and - with Jupiter in this house - risk-taking of all kinds is accentuated. Risking hurt by giving one's heart (fifth house) in love; risking financial loss through speculative investment; risking disapproval by appearing on stage in the hope of public approbation; or launching out into the world a creative work, thus risking criticism, rejection, or sheer neglect - all of these are fifth house ventures closely tied in with one's identity. All are a result of revealing and projecting publicly one's innermost self, as is also having children, another reflection of one's self (or, at least, so many parents seem to think!). So what does such extensive risk-taking have to do with 'Identity Security', this house's keywords? Simply that, by taking risks in a wide range of activities and modes of personal expression, we can grow more secure and gain confidence that we do indeed have something to contribute; and thus our awareness of our inner self and creative purpose (beyond mere personality) can be expanded.

In Indian Vedic astrology, the fiery houses (1, 5 & 9) are known as dharma houses, and are thus connected with right action. The fifth house specifically is known for symbolizing 'creative intelligence', which is not intellectual ability but rather a more intuitive perception with a creative flair. All the fiery houses have to do with projecting dreams into the physical world in the hope of seeing them manifested; but the fifth house especially - being the most creative house of all - represents a strong need to see an effect on the world at large through one's creative ventures and self-expression. With Jupiter in this house, this urge tends to be even more persistent and powerful than with most other placements in the fifth house. This house, in fact, has more to do with true creativity than with fame; many creative pioneers have various planets in this house but are relatively unknown. If I wrote about such individuals in this book, the reader wouldn't have the vaguest idea about who they are!

Creative expression can take so many forms that we should not fall into the trap of

seeing creativity only as expressed in a few artistic or entertainment fields, for Jupiter in this house can indicate an entrepreneurial streak as well, creatively building a business through the power of vision into the future. Or one can find people who encourage others to grow or to express themselves, especially those who work with children. One can also find unique examples of creative expression. Jupiter in this house can also manifest itself as being outspoken in a creative way, thus having a strong impact on society.

Because the fifth house is known for taking risks, and especially so when Jupiter is posited in it, we have to mention the tendency toward going to excess through taking too much risk. As Charles Carter wrote about the fifth house in *Essays*,

Thus it would not be too much to postulate that the term 'the house of self-undoing' is much more applicable to this sector than to the maligned 12th house, which more often points to trouble through other people. Those who have ruined themselves through self-indulgence and recklessness... will usually show in their nativities an involvement of the 5th house....

(Marilyn Waram)

A Fire planet ought to be at home in Fire house; and it is true that this is a comfortable placement for Jupiter. However, this is the house of the ego, and Jupiter is the planet of excesses, so there are lots of ways to go with this combination.

Jupiter placed in the fifth house connects ultimate values and the tendency to expand to the ego, self-esteem, willingness to take risks, courage, creative ability, children and lovers.

A person with Jupiter in the fifth house may value children tremendously and have many. He may expect his children to be perfect - that is, have extremely high or totally unrealistic standards for them - or he may project, and think they expect him to be so. He may set himself up as God in his relationship with them, and present himself as a parent who does not make mistakes and should never be questioned or doubted. He may enjoy teaching them, and may have to watch a tendency to play guru, to act as if he has all the answers. This is a particularly easy pattern to fall into because young children naturally look to their parents for answers and it can become seductive. In other words, the parent may enjoy the role so much he is unwilling to relinquish it later, and may fight the children when they come home with different ideas.

With Jupiter in the fifth, an individual may assume his children already are perfect, and defend them against all possible criticism. He may project Jupiter qualities on to them and discover that not only do they express all the confidence and enthusiasm and optimism which he lacks, but also they have outrageously unrealistic expectations of others, take too much for granted, assume they are entitled to anything they want, and irritate him with their tendency to preach. It is also possible with Jupiter in the fifth that

the individual may value children in theory but want to maintain his freedom and so have none. Often this is experienced as a decision not to bring children into such an imperfect world. Or he may idealize certain qualities of children but be totally unwilling to deal with the realities of diapers, runny noses and crying fits.

All of this can be applied to lovers, as well. They may be idealized and put up on a pedestal. The individual may expect ultimate fulfillment from a lover or a love affair, or think he offers it himself. He may enjoy teaching a love partner, or expect her to have the answers. He may set himself or her up as a master who can do no wrong. He may set himself up as God, or assume that she is. He may demand too much from her, take her for granted, and have unrealistic expectations of her; or he may project, and experience all these from her. He may project his Jupiter qualities onto her, and be initially attracted to her free spirit, enthusiasm, optimism and intellect, but later be annoyed by her cavalier attitudes, self-righteousness and grandiosity.

With Jupiter in the fifth house, unless there are other factors in the chart to seriously dampen it, the ego, self-esteem and self-confidence tend to be high. With confidence and a healthy self-esteem, an individual can weather life's difficulties with remarkably little lasting damage. This is one of the placements which is most likely to have a positive world view - that is, to have a basic faith that the world is a good place and that he has a right to - and decent odds that he will - enjoy himself.

Low self-esteem is known to be at the bottom of many chronic mental health and dysfunctional behavior problems. The individual with Jupiter in the fifth has the most chance of avoiding problems which stem from low self-esteem. Jupiter's association with a natural confidence and optimism can be of enormous benefit in the fifth house due to their positive effect on self-esteem.

All that does not preclude problems, however. This is a very restless combination which is doubly exuberant, doubly positive, doubly courageous and doubly willing to take risks. This may denote a daring and bold personality. With the Jupiter propensity to symbolize excesses, however, there is a strong possibility it will indicate recklessness and foolhardiness. The individual may gamble money, time, or even lives, depending on the scope of his power. He may place all his faith in his courage, Indiana Jones-style, and neglect simple safety measures which would make the heroics unnecessary. He may become an excitement addict, living for thrills and living on the edge, because that is where he gets the biggest adrenaline rush. Or he could simply assume that he is a hero and brag about his smallest accomplishments as if they were epic adventures.

The fifth house is one of the keys to creative ability; and with Jupiter placed here, the person usually has a number of enthusiasms and creative outlets. He may have too many to keep up with adequately, or he may cheerfully overestimate his talent, his capacity for output, or his worth; but generally his positive outlook will carry him through. He can be a true inspiration to others if he is so inclined. He can teach others about the

value of self-respect and self-appreciation, and may even find he can do so through the performing arts. He may have to guard against a tendency to expect too much of himself in this, once he discovers that he has a certain charisma.

This combination is one which indicates the potential for much joy and happiness. The fifth house is the house of fun, playfulness and a kind of childlike, hopeful approach to the world. People with this combination particularly enjoy expanding their minds, travel, the cultural arts such as theatre, opera, the symphony and so on, and even religious spectacles. They usually love ceremony; the more pomp, the better. They are also individuals who have the capacity to offer ego-boosting strokes to others, as well as hope and a dramatic vision of the future. For these reasons, they are often well-liked. If they develop their integrity, they will also be well-respected. If they live according to high principles, they will be highly regarded, which regard and approval can become a powerful value.

The individual with Jupiter in the fifth is usually proud of his values, his intellect and his faith. If he travels, he will be exceptionally proud of that. He will love to be complimented on any of these, but definitely has to be at least acknowledged for them. If he should find himself in an environment where he cannot win approval, or at least recognition, he will leave quickly. There is something about Jupiter in the fifth that has the effect that the person tends to truly value his essential inner being. Naturally, this can reach obnoxious proportions; but whether it does or not, this is not an individual who will put up with neglect or abuse unless there are other strong indications in the chart for that. Many people with this placement have a healthy sense of their own value, and do not tolerate for long any situation in which they are not appreciated. They have, therefore, much to teach those people who have chronic problems with co-dependency.

When Jupiter in the fifth is handled in a balanced way, a person has a great capacity to teach others about such life-transforming qualities as joy, optimism and confidence. He has the ability to draw from many sources to make the learning process enjoyable and entertaining. As he grows in understanding of the need for personal honesty, integrity and high principles, he can become an exceptionally fine role model for many others.

(Eve Jackson)

The serious business described by the earthy houses: acquiring, ordering, and achieving on the material plane: could scarcely be effectively accomplished without the complementary creative impulse of Fire, which precedes Earth in the zodiacal cycle. Before work (sixth house) comes play; and it must be the Protestant work ethic that would place such activity under the belittling heading of 'hobbies'. I would say rather that this house reflects our capacity to express ourselves by doing what we want to do rather than what we must. Animals, even when fully grown, find time to play, which suggests that play fulfils a very basic need; in fact, it is relatively easy to relate to other species on this level. A child at play tries out the range of life's possibilities; and the ability to play

keeps adults elastic and creative.

With Jupiter in the fifth, there is usually plenty of appetite and enthusiasm for fun and games, as much or more so than when he is in the first. There is usually a great love of pleasure; and though those with this placement are sometimes accused of self-indulgence, they are happy to share their indulgence, and are often highly entertaining.

There is often a distinctly exhibitionistic streak. Jupiter's penchant for dressing up here seems to pick up something of Leo's liking for being on the stage; and this a very popular position in the charts of actors and performers. Frequent love affairs seem to go with this position too, as an expression of an irrepressible urge to find even more ways of having fun.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is an excellent position for Jupiter, as its powerfully harmonizing nature can work with both the Ascendant and the Midheaven to give leverage to whatever goals are set. People with Jupiter in the fifth have durable egos, and are not put off by much of anything. They can rise to power in whatever field they choose. However, due to the location of Jupiter just below the horizon, they may choose to become the power behind the throne; the king-maker rather than the king.

Children and young people are very important to those with this Jupiter. They may groom their children to achieve their personal goals. They are born leaders, but, until they reach the stage where their leadership is acknowledged, they may be lonely, because they are not good followers. They are usually self-employed; if they work for others, they will function best with a minimum of supervision. They may have trouble in school due to a strong sense of their own rightness and their disdain of low behavior. They feel that the mighty authority they sense within themselves far outweighs the puny authority of parents, teachers, and bosses. They have great courage and inner strength, though they may not know this about themselves until later, after they've lived a bit and examined their own lives and the results of their choices.

Saturn ♄ in ♓ Pisces 1° 8'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might seek to justify your lack of alignment with any worldly purpose because nothing measures up to your ideals of service. This may result in frustration from failing

to undertake action that contributes to bringing these Pisces ideals into manifestation. When you feel helpless in bringing about your visions and ideals, you may lose a sense of having a constructive purpose in society.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility for bringing your private dream and ideals into the world. By acknowledging yourself as creator of your private visions and dreams, you can gain confidence in the ability to bring about a true manifestation of what has already been created in your imagination.

You have the power to demonstrate your private dreams. By committing yourself unconditionally to manifesting those dreams that serve humanity, you can accept the opportunities that are currently available. Through consistent, daily demonstration of your spiritual ideals, no matter how seemingly insignificant, you can gain a sense of achievement. This leaves you with the knowledge that you have contributed to the manifestation of society's ideals in a realistic way.

General

It is time for you to dissolve ego identification with accomplishments. You can become immersed in feelings of value frustration and helplessness that keep you from manifesting your dreams. This is because the vision is changing: the old cycle of identity is dissolving, and the new is not yet on the threshold. But visions of a new identity and what the new cycle of manifestation will be like do occur.

It can be frustrating when you try to implement the new vision. This is because your destiny is to allow the vision of the new to give you enough confidence to release old forms of ego expression that are not working. In this way, you can become identified with the source, rather than activity, and your destiny is fulfilled.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Pisces is a natural sextile; but, as with the other natural sextile in Scorpio, there can be challenges. Pisces shares the search for the absolute with Sagittarius, but the Pisces search is more at the subconscious level, driven by the mystic's hunger for infinite love and beauty, for oneness with the Whole. Piscean professions can include many service careers as healer or in spiritual work. They can range from guarding prisoners to using the capacity for beauty in artistic fields or in persuading people that some product or activity will make their life more ideal. Work with chemicals, drugs, or fluids is possible with all of the Water sides of life.

Security needs are strong in Earth-Water mixtures, so faith is very important. Individuals who lack faith in a Higher Power can be plagued by anxiety, fears or phobias. Though a

successful career is always important and helpful wherever Saturn is placed in one's horoscope, individuals with Saturn in Pisces also need faith in something beyond this world. Though orthodox religions can sometimes be helpful, personal mystical experiences are likely to be more so. As with Saturn in Sagittarius, Saturn in Pisces may point to lessons in faith, which can range from extreme atheism to extreme gullibility. Saturn always calls for a 'reality' check. Ethics may be unrealistically high or low to the point of endangering the society.

If the faith is placed in a fragment of life, it is a kind of idolatry, and we usually lose the idol to force us to find a bigger God. In the early life, the father or other authority figures will be connected in some way with the principle of Pisces. The details can range from an adored, idealized parent to one who 'should' have been 'god' and given us a perfect life but let us down by being human. The parent could have been an artist, a savior, or a victim. A missing parent is common, whether really gone searching for his own beautiful dream or physically there but emotionally closed off. Even in Pisces, the call of Saturn remains the same. We can't do it all. God won't do it all. We have to do our share in making a more ideal world.

(Skye Alexander)

You are extraordinarily sensitive - to people, your environment, the psychic realms - but your sensitivity may frighten you and make you feel vulnerable or defenceless. At times, you can be a bit paranoid and depressive, and have a tendency to look on the dark side. Perhaps you believe others are out to get you and that you are helpless; or, you might focus on life's evils and think that the world is an awful place. Thin-skinned and easily hurt, you fear that nothing you do will make things better, so you simply give up without trying. Too often, you play the role of the victim or martyr; and unless you have Fire signs prominent in your chart or a strongly-placed Sun and / or Jupiter, you can become stuck in a morbid and self-destructive rut. One of your life lessons could be how you use your sensitivity.

A more constructive way would be to channel your sensitivity into artistic, spiritual or psychic work. You have the ability to tap into energies of which other people aren't aware, and could bring those energies down to Earth and use them to benefit humanity. This planetary placement can give you the grounding and focus to utilize your heightened awareness in some practical manner.

Your spiritual beliefs might be very important to you; perhaps your religion is the cornerstone of your life and provides you with a sense of security and structure. Conservative and traditional in your beliefs, you are inclined to follow one of the more orthodox and established faiths. Or, you could go to the opposite extreme and reject religion altogether because it isn't practical and can't be proved.

Perhaps you never had an opportunity to develop your artistic or musical talent fully. Or,

you might have been discouraged or kept from expressing it, maybe by parents who believed that being an artist wasn't a practical or suitable occupation. Thus, you may feel you are inadequate in this area, and can be quite sensitive to criticism. Most probably, you are a perfectionist and overly critical of yourself; therefore, if your efforts fall short, you quickly give up in discouragement. You need to use the perseverance of Saturn and work diligently to develop your skills. Another possibility is that you are afraid of getting in touch with your subconscious self - the source of your creativity - and as a result, you block the flow of artistic energy and inspiration. Your test in this life might be finding ways to open up the channel between your conscious and subconscious.

Your sensitivity enables you to feel a kinship with all living things; and because of your keen awareness of other realms and dimensions you understand your connection to everything else in the Universe. You can't bear to see any creature suffer, and might work in some way to alleviate pain in the world. Perhaps you embrace one of the nature religions, or are involved in efforts to save our planet from pollution and bring peace to the world. With this placement in your chart, you have the ability to combine compassion with pragmatism and find workable ways to manifest the Divine on Earth.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Pisces is a difficult position because here the karmic planet is in the karmic sign. The natives have a tendency to become trapped in their memories of the past. An overactive, fearful imagination generates all types of anxieties and neuroses. Consequently, it is difficult for these people to deal effectively with the demands of the present. In extreme cases, the imagination creates personal slights and problems that do not really exist.

On the positive side, Saturn in Pisces can give these people emotional understanding, humility, and the willingness to work on behalf of those less fortunate than themselves. If the rest of the horoscope indicates mental clarity, there also can be psychological insight into others.

If Saturn is well aspected, these people are capable of deep meditation. This steadies the psyche and makes possible profound spiritual understanding.

An afflicted Saturn in Pisces can result in paranoia, excessive worry, fretfulness, and regret over past mistakes and misfortunes. When carried too far, these reactions can result in neurotic or psychotic tendencies leading to incarceration in mental institutions or other places of confinement. In some cases, the neurotic problems are manifested in physical illness and hospital confinement, especially with oppositions to Saturn in Pisces from Virgo, the sign of health.

These people need a certain amount of quiet and solitude in order to tap their inner resources. They should also spend some time actively participating in the affairs of the

world, to avoid moroseness and excessive introversion. If Saturn is afflicted in Pisces, they should make strong efforts to avoid self-pity.

Vain regretting of the past can become a cancerous growth on the soul, destroying happiness, creativity, and usefulness to self and others. This position demands objective, critical self-analysis so that the natives can discover their personal worth and abilities - as well as defects - and thus find a way out of their difficulties. They must learn to let go of the past and take constructive action in the present.

This position of Saturn often indicates that work will be done behind the scenes in large institutions - hospitals, asylums, universities, or government agencies.

(Grant Lewi)

This position causes you to seek confirmation within yourself. Your struggle with the world is the inner struggle between the good and the bad within you; and you are capable of being content with self-approval when you have mastered yourself. If from this point introspection goes deeper, you realize that self-approval is not enough, and require that self-approval shall be further served by the approval of others. Your defence against the hardships of life (and life does seem hard to you) lies not in open struggle with it, but in struggle within yourself to make life seem less difficult. This in its worst form results in introversion, withdrawal, brooding, giving up the struggle, and holding up alone to feel sorry for yourself. In its middle form, you fight off the lethargy and the withdrawal and find the key to your problems within yourself. In its advanced and best form, you improve your doleful outlook, redirect your energies outward, discover your virtues and your abilities, and make complete self-approval wait till you have won some objective testimony of your worth. This is a difficult position, but, being flexible, gives great inner strength. You are moody and tend to fluctuate from heights of being pleased with yourself and the world to depths in which you and everything else is at sixes and sevens. Your reaction to experience is almost wholly subjective: sunshine is shadow if you're feeling bad; and clouds are harbingers of joy if you're feeling good. You are one of the people who thinks a rainstorm was sent solely to destroy your outing, and who rebels personally against the weather. In acute form, this leads on to delusions of persecution or some minor neurosis. But your capacity for knowing yourself is great, and once you have learned the trick of self-analysis, you can lead your temperament into creative and constructive channels to become one of the most useful members of society.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Pisces represents a native who appears bewildered by the outside world. He wants to break loose, to feel free, to express himself. But, often, he acts in an opposite manner; he gets 'tied up' with institutions, organizations, commitments beyond his financial capabilities: he thus restricts himself to an even greater extent. The astrologer's job is to help him perceive the folly of some of his actions. It is important that the native

realize he defeats his own purpose by accepting a defeatist attitude as a way of life. He can be identified as a chronic complainer and fatalist.

On the positive side, he can be a responsible member of the community who strives to improve conditions for the mentally ill, for the economically depressed. The key to greater happiness here is self-knowledge - acceptance of responsibility instead of being resigned to fate.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The self-sacrificing qualities of Pisces will be present in those who have Saturn in this sign. There is humility, sympathy and increased intuition, which should be controlled and expressed with caution, but definitely not ignored. Often there is also very little selfconfidence, and it may be that the subject will be his or her own worst enemy, since the inclination to hold back may become disproportionate. As a result, he or she will constantly do him- / herself down.

At its best, this trait makes a person attractively self-effacing; but sadly its influence is usually too strong, so that shyness and inhibition dominate. Sometimes the outlook on life is rather depressing; and under stress there can be an inclination to give up hope. Despite this, the influence of the rest of the chart may act as a strong counter to these negative tendencies, so be very careful not to overinterpret them. They will probably only be present if a negative outlook is indicated in other totally independent areas of the chart.

It is important for the subject to realize that she possesses a powerful imaginative force which should be put to creative use. It certainly needs to be given some sort of concrete shape; and the nature of a suitable means of expression may be indicated in other areas of the chart - a flair for handicrafts, perhaps, or writing skills. If not, and your subject is hesitant about developing this excellent source of potentially, it may be that long-term encouragement given by the partner will help her find a suitable outlet and eventually develop it to the full.

Quite severe changes of mood are usual, as is a tendency to worry (especially if this is shown in other areas of the chart, or if Saturn receives negative aspects from the Moon). One result can be hypochondria. The inner authoritative voice can sound like the Ugly Sisters talking to Cinderella! If that rings a bell with your subject, don't forget to say that Cinderella did, after all, marry her Prince!

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a subtle rock, though may suffer a sensitivity block. Your tasks and obligations include having the discipline to admit to weakness and blind-spots - but not being selfeffacing; taking / allowing the time to appreciate the subtle and elusive - thus

preventing misunderstandings; and building relationships that are based upon mutual acceptance - yet do not foster evasiveness.

You can get stuck with Others who are slippery, vague, hopeless cases who are hard to pin down; with Others who are ruled by logic and deny the existence of anything mystical or scientifically unexplainable; and with Others who are safe but boring, and / or who seek oblivion in drink or drugs.

You are learning to be of selfless help to Other, which may include having to be very tough on him / her; to look into and develop the more mystical and illogical side of life and yourself, yet making sure that you are not being fanciful; and to take a good look at how you are possibly avoiding your own issues.

You commit to an Other with whom you feel subtle but undeniable ties that probably involve the making of some kind of sacrifice; to an Other who accepts you unconditionally, has no ulterior motives and does not play on your feelings; and to an Other who is creative, sensitive and spiritual, and / or quiet and gentle.

You are or should be wary of Others who have a hard luck story that appeals to your sense of guilt or worthlessness which may be posing as your wanting to 'save' Other; of confidence tricksters, recognizable by their appeal to your sympathy or idealism; and of loud, brash, flashy types who make all manner of unrealistic claims and promises.

When you are alone, it is very likely to be because you have yet to come to the realization that there is a subtle, spiritual dimension to relationships - or that there ought to be. Because you are inclined to deny the invisible and scientifically unverifiable in life and yourself, you also try to keep your relationships simpler and more straightforward than it is possible for them to be. You may very well attempt to keep them simple to the point of them being purely physical or 'nothing serious', or with someone who agrees with or embodies your acceptable vision of existence, but who is unacceptably dull, coarse or insensitive. So aloneness for you is really a testament to your denial of your own sensitivity and what you see as the emotional chaos that such sensitivity implies. But it is only through admitting and accepting your soul and its sensitivity that you will attract a kindred spirit. And that kindred spirit will be able to soothe those chaotic emotions and help you to accept yourself, while you find yourself bringing a subtle but powerful meaning to his / her life too.

(John Townley)

For you, the greatest security is achieved through consistent emotional attention from a sensitive and devoted partner, rather than through financial stability. In a way, you feed on emotional communication and will feel starved if you are not involved in an active love relationship.

As a result of this talent plus considerable emotional experience, you may become a good judge of emotions. When you understand what is real and what is not, the false will not suffice. You will demand great sincerity and sensitivity in a partner.

When you find the right partner with these qualities, you will go to extremes of self-sacrifice to keep the relationship going. This is an admirable trait, but it should not be a substitute for the two of you facing your problems together. In an emotionally difficult situation, you should not let love blind you to the need for painful growth; every relationship goes through such phases.

As for more concrete concerns, you will be most comfortable with a partner who is more practical than you are. Before making a physical or financial commitment, consult with your lover, who may be a stabilizing influence.

(Robert Hand)

This effect will be strong only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. This can be one of the more difficult placements of Saturn, because the energy of Saturn wants to make everything orderly, neat, concrete and predictable, which doesn't combine easily with the fantasy-prone and idealistic nature of Pisces. For one thing, you may feel that you cannot do much in life, that you are more limited than you really are. You may also feel obliged to satisfy other people's needs before your own so that you never achieve satisfaction. And you may deny yourself in many other ways as well, because you believe that having too many material possessions interferes with your life. Above all else, you need simplicity.

Finding a balance between the rigidity of Saturn and the vagueness, flexibility and idealism of Pisces may cause some difficulties in developing beliefs by which to govern your behavior. You may be too idealistic about the people who serve as your guides, those after whom you pattern yourself, so that you can't accept any kind of weakness or frailty in them. When you discover their weaknesses, you may be disappointed, and eventually you won't believe in anyone. Scale down your expectations and realize that you can learn something useful from everyone, even those who appear very flawed.

Don't let yourself fall into the habit of thinking that your life is not under your control. You shape your own life, and you must take responsibility for yourself.

Saturn ♄ in 7th House

(Liz Greene)

The seventh house is traditionally that of marriage and the marriage partner as well as that of open enemies. The characteristics which are valued in others, and which are sought in a partner, are symbolised by this house as well as the characteristics which are possessed by our enemies and through which we are vulnerable to opposition. In the seventh house, the perfect match is represented, the attributes which, when added to the components of the personality of the individual, will round him out and make him whole. The situations which the person is likely to attract in marriage are also represented here; and some indication of what kind of partner the person himself is likely to be.

We have for a long time accepted a rather superficial interpretation for Libra and its corresponding house; and the psychological mechanism of projection is most clearly and obviously displayed by the traditional meaning assigned to this house of the 'other'. For the other is in the end within oneself; and it is a balance between the male and female halves of the man's own psyche which stands behind his balance with a marriage partner. We seek in others what we are not able to express consciously ourselves; and we also hate in others what we are not able to express. No perfect match with another can create inner wholeness. Marriage as it is reflected by the seventh house is a reality only in proportion to the inner integration of the individual; otherwise, it is a charade, and although this view is apparently a cynical or depressive one, it is possible that it is in fact hopeful because it suggests the possibility of something better than what we see around us. The basic psychological mechanism of projection of the unconscious, transexual half of the psyche - termed by Jung the anima in men and the animus in women - is intimately connected with the qualities of the marriage partner as they are evidenced by the seventh house.

When Saturn is in the seventh house, the opportunity for an inner integration or balancing of opposites is offered, for it is unlikely that the individual will find the qualities he seeks happily expressed by a partner. It is more likely that he will attract to himself situations which involve some degree of pain, isolation, rejection, and disappointment until he begins to re-orient himself toward an inner search. This placement is analogous to the coniunctio or mystical marriage of alchemy, which in psychological terms suggests an inner integration which results in a new centre for the psyche and new balance and meaning in life. In alchemical symbolism this marriage is always accompanied by darkness and death previous to the distillation of the elixir; and the darkness which often accompanies a seventh house Saturn is matched only by the brilliance of the gold which is also promised.

The most basic interpretation of Saturn in the seventh house is sorrow, difficulty, or constriction in marriage or other close relationships. Generally these sorrows appear to be the hand of external fate and often do not seem to be connected with any fault in the individual himself. Saturn in this house is frequently in his most elaborate disguise because his action is so completely externalised. It always seems to be the other person's fault. This is characteristic of seventh house planets; and good or bad luck, happiness or unhappiness, appear to come through the agency of the partner or the

opponent. We are accustomed to interpreting this house as a symbol of the effects of others upon us without considering that these effects are the direct result of our own inner needs and conflicts projected outward upon others. It is not wholly the partner's shortcomings that are responsible when Saturn in the seventh house does not foster a union of unmitigated bliss.

The restrictions of a seventh house Saturn are often of a very obvious sort. Commonly, isolation or aloneness is one sort of restriction. We may also see the older, more serious partner who, although stable and faithful and perhaps financially solvent as well, dampens and constricts the individual's expression because he does not understand or appreciate his partner's thoughts and dreams. The partner may be ailing or dependent in some way through illness or monetary obligations, thereby becoming a responsibility rather than a companion. Sometimes he is possessive and demanding, or he may be a disappointment simply because he is incompatible, or abandons the individual, or causes hurt through emotional or physical infidelity. In situations of this kind, we are accustomed to assuming that it is the person's bad luck in the choice of a mate. Everything is usually all right at the beginning. It all seems to happen later, after the knot is tied. We may then hear the familiar cry, 'I never realised when I met him...'.

There is much that we know about others at the first moment of contact, for we are as sensitive to the subliminal signals given in a thousand subtle ways by our fellows as the lower kingdoms of nature are to the subtle signals of their environment. But these are intuitive realisations; and they are not often welcome if the inner needs contradict the conscious ideal of what a mate should be. It is invariably the inner needs which are expressed, and which are answered, for like attracts like. The fact that someone later seems to be different is due not to bad luck but to a deliberate inner choice which was made at the very beginning. Once again, it is wise to assume some responsibility where Saturn is concerned, for the awareness of these inner needs and the honest sharing of them is very likely to be a prerequisite for happy and productive union when Saturn is found in the seventh house. Although it may at first seem difficult to understand why an individual would choose, consciously or unconsciously, a partner who will hurt, disappoint, or limit him, it is not so difficult to understand that a man may be at war with himself and be compelled by unconscious motives of which he is unaware. His choice of partner is often a reflection of this war.

The consistent thread which runs through the many expressions of Saturn in the seventh house seems to be the successful avoidance of a relationship which might involve real union on all levels instead of merely the physical or emotional. The dangers of dependency or vulnerability are carefully sidestepped by Saturn's action although the man may be unaware that he is doing this on a conscious level. Seen from the viewpoint of the detached observer, relationships formed with a Saturnian influence are often 'safe' in that the partner is himself dependent, weak, needful, and unable to form any kind of threat or support to the individual. The partner may be cold or unfaithful or incapable of establishing a meaningful relationship himself; and this is a neat mechanism for avoiding

the effort and responsibility of a fully conscious union while having a scapegoat on whom the failure of the union may be blamed. Saturn in the seventh house does not necessarily describe the failure of marriage because of the failure of the partner; but it often appears this way to the conscious eye of the individual who must project his own inaccessibility onto someone else.

From the point of view of the personality, this mechanism appears to be a depressing one, for it would appear that there is something lying deep within the individual's psyche which will not permit him happiness in union. This is true, but is only depressing when seen out of context. What is really implied is that happiness in union is not possible unless the union is based upon values other than the ordinary superficial ones of appearance, financial status, emotional dependency, and social pleasure; for these causes carry with them inevitably the seeds of failure if Saturn is in the seventh house. He often places great emphasis on the formal structure of marriage while managing to avoid the inner exchange of which the formal structure is the symbol. Saturn in the seventh house tends to symbolise a rather painful arrangement because of the ensuing loneliness. But in the end, the thing which is sought is inner integration, an inner marriage, and inner wholeness rather than dependency upon another person for the centre of one's psychic life. From the point of view of the self, the total psyche rather than of the personality, Saturn placed here offers a great opportunity. There is no suggestion of the necessity of a lonely life; there is rather the inner push to understand the deeper levels of union, the psychic fact of which marriage is a symbol, and the kind of true relationship which stems from two people who have centres of their own and are therefore free consciously to choose.

Patterns of hurt and rejection are common with Saturn in the seventh house. There is often much talk of giving, for Saturn often plays the martyr; yet it is frequently found that the individual who complains the most about having given so much with so little reward has in reality given little that does not have a condition attached. He is frightened of being alone; yet he is equally frightened that he will be hurt; so he tries to follow both these impulses, and establishes relationships into which his inner self does not enter. Often Saturn will overcompensate; and instead of being the one who is consistently abandoned, he will play the Don Juan figure - of either sex - and give the impression of being hard, callous, and unfeeling. This is very rarely the true inner nature of Saturn; but it is one of his most frequent masks. He is more likely to be morbidly sensitive underneath his armour, so he will seek safety rather than the possible pain of a union which might end in his rejection. Sacrificing love for safety, which he often calls duty, he may believe that he has made an advantageous choice and then finds he cannot extricate himself when the enormity of his sacrifice becomes clear to him. The man with Saturn in the seventh house who attempts to make a partnership a material affair generally finds that he must pay a higher price than he intended. This is often the case when Saturn's inclination toward truth and dispelling of illusory values is blocked. It is not necessary to postulate the idea of hell after death when one has glimpsed the inner hell of loneliness which is often the companion of this attempt to distort Saturn's energies.

Saturn in an angular house suggests that events, and direct contacts with others, are involved in the working out of the process of inner discovery. In the seventh, this is apparent in that the marriage partner becomes either a source of suffering or a source of great opportunity for mutual growth. This choice is free to the individual; but he must first realise that he has a choice; if he does not, it is not his bad karma which has brought him suffering, but simply ignorance.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the seventh house indicates the need to learn when to be an equal and when to wield responsible power and when to accept limits. The latter will usually be connected to the rights and power of other people. With integration, we can co-operate with others in marriage and in teamwork in a job, sharing the power and the responsibility.

A seventh house father may be a partner or may be gone in light of the potential for separations in the opposition aspect and the natural opposition of the seventh house to the first house of our own identity. The father may be artistic and pleasant or argumentative and combative. If we learn compromise and co-operation early in life with both authority figures and peers, we will be prepared to enjoy our adult equalitarian relationships.

Often Saturn in the seventh house calls for recognition that a variety of types of interactions can be appropriate, including co-operation, competition, and helping others. We just need to have a place in our lives for each and to know when to do which.

I was initially puzzled by a male client whose chart was dominated by air signs, which are normally equalitarian, but he had both major lesson factors, Saturn and the south lunar node, in air signs. But Saturn was in the seventh house and the south lunar node was in the tenth house, pointing to lessons somewhere in the area of equality and responsible power. I described the issues to the client, and he was able to understand it. He said that he was a manager in his job, responsible for seeing that employees worked properly. He recognized that his tenth house Aquarius was leading him to be too equalitarian with the employees and they were taking advantage of his leniency. But in his seventh house, which was calling for equality, he 'had his thumb on his wife' to quote his phrase.

Seventh house careers can involve all kinds of teamwork, especially counselling or consulting in some way. Fields involving arbitration and law and politics are common choices. Litigation is part of the potential, or other forms of competition. Power struggles are 'healthy' and can contribute to both sides gaining skills if they 'play by the rules', are able to win sometimes and lose sometimes, and keep in mind that it is a game. Remember that until we are exercising our share of the world's power, we still feel that it

is in the hands of others. Other seventh house careers can use its potential artistic talent for jobs in the graphic arts such as design, photography, architecture, city planning, and landscape gardening.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement of Saturn can cause a variety of results, depending on the sign it is in and the aspects to it. Relationships are always taken very seriously, particularly marriage. Requirements for a mate can be very exacting; sometimes so exacting that no-one ever qualifies. The mate is frequently older, more experienced, or more ambitious. These people may marry out of a sense of duty. Sometimes the mate is ill, or so heavily committed to another family or to a job or career that the relationship is not as fulfilling as they might wish. There tend to be difficulties with the marriage, sorrow, loss, loneliness, disagreements, separations, yet the sense of duty and commitment can be so strong that ultimately it wins out over all difficulties.

These people are very exacting of others, but equally exacting of themselves and their duty to those they love. They are always very responsive to what they see as their duty, perhaps to such a degree that it burdens their lives, especially in youth. They are attracted to ambitious people and are very ambitious for those they love and eager to help them succeed. Sometimes they feel a secret contempt for those who seem too lightweight, uncommitted, or free and easy. They tend to be a bit restrictive of those they love, to keep them on too tight a rein, or ask too much of them. If they rise to prominence, it is frequently through the efforts or ambitions of a parent, mate, or patron.

This location of Saturn tends to give physical strength, drive, and stamina, and the ability to overcome physical obstacles that would stop most people. They can work harder, faster, and longer than others, push themselves to break records, push past the herd in a physical sense, and to prove themselves in the eyes of others.

They seem to have more asked of them than most people. Because of their sense of duty and commitment, others are inclined to place heavy demands on them, which they are glad of or resent, depending on other factors, but which they will in any case struggle to fulfill.

(Howard Sasportas)

Relationships are not that easy for people with Saturn in the 7th; and yet this is precisely the area through which they will be challenged to grow and examine themselves. Trying to wriggle out of the hot seat, they might complain that the right man or woman has just never come along, or moan that some flaw in the partner is the root of the trouble. However, rather than just blaming fate, bad luck or poor choice it is by searching inwards that they will unearth reasons for the dispiriting state of affairs.

Wherever there is Saturn, there is fear. Very often these people obstruct relationships because they are frightened of becoming too deeply involved with others. They may be afraid of the degree of commitment a relationship requires, and terrified of becoming too dependent on someone else. Dreading and half-expecting to be hurt, they cannot risk the vulnerability of true intimacy. As is often the case with the 7th house, in order to trace the origins of these kinds of complexes, earlier relationships will have to be examined.

Did they open to a parent and then experience hurt, rejection and misunderstanding? If so, they may still anticipate being unlovable or unacceptable to others. Was the parental marriage so atrocious as to obliterate the very idea of a happy union? If so, can they not learn from their parents' mistakes? By seeking answers and solutions to these kinds of questions, they grow wiser about themselves, relationships and life in general. This is the gift of Saturn in the 7th

I have seen many instances of people with Saturn in the 7th house who complain that their partners are too limiting and restricting - if it only weren't for their spouses, they would accomplish so much more. Sometimes this is true because they have chosen, unconsciously or not, ostensibly tyrannical men or women as partners. However, the belief that the partner is holding them back is a form of self-deception: in actual fact, what they have done is to project their own internal blocks and fears of stretching themselves onto the partner. Even when they are free of their supposedly restraining husbands and wives, many of those people with Saturn in the 7th will just find other reasons for not venturing forth and expanding themselves. Why not examine these inner obstacles first?

Saturn in the 7th may look for a partner who is safe. Sometimes the least risky ones are those who do not engender an enormous amount of passion. Or as a kind of self-protection policy, they may deliberately choose partners whom they feel are inadequate or lacking in certain respects. Therefore, if the relationship fails, and the other person walks out the door, they can reassure themselves that they are better off without that no-good lame duck. Others seem to select partners who have the same weaknesses as they do, and then proceed to batter the other person for those things they feel unhappy about in themselves.

Saturn in this house also manifests in the search for a partner who will provide security and stability for them. For these reasons, this placement has often been associated with marriage to an older person, or a mother-figure or father-figure. This may work, but at the expense of keeping them small and dependent. Should it fail, it may be a blessing in disguise because they are forced to develop their own inner source of strength and support. While this is not easy, it is invariably a worthwhile achievement.

Saturn in the 7th may marry later in life or not find more complete fulfilment in a union until somewhat older - as if Father Time must teach them a thing or two before a truly mutual and healthy relationship can be formed.

More mundanely, lawsuits may be long and drawn-out, and it might be advisable to try to settle out of court.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are cautious and reserved about meeting people, and you don't form relationships with others until you've had time to evaluate their credentials. Your apprehensiveness comes from feeling that they will somehow try to make restricting demands on you. Your negative attitude makes it essential that you get an education to improve your chances in competition, where your credentials are certain to be challenged. While you admire and respect people who are sure of themselves, you fail to take the initiative when you are given an opportunity to demonstrate your skills. You must learn to react more positively in such situations, if only to prove to yourself that you can succeed in competition. Once you realize that you have the ability to win, you will learn to manage your creative resources so that you can achieve your goals.

While you may not like promoting yourself before the public, you will have to if you want people to buy your skills. Fear of ridicule is an unacceptable reason for withholding your talents from those who need them most. When you finally get over this hangup, you must establish a program to achieve your career goals ethically. It is important to keep your ambitions uncontaminated so you will know that everything you have was gained through honest hard work.

Become as proficient as possible in your chosen work so that you aren't unnecessarily intimidated by challenging competition. Learn about your adversaries' credentials and get whatever additional training is required so that you can meet them on equal terms. You can learn something from every person you meet, socially and professionally, so take advantage of it. Your early environment had some limitations, which may have made it difficult to assert yourself as you should. Once detached from obligations to your family, you will benefit from external social contacts.

You may have to work hard to get patronage for your services, but that can provide you with an adequate and comfortable living. Success feeds on itself, and there is no limit to the goals you can achieve. Until you are confidently established in your career, do only what is required of you in any situation, and set aside some time for rest and relaxation. You have the impression that you are somehow indebted to everyone and that they can demand payment at will. Find out exactly what you must do, such as taking responsibility for your actions, providing the best possible product or service, and managing your affairs according to high ethical standards.

Find someone who shares your ambitions and can give you needed moral and emotional support when there are difficulties. There is no limit to what you can accomplish with someone you love, for you find shared experiences more enriching and

fulfilling. Don't worry that people won't accept you, or you may fail to live up to their expectations. If you are properly trained and accept full responsibility for your actions, you will gain acceptance in your own social environment and win the admiration of your contemporaries as well.

(Bili Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: With Saturn in the 7th, it's difficult to understand that the image you see in others is truly a reflection of yourself, for it often appears fearsome and threatening, either demanding or rejecting, and thus it's easier to convince yourself that the other person is emanating these qualities. The major pitfall here is denial, the tendency to want to look away, to avoid real relatedness, since what you may see is so fearful. The challenge is to give yourself time to gradually overcome the intense fear of knowing yourself, so that you can eventually discover authentic self-acceptance.

Equal partnerships: Your relationships with peers have been conditioned by the anxiety that others don't want to know you as you really are. You feared rejection from your father or other authority figures, and learned to protect yourself from it. Even in adulthood, you continue seeking to prove your acceptability to authorities, so you often choose partners who are significantly older or younger, if not in age, then in some less tangible way. The pitfall involves pushing yourself so hard you simply blow out, collapsing in reaction into almost calculated insensitivity or irresponsibility toward your partners. The challenge is to respect your limits, growing through your fears. Discover that you have nothing to prove to yourself or us.

Contracts, commitments: Your anxiety over relationships is never more obvious than with regard to commitment. What if you choose the wrong person? Will you be humiliated if you're not perfect in your performance of the contract? Will the Gods set you up for failure no matter how hard you try? Fear may become self-fulfilling prophecy: you could refuse to make any promises, resulting in painful isolation; or you might close your eyes and plunge into total commitment, hoping that everything will magically turn out all right - inevitably resulting in ruined relationships. The challenge is to learn responsibility slowly by moving through stages of commitment. If you get in over your head, pull back to a lower level. Commitment is not birthed whole; it is built one brick at a time, just like maturity.

Co-operation: You want co-operation deeply, but you fear being abused, and worse, you worry that you actually deserve mistreatment for unknown flaws of character. Why would others want to co-operate with you, especially the powerful father figures to whom you are attracted? There are two pitfalls: first, you may bend so far in accommodation that you harm yourself; or second, you may so fear rejection that you refuse to negotiate with a coldly defensive posture. Remember that just because your partner wins, you don't have to lose. The challenge is to learn that you can be in unresolved negotiations safely. You're correct to be cautious in negotiations, but your ambition to achieve full co-

operation won't go away; you just have to work at it.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is one whose maturity and common sense are palpable, a person of achievement and steady endurance. Your natural mate has considerable dignity and psychological strength, with notable restraint that's backed by a clear understanding of responsibility. You must respect your mate in ways that enhance your self-respect.

A natural partnership for you feels very old, rocklike and solid. You needn't be totally secure, but you must feel awe and reverence at a physical level. This relationship challenges you to conquer your fears, but slowly enough that you're not overwhelmed. It helps you feel more adult. The image is a mountain of granite.

Uranus ♅ in ♑ Capricorn 10° 56'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Those born in the generation having Uranus in Capricorn have the ability to receive intuitively from the planetary mind ways to establish a new social order. Experiences include insights of innovative ways to organize society in a collective whole. Disruption occurs by hanging on to old forms of society's governmental structures.

(Joan Negus)

Although Uranus in Capricorn may not be as free or flexible as it is in Sagittarius, its impact is clearer and more tangible, not only in the examples given in the Uranus in Sagittarius section, but also in a number of other mundane events. The devastating San Francisco earthquakes of 1906 and 1989 both had Uranus in Capricorn; and at the time of each quake Uranus was also conjunct the San Francisco Midheaven (MC). But San Francisco is not the only place where earthquakes have occurred. There were an inordinate number of major earthquakes all around the world over the years of Uranus's tenancy of Capricorn from 1988 to 1996.

Another type of Uranus in Capricorn activity evident during the earlier Uranus in Capricorn period (1904-1912) was that the unions gained power through protection of the labor force. Strikes by workers - in protest of conditions - were becoming more frequent because of the strength of the unions. This fits well with the concept of authority associated with Capricorn. And with Uranus in Capricorn you would expect that it is easier to rebel if you have a group representing some form of authority supporting you and giving you a sense of security.

The idea of authority was also obvious in the American political arena. Theodore

Roosevelt, in his first annual message to Congress, announced that in accordance with the Monroe Doctrine, the United States would deal with any problems which foreign countries had with countries in the Western Hemisphere. In his words, 'Chronic wrongdoing... may force the United States... to the exercise of international police power'. In 1905, he was called upon to fulfill his promise when the US government began to supervise the Dominican Republic's payment of national and international debts.

Again in 1906, the United States assumed the role of authority in another country in the western hemisphere when the Cuban president asked the United States for assistance in quelling a rebellion. William Howard Taft was sent to head a provisional government; and the United States dominated Cuba for three years. It is interesting to note that in the late 1980s, relations with Central American countries and the degree of the United States intervention there came again in the foreground of American politics as Uranus repeated its transit through Capricorn.

There are other mundane examples of Uranus in Capricorn that could be mentioned, but the flavor of this placement should be clear from the illustrations already given. In fact, the earthquakes alone project an image that epitomizes the essence of Uranus in Capricorn. The earth literally split apart suddenly, indicating that the revolutionary qualities associated with Uranus can produce visible results in the sign of Capricorn. However, although the occurrence itself was abrupt, the conditions of the earth had to build over many, many years to a point of the eruption. Therefore, we lived with the knowledge that an earthquake could take place at any time, but the exact moment was unpredictable, and the devastating results a shock.

Applied to the individual, if you have Uranus in Capricorn, you probably live with the knowledge that if you start a revolution you can make a difference. The question will be 'Is it worth your time and effort?' Therefore, your spontaneity is tempered by the need to evaluate and plan. You will probably rehearse and memorize your actions before you 'suddenly' move. And, when you do take action, it will probably be noticed.

Not only are your 'spontaneous' acts most probably planned, but the route you take to reach your goal is probably not original. You will find it easier to rebel if there is precedence to follow. It may not be difficult to run the world with Uranus in Capricorn, but, before you start the revolution, you want to know that you have the capability of overthrowing the present régime. Secondly, you want to make sure that you have subjects who will follow you when you do take over.

In other words, with Uranus in Capricorn, drastic action will rarely be taken without investigation and having precedents to refer to, which facilitates you making decisions in terms of revolutionary action. While the motivation for rebelling with Uranus in Sagittarius is usually fairness and justice, the reasons for such movement with Uranus in Capricorn are law and order, and paternalism. Roosevelt's announcement that we will police our

own indicates the stern father approach, and the unions watching over and protecting the workers reiterates this idea.

Both these examples seem to have law and order as a factor. Roosevelt's attitude was to keep the Dominican Republic and Cuba in line; the unions wanted laws passed to protect the workers. But there is another example which is even more impressive. In 1910, as Uranus was coming to the end of Capricorn, a revolution broke out in Mexico. The reason for the uprising was that Mexican dictator Porfirio Diaz and his friends were becoming rich by robbing the poor. When Taft investigated, he ignored the mistreatment of the poor. Instead he praised Diaz for his ability to maintain 'law and order'. He also stated that backing up the dictator was necessary to protect the large amount of capital that the United States had invested in the country. Support of the ruthless government of Mexico continued until 1914 when Uranus was in the sign of Aquarius.

(Skye Alexander)

In the last century, Uranus was in Capricorn from December 1904 to January 1912, and from September to November 1912. In February 1988, Uranus once again entered this sign, and stayed there until January 1996.

Capricorn is the sign of structures, traditions, big business, the established order, patriarchal authority, the physical world and its boundaries, and responsibilities, controls and limitations. These things, therefore, are what your 'mini-generation' will be involved with changing, in order to bring about more openness and equality. During Uranus's previous passage through Capricorn, for example, Albert Einstein introduced his theory of relativity (1905), which changed our concept of matter and the structure of the universe.

Your Uranus-group probably will be concerned with the influence big business has on the democratic system, and could witness or be involved with breaking up its control over individual lives and world freedom. The practices and policies of large, multinational corporations came under attack during this period, and the public insisted that banks and other powerful institutions disclose their activities. This was a chaotic time, as monetary systems and the institutions that control the world's financial structures were upset. The stock market crash of 1987 and the corresponding fluctuations in world currencies were a precursor to the changes Uranus brought.

In these years, we saw a loosening of the rigid structure of the status quo so that it became easier for more people - especially women and minorities - to obtain a 'piece of the pie'. Conflicts between the 'haves' and 'have nots' were likely, and countries where the disparity between rich and poor is great experienced severe disturbances. The struggle raging in South Africa was a good example. There were even revolutions or attempts to overthrow the ruling authorities in some parts of the world, or at least movements to revise the established order. Whether the changes were accomplished

easily or through violence and turmoil depended on how willing those in authority were to relinquish some of their control. As those of you who were born with Uranus in Capricorn reach adulthood, you might bring about greater equality and openness, in both business and politics.

During the previous passage of Uranus through Capricorn, there were wars and disputes throughout Europe, Russia, Turkey and Japan, and the conflicts that eventually escalated into World War I began boiling. These wars not only toppled old ruling powers, but also resulted in the realignment of national borders.

Capricorn is also the sign of traditions and conservative beliefs; and as Uranus travelled through this sign again recently it upset and reordered many of the traditions and attitudes that had held sway in the past. Conservative religious and social ideologies came under attack. Even the foundations on which societies are established were subject to being altered significantly. Those of you with this planetary position in your birth charts may believe in destroying all traditions and structures, and might embrace anarchy. You believe that the individual is more important than society, and are an advocate of personal rights and freedoms. In the extreme, you could rebel against all types of social responsibility and duty.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Uranus in Capricorn indicates a generation of people who will effect important changes in the governmental and business power structures. They wish to change the status quo in order to ensure greater security for the future, but they must be careful to do so in a practical way, building the new on the foundations of the old. They seek constructive change, yet are reluctant to release the past completely.

These people have strong ambitions and a desire to succeed. They have original ideas in science and business, which they use to advance their careers or improve their status. They are also able to develop old ideas in new or unusual ways.

If Uranus in Capricorn is afflicted, they are likely to be overambitious, and tend to overextend themselves in pursuit of professional advancement.

(Grant Lewi)

Capricorn is the so-called World sign, and it is natural that the genius Uranus therein should produce people that will upset old traditions. With this position, you are likely to feel that you are giving expression to your truest genius in rebellion against things as they are, or as they were, for you will always remember the revolt against conventions that occupy your youth, when to be part of the general iconoclasm is considered personally daring. Mass individualism is the product of Uranus in Capricorn. To progress from the conventional unconventionality to truly finding yourself and your individual

expression is quite a task. When you find it, you will discover that your great contribution must be along lines of social progress, probably quite conservative in aim, even if unusual in method. You seek not to destroy the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them with all vigor and individualism.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Uranus will give a rational, cool outlook and the ability to put problems into a coherent and logical perspective. However, Capricorn is the sign most sympathetic to conventional behavior and to doing 'the right and proper thing', and Uranus is exactly the opposite, often encouraging shock tactics and perverse and unpredictable actions. Conflict will be the result. In most cases, it is to be hoped, there will be a weighing up of the contrasting possibilities when the occasion demands, and the subject will take the sensible line of action, neither causing embarrassment nor cramping his or her style. This is a generation influence, so these traits will not be strongly emphasized in everyone born over a seven-year period. Nevertheless, if someone of this generation consults you for astrological advice in a few years' time, and you mention something along these lines, he or she will understand and perhaps may be able to add some additional and incisive comments.

A certain hardness is present, but the humanitarian side of Uranus will emerge in a very practical, down-to-earth way, and this generation will continue to improve the environment and cope with the problems of its time. Study the power of the Uranian influence in the child's chart to see if she will be a leader of her generation. You should also refer to both Saturn and Neptune in Capricorn, and to the Saturn / Uranus conjunction. All these planets' positions, and possibly the above-mentioned conjunction, could be present in the chart on which you are working.

Uranus ♅ in 5th House

(Joan Negus)

With Uranus in the fifth house, you may consciously or unconsciously try to raise your children differently from the way in which you were raised. Or you could have original, creative and / or rebellious children. Another possibility is that you might be inconsistent in the way in which you handle your children. You will undoubtedly say that you want your children to be independent, but probably not totally nonconforming. So if they become too defiant or too different, you could clamp down on them. This again demonstrates the need for defining or setting limits on the freedom of Uranus. I heard one parent with this placement say to her child, 'Of course I want you to be your own person. I just don't want you to be a total misfit.'

You may also have an objectivity in regard to your children. SO you are able to look at them in a detached manner and it may be difficult for you to be emotionally demonstrative with them. This does not mean that you are uncaring, just that it could be hard to express your feelings.

The fifth house describes the way in which you deal with children in general, and specifically your own (if you have any). And this may be especially true of your first child, but possibly somewhat softened for our subsequent children. Your attitude toward your second child may be modified by examining the seventh house; your third by the ninth; your fourth by the eleventh, etc..

Another definition of the fifth house is the house of creative self-expression. Producing children is, of course, a form of creative self-expression, but this area also describes the way in which you operate creatively and waht some of your talents may be. With Uranus in the fifth, your creativity probably comes in spurts; so there could be times when you can't record your ideas quickly enough and other times when you feel that you will never be creative again. Since Uranus is connected with modern technology, you might find it helpful to put your thoughts into a tape recorder when they are flowing rapidly. You can evaluate and sort them out later. When you are uninspired, do not try to push yourself to be creative. It probably will not work and will only tend to make you restless and nerouvs. Do something else until the ideas begin to flow again.

You will probably not be patient when it comes to talent; and it might be a good idea to avoid artistic endeavors that require a great deal of discipline. For example, if you were to take painting lessons you could find it difficult to painstakingly practise techniques or to conform to the instructor's directions. Your talents need to flow freely; and you will probably show originality in whatever art form you develop.

Since your creative talents need not be in standard art forms with this planetary placement, you may not consider yourself creative. People tend to think that if they do not paint, write, dance, act, play instruments or sing, they have no talent. But, with Uranus in the fifth house, you may have computer skills, or a magic touch in fixing cars, or display talents in using other forms of machinery or technology. I have examples of people with this placement that range from telephone salesperson to playing the synthesizer (which of course combines music and technology).

Instead of, or in addition to talents, you may look to this house to explain how you gamble or speculate. Uranus placed there would indicate that you could be spontaneous when such matters are involved. In fact, it is easier for you to take action quickly and back off just as fast, than it is for you to hang on to an investment for an extended period of time. You would probably take risks especially if the potential gain is great enough, but the results would have to be seen soon after you take the initiative. Therefore, your involvement in speculation or gambling may be sporadic, and your successes intermittent. However, the more information you gather (even if it is done a little at a

time) before you take action, the less likely you will be to fail.

The fifth house also describes what you need in courtship, and, I would add to that, it indicates the way in which you initially interact with others as individuals, whether the involvement is romantic or not. In this area you decide whether a person moves to the seventh house (intimate one-to-one relationships, be they marriage or close friendship), the eleventh house (acquaintances) or no house (out of your life). The sequence might work in this fashion. You go to a party or other group gathering (eleventh house) and find someone whom you deem interesting and want to get to know better (fifth house). Then you can determine if you would like to have that person as a close friend or partner (seventh house), as someone with whom you want to interact personally but not get close to (fifth), as an individual you may only see occasionally at parties (eleventh house), or as someone you never want to see again (no house).

Whether we are investigating potential courtship or friendship, with Uranus in the fifth house, you may be hesitant to form attachments with others quickly because you are concerned about having people interfere with your independence. You could socialise with others but probably in a detached way. You might enjoy intellectual interaction but keep people at arm's length on the emotional level. This, of course, can change when the relationship moves out of the fifth house.

Another possibility is that you attract, or are attracted to, people who are creative, exciting, unusual, unreliable, distant or odd. These characteristics are not necessarily mutually exclusive. Someone who is stimulating may be eccentric as well. In fact, it could be the eccentricity that leads to the creativity. But if you are really upset about those who are drawn to you, realize that you are probably asking for it. If you can start consciously seeking out those who are creative and exciting, then perhaps the less desirable people will disappear.

Whether or not you are involved with Uranian types, you will probably crave some excitement when you interact with others. If you come into contact with an individual who is totally predictable, he or she will undoubtedly also seem boring, and the chances of the two of you forming a close relationship are negligible. However, if you enjoy the company of the other person and think the relationship could lead to marriage or an intimate friendship, you might proceed to the next stage. Then there might be some adjustments to be made. When someone who has been courting you becomes a marriage partner, or an acquaintance becomes a close friend, you are moving them from your fifth to your seventh house. And if the requirements of the seventh house are different from those of the fifth, you may wonder why the transition is so difficult. Astrology can help you get over this hump.

By looking at the signs and planets in the fifth house, you can see how the native interacts initially with others on a one-to-one basis and also determine the qualities that person is attracted to in others. If you then interpret the seventh house and compare it

with the fifth, you can know whether the shift from courtship into marriage or from the getting acquainted stage to intimate friendship takes place easily or requires great adjustment. Awareness of personal difficulties can be the first step in helping to bridge the gap between the two areas.

Since we are dealing with the planet Uranus in the fifth house, let us use this as our example. You have possibly been attracted to the excitement and craziness generated by the other person and decide it would be great to be married to him or her. However, you have Capricorn or Saturn in the seventh house and you need stability and conformity in a partner. It is obvious that problems could arise. But if you are aware that this is eventually what you want in a partner, you can begin to think about it in the early stages of the relationship and weed out those who do not fit the picture before you become too attached to them.

(Haydn Paul)

This will involve the sudden movement outwards of 'emotionally based energy', where involvements with the external world, people and creative expressions will be the main sphere of activity.

Essentially this will be through the projection of emotionally rooted energy, and can involve spontaneous falling in love, inspired artistic creations and a search for pleasure, enjoyment, fun and excitement. A lack of self-discipline is likely, as you can easily submit to passing love affairs and the attractions of a carefree life. There may be an element of immaturity and childlike displays of behaviour at times. This is not necessarily 'bad', but they are often expressed at inopportune times; others may demand that you grow up.

It can be as if a brightly coloured bauble attracts your attention, fascinates you, and you feel that you have to have it; your emotional desires project outwards and you are pulled along with them to the object - only to discover after a temporary possession and perusal that it is not that fascinating after all; yet in that intense drive to achieve your short-lived desire, you may have caused problems and suffering for others. This can apply especially within relationships, where a tendency to desire new partners, experimentation and promiscuity can occur. Your love-life is unlikely to be static and stable. The need to have your own way - often expressed without due sensitivity - is quite common, and can also lead to friction.

Children are likely to play an important role in your life, and you are liable to give them considerable freedom, which can have dual effects, especially if there is a reluctance to impose discipline upon them and you fail to give them sufficient attention and guidance for their needs.

Temperamentally, you are likely to have an artistic ability and appreciation. Natural talents can be present in art, music, literature and self-presentation through modern

media channels of communication. There may be some degree of blockage in this area, which could reflect a lack of perseverance and discipline, rather than problems in confidence in your own ability or potential skills. It is the commitment to complete that can be a challenge for you, as you prefer that sense of freedom to follow your fascinations whenever they dominate you. Uranus intends that a change in this sphere of life is necessary, where modifying this tendency can eventually lead to success.

(Jeff Green)

The essential archetype that the 5th house correlates to in human consciousness is one in which the individual can creatively actualize, express, project, and establish his or her egocentric identity and purpose for the life that is being lived. This is the power of the ego that is creatively expressed, the power of creativity emanating from the individualised ego. It is the ego that is full of itself, glorifying itself, an ego that demands and required recognition, acclaim, positive reinforcement that it has realised itself: the purpose for which the life is being lived. The egocentric centre of the personality within the 5th House is based on the composite effect of the matrix that involves the traditions and conditions of family, society, or the culture that the individual is born into, the immediacy of one's environment, and the subconscious memories that correlate to other lifetimes and other identities. The egocentric centre of personality is given form, a self-image relative to the inner gestation of subjective awareness of the current ego in the 4th house and Cancer: home, parents, and the early environment that we are born into.

With Uranus in the 5th house, there is a natural paradox, thus stress and tension, because of the oppositional nature of the Uranian (Aquarius) archetype and the Sun (Leo). On the one hand, a tremendous amount of energy exists to actualise the inner sense of purpose for this life. This tension induces a high degree of self-focus, egocentricity, a sense of narcissism that is simultaneously indulged in and rebelled against. This focus (the 5th House) requires freedom of expression, an independence of experience that allows for continuous self-discovery, and the actualisation of the inwardly sensed creative, egocentric purpose from within itself by way of that which is created by it: the egocentric centre of its subjective reality. In effect, the individual wants to be the director of his or her own play. On the other hand, a tremendous amount of energy exists to link and actualise the inner sense of purpose (subjective) to socially relevant needs, causes, group purposes, to be subjectively empowered by external (objective) purposes, and to consciously actualise and link subjective creativity, expressed purely from the ego, to the Source of creativity itself: God. Thus the tension to egocentrically focus upon and develop the personality to the highest possible degree, and the need to simultaneously focus upon and develop a personality, ego, that is consciously linked and directed by the Source: God. Both exist. In effect, the individual wants God or the group to be the director of the play.

The liberation of Uranus in the 5th House occurs when the individual consciously attunes him- or herself to the Source of creativity and allows the egocentric sense of identity and

purpose to be empowered and directed by this Source. The Source can be experienced by these individuals, or attuned to, by defining and linking the egocentric sense of purpose to the social group, society, and, in an expanded sense, to the global or planetary issues and needs of the times the individual is living within. The well of creativity, and the realisation of Self, will be ever available and continuous in so doing. This liberation involves giving up the security of tradition in the sense of tradition restricting required growth or innovation. It involves giving up a narcissistic self-preoccupation that promotes a sense of separation or detachment from humanity and its needs. It involves giving up the egocentric need to be considered special, important, to stand above the crowd, to give emotional displays whose motive and intent is to draw attention to the child who is still awaiting acknowledgement. The liberation occurs when the individual realises that the desired acknowledgement manifests from within, that validation comes from oneself, and that the Source, or God, will validate the individual once he or she actualises the sense of inner egocentric purpose by linking it to the greater needs of people, society, and the planetary concerns that exist at any moment in time. When realised, this liberation will produce creative dynamos whose lives and vision can transform those whom they touch. Freedom from the known means to allow the Spirit of creativity to change and transform the individual as necessary, to not become fixed or fixated upon that which already exists because of the current power, thus security, that this induces.

Neptune ♆ in ♐ Sagittarius 24° 4'

No interpretation.

Neptune ♆ in 4th House

(Marilyn Waram)

This position is a loaded one: an unconscious planet in an unconscious house. Furthermore, it is the house of our most basic and essential emotional security needs. Usually we look to Mother to provide these, so she and the needs all get tangled up with a vague sense of ultimate importance. There may be no easier place to have all our fondest dreams and wishes smashed to smithereens, for with Neptune the needs are vitally important and frequently beyond the ability of a mere human to fulfil.

With Neptune in the fourth, the need to feel safe in a secure nest is fundamental. However it is also quite likely to be unconscious. The person's idea of heaven includes an impregnable home, lots of food and someone around who will take care of her. In the fourth house, we tend to want to feel like a baby and to be taken care of like a baby. With Neptune there, it is all supposed to happen by magic. Furthermore, it can be

accepted as our 'Divine Right' to have all this.

There can easily be an unexamined assumption that mother, early home life and emotional security needs will all be perfect. That is, all needs will be met with ease, all needs will be in harmony with the general flow of life, and there will be no need for upset or disappointment. Mother, or the parent who gives the most emotional care, is supposed to be there when needed, regardless of other commitments.

With Neptune, of course, there are illusions which must be exposed and released. The illusions connected with the fourth house are deeply intimate; and any threat to them is profoundly threatening to the individual. She may successfully defend them throughout life because to challenge them is too painful to contemplate. She may go to extraordinary lengths to preserve her images, carefully failing to see any flaws or failures.

Neptune in the fourth generally has to overcome the strong need for the nurturing parent not only to be perfect but to continue to provide the perfect surroundings. This Neptunian has great difficulty separating from the nurturing parent; it may never be fully completed. It makes little difference if the actual parent lived up to her expectations, for this Neptunian can put equal importance on the parent in her head - the parent she wished for or imagined to exist. There is a tendency for the individual to go around with a despondent air because ordinary humans cannot live up to her expectations, so she feels continually disappointed.

Sometimes the Neptunian desire for perfection focuses on the home rather than the parent. In this case, there may have been an idyllic childhood home situation, or it may have been mysterious and elusive. The adult can react by trying to create or recreate the perfect nest. Anyone with Neptune in the fourth house will need to examine her strong need for harmony, beauty and fulfilment in the home. Kept in perspective, it can lead to the creation of a beautiful home with a peaceful, loving atmosphere. An important part of this can be the preparation of one particular room for the Neptunian to use as a retreat. Overemphasised, it can lead to a home where an all-pervasive spirituality and a kind of magical-love are expected, to the exclusion of all else.

With Neptune in the fourth, nurturing itself may become an ultimate value, a way to find sublime satisfaction. Some individuals will keep this in balance; many will not. Those who do will take care to do their nurturing where it will actually be of benefit. They can make the most sensitive of caretakers, nurses and companions. Those whose need to nurture others is a convoluted expression of their own hunger to be taken care of will often give too much to others; eventually they become resentful because no-one appreciates their sacrifices.

Those who repress the need to nurture or be nurtured will tend to project, to see and find strong and perhaps overwhelming Neptunian traits in their nurturing parent. Such a parent could be very spiritual and loving, or vague and confused, or even absent, so that

the individual is left with only a fantasy of what that parent could - and should - have been like; or the parent could be a victim, whom the individual feels obliged to try to save. This can range from the person who wants the parent to take more exercise or more vitamins, to stop smoking and so on, to the person with an alcoholic or otherwise self-destructive parent.

With Neptune in the fourth house, the individual needs to take a long, hard look at her tendency to have illusions in regard to her own mother or nurturing parent, to being a parent herself, to children and babies and to the whole issue of nurturance. She will tend to feel that caring somehow involves being swallowed up completely, and this may be something she yearns for or is terrified of. She will also tend to feel that if her emotional security needs, which are often unrealistic, are not met, she cannot survive the disappointment. While it can be frightening beyond belief for this person to confront her assumptions about what she must have in order to feel fulfilled, she will find her life a great deal more satisfying if she can do so, for she will be living according to realistic values rather than mysterious ones.

This Neptunian can make the most patient and loving of parents, one with a strong sense of emotional bonding and yet one who will remain aware of her spiritual responsibilities as a parent. She may do more to create an ideal parent / baby relationship than anyone else, and can serve to remind others of how important it is to strive to do the best for children that we can. She also has the ability to create a spiritually nurturing atmosphere for others, perhaps in her own home, but also in their homes, as well.

(Haydn Paul)

This position of Neptune gives an emphasis to personal roots and foundations in life, and can often indicate deep unconscious ties to family, parents and social traditions, and a need for security and stability which is opposed by the Neptunian tendency of dissolution and expansion.

Motivations, attitudes, beliefs, value structures and personal identity will tend to have foundations in your earlier life. The influence of parents upon you will be considerable; and many of the conditioning emotional associations will be closely intertwined with that parental relationship and your childhood. Some degree of idealism or distortion is likely in your memories and family connections; and it is possible that you have a desire to return into a golden age where the womblike embrace of the family offered security and protection.

It may be, however, that your early life experience was unsatisfactory and unfulfilling, where expectations were disappointed and the home life was more unsettling and unstable, and that this pattern has been carried over into your adult life. The father is associated with the 4th house,; and part of this insecurity could be connected with his

role in your life. Child idealistic projections onto him could have been later disillusioned, or he may have seemed distant from you, offering little emotional comfort or relationship, or he could have left or been rarely at home when you needed him there. Some type of unbalanced relationship is indicated by this placing of Neptune; and in many instances this implies a divided marriage situation or a broken home.

Neptune offers great emotional sensitivity; and you are likely to have absorbed into your unconscious mind most of the underlying psychic currents present in your family home. These can be parental frustrations with an unhappy marriage, the denial of ambitions or dreams for successful futures for their children; whatever they were, they have made an impact on you as you received that 'atmosphere' into your unfolding nature. A parent may have been very dominant, so much so that their way of perceiving life has never left you, and you have difficulty in breaking free of the parental embrace and umbilical cord, so that you can stand free as an individual in your own right. Or you may have received 'family traits', delusions and challenges passed down through genetic lineage, repetitive family patterns of behaviour and attitude, like a family adherence to religious conditioning or political beliefs.

Many of the themes that will be highlighted in your adult life will have their roots in your childhood. It is quite likely that in some way you will tend to repeat similar paths and patterns which were present in your parents' lives. The challenge is to transform them, so breaking unconscious repetition and avoiding becoming a victim to such tendencies. Your adult marriage and family life could be the sphere of this repetition. Where Neptune is involved, the need for sacrifice in some way is often found, as are the themes of victim and martyr. You may need to consider whether you are unconsciously duplicating the tendencies and failings of your father or mother, because they were your early role models of behaviour. You may be required to be self-sacrificial in your domestic relationship, perhaps through the illness of a child or partner, or as a result of a partner's need to pursue his or her ambitions; and you are usually willing to become a protective and embracing parent figure, even to a partner.

A new understanding and redefinition of family, roots and foundations in life is required. Neptune may ask that you surrender your family, perhaps through the dissolution of a marriage, or just through a transformation in your heritage of attitudes, beliefs and values as you learn how to stand free in your own light and follow your own path through life. The need for stability, security and roots needs to be expanded, so that reliance on a limited conception is transcended, and Neptune opens out into a wider space for exploration. For those attracted towards the spiritual dimension and the search for universal and eternal roots, the challenge may lie in trusting the goodwill of the universe, having faith in its guidance and moving beyond any dependence on rational thinking and protection of the limited self. This can develop into a determined exploration of the mysteries of life and yourself, moving ever deeper into the inner depths. Failure to accept this challenge or re-evaluation and transformation can create psychosomatic symptoms of ill-health in later years, and static regressive repetition of received patterns

from childhood. There can also be a withdrawal from social activity and a preference for isolated privacy, especially if the home life fails to fulfil, and you attempt to retreat into an inner idealistic dream world where life should be as you prefer to imagine it to be.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: Neptune in the 4th reveals that your inner sanctum contains no personal self. Instead, the space usually reserved for privacy is utilised to release you from the pressures of individual living. It is a space of universality, a return home to the essence of all things as One Together. The pitfall lies in a tendency to escape into emotional formlessness, to mistake ego inflation for cosmic reunion. The challenge is to allow everything to penetrate you without your ever losing the ability to function well in real life.

Personal security: Personal security has no pragmatic meaning. You are fascinated by a sense of family that extends far beyond the limited scope of biological bloodlines. Family is universal, and home is anywhere. The pitfall is that openness, translucidity, and idealism may so completely evaporate boundaries that you lose all sense of meaning, disintegrating into a state of permanent insecurity. The challenge is to realise that all men are indeed brothers, both within and beyond the flesh. Emotional imprints: Your early conditioning was full of idealism, fantasy, and often illusion, perhaps even lies. Dreams formed the basis of the imprint system, weaving an invisible pattern in your habits. Somewhere in your imprints may be the dark shadow of victim consciousness or drug problems; but even these can be turned toward the positive if you are willing to connect with a universal vision of life. Don't look toward an event-oriented background; what actually happened was of far less importance than what occurred in your fantasies. The sense of selfless spiritual purpose was important from the start, and may have manifested itself in religious training or attitudes.

"Inner-link" parent: There are echoes of both sainthood and martyrdom in your maternal impressions. Your mother may have been seen as a woman of delicacy and compassion, yet she might just as easily have been perceived as foolish dreamer or unwitting victim. In either case, she promoted in your early development a strongly intuitive orientation. Later in adulthood, you could easily be telepathic or psychic without ever thinking about it, since it would seem second nature to you. The pitfall you have with your mother surrounds boundaries. It's difficult for you to tell the difference between what's hers and what's yours. The challenge is to embrace her spirit without succumbing to her melodrama.

Private intuition: Inner guidance is an evanescent presence, floating just beyond the periphery of vision. It is like an echo, a constant "AUM", often felt but seldom seen. Private intuitions are not truly private here; information about life is absorbed from every sector of the environment - within the self, from the world around you, and directly from others. The information may be about anyone, for anyone, not solely your personal self. It is all experienced as relevant, and with this placement we see the first developments

of universal channelship. You are a conduit, a conveyor, a conductor of information you may not fully understand. Hold the information until life asks you for it, and then give it purely. For you, intuition bleeds into every thought, every feeling, every activity.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

People with Neptune in the fourth often find it difficult to establish a home of their own. They may not take seriously the need for a home of their own, or it may take them a lot longer than most people to get around to it. They may live much of their lives with family or friends, or in a room-mate situation, particularly where it means they do not have to pay rent or take much responsibility for upkeep. Even when they do desire to have a place of their own, circumstances of one kind or another may prevent it, or they may spend many years, sometimes even their entire lives, dreaming of an ideal home environment that is way beyond their circumstances.

The early home may have been chaotic in some way, and they may not have had their own space or much real privacy. In any case, privacy is very important to them, and they will put up with a great deal of discomfort to have it. The ideal home environment will be located near trees and water and filled with plants, pets, works of art, and interesting and unusual objects from far-away places.

The father may be an artist of some sort, a sailor, an actor, a doctor, or a fisherman. He may be a humanitarian, highly sensitive, and religious. He may also be an alcoholic, and / or chronically ill. He may not be strongly committed as a parent, or may be gone from the home much of the time - even gone altogether at some point early in life. Whatever the cause, there is often the feeling that they never got the chance to get as close to their father as they would have liked.

Pluto ♅ in ♈ Aries 1° 50'

No interpretation.

Pluto ♅ in 8th House

(Ginger Chalford)

The child with this placement is in touch with his or her inner psychic forces early in life. The inner attunement often runs counter to what is expected of him or her, or what the child is expected to believe and accept in life. On the one hand, there are philosophies about success which suggest that one has to work very hard over a long period of time before one is rewarded. This is also known as 'paying your dues'. Yet, the Pluto eighth

house child knows that whatever is desired intensely and singlemindedly can manifest in a flash, as if by magic. This manifestation of occult power is seldom noticed by the parents, and is generally extinguished by the age of five or so. Yet this inherent quality of the individual who has Pluto in the eighth has led psychics to speculate that such a person may have been a magician in previous lifetimes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other personality patterns which show up with this placement include refusing to accept help from others, sexual intensity, extremism or abusiveness, taking the self much too seriously, a tendency to go through periodic personality overhauls, manipulateness in order to gain money or other desired items, secretiveness about what he or she is doing, and a morbid curiosity. Most of these traits come as a result of inner emotional wrangling over the lack of his or her own resources, and the frustration of seeing others in possession of desirable things.

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

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

These Plutonians are progressive but at the same time conventional people, and are seldom noticed as bright lights by the public. They think in terms of what other people have, rather than in terms of what they themselves can create. They are impatient with trivialities, and can have a do-or-die attitude. After having been manipulated by the parents' money, they may spend a great deal of their life doing the same with others, not

being aware that this merely limits their own access to power and continues their unnecessary struggle for things. The struggle for personal and financial success can be a long one; and results may be slow to appear. The main way these people can get in touch with themselves is to create a crisis in which their inner resources are almost forced out of them, overcoming the blockages formed in early childhood.

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

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

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

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

Being a deep and mysterious house, the eighth doesn't yield its secrets quickly. With Pluto here, few people seem to experience those outer situations that characterise Pluto

in the other houses. The crises associated with Pluto here are underground; and any effects in the environment or life result from significant shifts of power in the deepest levels and recesses of the psyche. Sexuality can be expressed in extreme fashion. These people can be extremely poor or very, very wealthy. Frequently, those with this placement seem to disappear from public view, hiding in the woods or in the anonymity of a large city. Problems with resources may arise in the traditional eighth house areas of credit ratings, insurance penalties, taxes, inheritances, etc.. The deaths of people around them can create major changes in their lifestyle.

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

With Pluto transiting this house, you may not see much activity. The most intense think that could happen would be for a family member to die, or a friend to be lost somehow - but that is very rare. Generally, an overhaul of the attitudes about money, wealth, society, etc. begins to take place. New ideas on love and sex will show up, as these individuals sort out their love lives. At this stage, the people affected are learning to become more consciously receptive to their inner workings and messages. The lesson of this transit is to learn how to let go of old blockages that keep the self from being successful in getting and being what it wants. No compromises this time!

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

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

envy your success, making you feel guilty or afraid of it.

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

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

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

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

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

When the natural energies of sex and aggression are obstructed in their development and expression, and left to fester in the underworld, they turn ugly and deadly. Unless

examined and positively channelled, they accumulate power and burst into consciousness, blasting through all ego-controls. Before the person knows it, all hell breaks loose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In another example, a client of mine had Pluto in the Eighth House in Leo conjunct the South Node in the Seventh House, and in opposition to Mars in Pisces in the Second House. Her symbol to effect the metamorphosis of her personal limitations was a compulsion linked to sexual experience. As a little girl she compulsively masturbated. During masturbation she would have out-of-the-body experiences that allowed her to escape the confines of time, space and the limitations of her body. As an adult, she compulsively sought out one sexual partner after another and in her own words, was seeking "to extract the power of my partners into myself so that I could have more power myself." On another level she was trying to effect transcendence or death of the ego

through sex. Yet, she was not consciously aware of this motive until it was verbalized for her during the counseling session. Once it was verbalized, she began to have personal insights that allowed her to stop the compulsive sexual experiences that had dominated her life and consciousness. Once she realized that she had primary lessons in self-reliance to learn, she began to get involved with the "cosmic lover" within herself and to study meditation, yoga and spiritual rituals that allowed for a personal cleansing and purification. She no longer desired or needed another person to be sexually involved with. To her amazement she found that the power she was seeking was within herself. Because she was in the beginning of the spiritual evolutionary state she united with spiritual symbols on all levels. This process allowed her to learn how to use her sexual energy in a spiritual way. Through masturbation and sexual union with another she learned how to bring her sexual energy up the spine to promote a conscious unity with the Source. In so doing, she effected a transcendence of her egocentric boundaries at all levels. By learning this inner self-reliance, she naturally drew partners to herself who reflected this same dynamic. The element of use, manipulation and need were utterly removed. She learned how to unite with the Source, and her own Soul, through meditation and through sexuality.

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

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

security patterns.

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

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

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

The natural evolutionary condition or state of an individual will determine to what stage this knowledge has evolved. For those in the herd state, this knowledge can be limited to themselves and those closest to them. In this state, this limited knowledge is normally some form of "homespun" psychology that cannot be expanded upon or applied beyond their own immediate environment. In addition, this stage of development will reflect "conventional psychological wisdom that is a by-product or distillation of collective "home-spun" psychology that has evolved over a length of time relative to a specific culture that is collectively defined. For those in the herd state who are moving toward the individuated state, this conventional psychology will be applied to everyone. Those that

have evolved well into the individuated state will possess a knowledge of individual human psychology. These individuals will understand that people are different, and appreciate that each is constructed in their own way for their own reasons. These individuals cannot only apply this understanding to themselves, but can also apply it to others. They will necessarily question, confront and challenge conventional and accepted psychological knowledge. Those that are in the individuated state, yet moving toward the spiritual state, will possess knowledge of the essential psychological archetypes that symbolize and motivate human consciousness in general. They will understand themselves and others in this way. Individuals who have evolved into the spiritual state will possess knowledge of spiritual psychology that incorporates spiritual archetypes.

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

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

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

Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°47') ♎1 | ♌5
- 2) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°05') ♎1 | ♏7
- 3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°21') ♏8 | ♏4
- 4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°42') ♏12 | ♌5
- 5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°10') ♏12 | ♏7
- 6) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°04') ♎1 | ♏4
- 7) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°58') ♎1 | ♏8
- 8) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♎ **North-Node** - (0°57') ♏8 | ♏9
- 9) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°23') ♏4 | ♌5
- 10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°52') ♌5 | ♏7
- 11) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (4°12' A) ♏7 | ♏8
- 12) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°21' A) ♏7 | ♏8
- 13) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°09' A) ♏8 | ♏8
- 14) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (2°51' S) ♏4 | ♏4
- 15) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°58' A) ♏12 | ♏7
- 16) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°08' A) ♎1 | ♏7
- 17) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (0°22' S) ♏10 | ♏8
- 18) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°47' A) ♏10 | ♏8
- 19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♎ **North-Node** - (2°08' A) ♏7 | ♏9
- 20) ► **Ascendant ASC Square** ♂ **Mars** - (0°26' A) ♎1 | ♏4
- 21) ► **Ascendant ASC Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (2°25' S) ♎1 | ♏4
- 22) ► **Midheaven MC Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (6°02' A) ♏8 | ♌5
- 23) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ☾ **Moon** - (2°53' S) ♏12 | ♏10
- 24) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ☿ **Mercury** - (1°03' S) ♏10 | ♎1
- 25) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°05' A) ♏10 | ♏7
- 26) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (3°46' A) ♏8 | ♏4
- 27) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♆ **Neptune** - (6°37' A) ♏8 | ♏4
- 28) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♇ **Pluto** - (4°55' A) ♏4 | ♏8
- 29) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ☾ **Moon** - (4°34' A) ♎1 | ♏10
- 30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°56' S) ♎1 | ♌5
- 31) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°24' A) ♏8 | ♏4
- 32) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (4°33' A) ♏8 | ♏4
- 33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°15' S) ♏12 | ♏4
- 34) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (4°06' S) ♏12 | ♏4

- 35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♌ **North-Node** - (5°06' A) ♎12 | ♍9
- 36) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♋ **Jupiter** - (5°30' A) ♈10 | ♊5
- 37) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°05' S) ♏1 | ♎4
- 38) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°56' S) ♏1 | ♎4
- 39) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♌ **North-Node** - (3°16' A) ♏1 | ♍9
- 40) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♌ **North-Node** - (6°21' A) ♎4 | ♍9

- 1) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♋ **Jupiter** - (1°47') ♏1 | ♊5

(Robert Pelletier)

With Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant, you are the epitome of optimism. You do nothing in moderation because you are always hopeful that some of your excesses will work out for the best in the long run. You have an endless source of ideas with which to plan your success, and you are sure that you will succeed. With boundless faith in your abilities and a certain measure of luck, you don't worry about tomorrow and you care even less about yesterday. You are ambitious, but in satisfying your ambitions you can bite off more than you can chew. You exaggerate your own importance, which can be a serious liability if you are seeking supporters in your endeavors. No-one likes a braggart or a person who overestimates his worth. You are inspiring to those under you, but you should avoid making promises to them unless you are sure you can deliver.

You are generous, kind, sympathetic, benevolent, and the delight of anyone seeking a contribution in a fund-raising campaign, since you are a 'soft touch'. Generally you are well informed about subjects that have an important bearing on your professional goals as well as about matters of general interest. You have the highest regard for institutions of learning, and with your providential nature you will probably endow some school. You are too open with private or classified information, and if your competition beats you with a new product, the idea probably came originally from you. Try to be more conservative and serious. Your appetite needs curbing too, because you are inclined to put on weight, especially with advancing years.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Usually optimism knows no bounds when Jupiter is conjunct the Ascendant: we like to walk on the sunny side of the street. A cheerful attitude is displayed to the outside world and most people find us lovable. We have no difficulty in showing cordiality and warmth, and our brightness encourages others.

The joviality and generosity of Jupiter can manifest freely here, but so can the desire for freedom. We need acres of living space and find restrictions very hard to bear. Inwardly, too, the spirit of expansion is at work. Even when we are young, we are interested in

everything but should be careful not to turn into know-it-alls. Moralizing and telling others what to do (while we, for our part, smugly go on our way) are two of the possibilities with this conjunction; which otherwise has enough optimism and resilience to be full of promise.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with this aspect were born into fairly comfortable circumstances. They tend to be overexpansive, or they tend to over-relate to the situations they become personally involved in.

The Ascendant indicates 'our best foot forward', and Jupiter there indicates a tendency to throw all the energies into each new beginning. Life is not approached with caution unless the Ascendant sign is a cautious one. It brings the quality of 'too much' into the lifestyle. In order to use the energy constructively, the concept of 'too much' will have to be thought about and determined where it occurs in the life. 'Too much' can be determined by the reactions of others to whatever we are relating to in an overly exuberant manner.

(Sue Tompkins)

Individuals with Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant go out into the world eager to embrace as much of it as possible. These people have an expectant attitude to life, and wish to go out into the world and explore it. The houses whose cusps are in Sagittarius and, perhaps to a lesser extent, Pisces will play a part in determining the areas of life in which the individual will focus these explorative urges.

Jupiter rising people often come across as being buoyant and optimistic, and as taking a philosophical stance upon life's trials and tribulations. This is the person who presents a happy face to the world, even if the rest of the chart is descriptive of a more cautious, serious and doubtful individual. They approach others seemingly without thinking twice about it. Those with Jupiter on the Ascendant often appear somewhat arrogant; in some signs much more than in others. Often the individual sees everyone else as very positive, confident and sure of themselves and cultivates a similar persona. If the rest of the chart describes an extrovert personality, this placement will increase this tendency. Shyer individuals may be able to be quite 'up front' and confident amongst strangers but rather less so with people they know a little.

The type would also often like to appear as educated or sophisticated in the ways of the world; well travelled, physically or mentally. The journey in life is perhaps to do with exploration of the self, and this self-exploration and discovery will often take place whilst the individual is either in an educative setting or abroad. As a young child, the Jupiter rising individual may have travelled a great deal or been exposed to different cultures or belief systems.

People with Jupiter on the Ascendant-Descendant axis are usually great advice-givers. Perhaps there is a need to be seen as both knowledgeable and generous.

2) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°05') 1171 | 007

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of

loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a

common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

3) ► **Midheaven MC Parallel** ♂ **Mars** - (1°21') ♃8 | ♃4

(Robert Hand)

Very early in life, you will develop a firm determination to do everything your own way. You decide upon a course of action quite quickly, and you usually know just what you want to accomplish. If someone tries to stop you, you get very angry, feeling that you are the only one who really knows what is right for you and what isn't. Eventually this will be true, but while you are young you should be a little less headstrong and listen to what others say. You won't always follow their advice, but at least give it a hearing.

However, you are not merely strong-willed; you also identify yourself very strongly with whatever you intend to do. If someone questions your moves, you take it very personally. You must realize that you are more than the sum of your actions, and that when someone challenges your decisions, that person is not challenging you personally.

This aspect indicates that when you are older you should choose a career in which you can have a great deal of independence and expend a lot of physical energy. If you work for someone else, you will frequently feel more like a competitor than an employee, and if you don't like the pace set by your employer, you will feel very angry and hostile. You would not be at your best working in a team situation, with the possible exception of an athletic team. This placement of Mars is very common among athletes; but even in a team sport you need to have opportunities to shine on your own in order to be happy.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The urge to engage in social activity is great. We feel a need to make ourselves felt in the community, and strike others as very enterprising, not to say militant. We can shift

endless mountains of work - but may have to face the snarls of others due to our lack of tact. It is important to learn to be more considerate and less impetuous. We seem enterprising because of the ease with which we address problems or stand up for ourselves. We prefer to clear obstacles from the path by exerting ourselves to push them aside. When an appeal is made to our fighting spirit and resistance, we are generally at our best. While still young, we show signs of willfulness, and make it plain that we prefer to follow our own inclinations. This conjunction definitely has something recalcitrant about it.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the MC is suggestive of a real sense of direction in life and great ambition. Conjunctions and hard contacts to this axis often indicate a vocation that involves either fighting to get to the top or fighting to remain there. This is the kind of combination that one might expect in the armed forces, the police force, sales, sports or politics. It is also very commonly found in careers in various trades; work that involves a skill using tools or calling for decisive action. As always, the sign and its ruler are very important in determining the type of work.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect makes the natives highly ambitious. They desire importance and prominence in the world and in their professional lives. Their energy is directed toward definite purposes that will further their long-range goals. They are highly competitive where position is concerned, and will fight to get to the top.

They are often found in politics, whether in a corporate structure or in government. The conjunct favors those in industrial professions and jobs connected with machinery and engineering. It also disposes the natives toward a military career.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♌ **Jupiter** - (1°42') ♌12 | ♌5

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Sun and Jupiter indicates that you almost never act in moderation. In everything you do you show boundless enthusiasm, and you never really believe you will fail. Because of this faith in your ability to do anything you set your mind on, you may overestimate your capabilities and suffer disappointment on occasion. But even then, you can pick up the pieces and start in on another venture. If you learn to plan your actions more carefully, your successes would be more consistent. Lacking the ability to efficiently manage your talents, you tend to wander aimlessly from endeavor to endeavor, trusting that everything will eventually work out satisfactorily. While you don't necessarily rely on it, luck seems to attend you when you need it most.

Although you want recognition for your efforts, you are not driven by ambition. For you it is more important to live a full life, rich in experiences and with abundant possibilities for using all your potentials. You are generous to a fault, and no one who brings you a tale of woe will go away empty-handed. This is one of the many reasons why you have some difficulty saving money. Even when thrift is essential, you are self-indulgent.

Your occupational interests are varied, but you are generally inclined toward a profession, such as medicine, law, education, philosophy, philanthropic endeavors, travel, or any other field that offers opportunities for growth. You quickly tire of routine jobs that have few chances for progress and development or jobs that don't use your imagination. You work best when you are permitted to use your creativity and work to the full measure of your enthusiasm. You are well informed on many subjects and always eager to learn more.

You tend to be liberal in your religious views and somewhat indifferent to religious organizations, a matter that you feel rather apologetic about. An avid reader, you feel you must develop your own philosophy to guide you in life. You have high hopes for the future and never allow yourself to get into a rut that limits your progress. Subtle spiritual urgings tell you that everything that occurs in the outer world has a purpose in the inner world of consciousness. You have enormous faith, although it does not follow any structured ideology, and it sustains you by enabling you to fulfill your destined role.

Your emotional contacts are primarily with individuals who share your enthusiasm about life, who are eager to share their experiences with you and are not exclusively preoccupied with material concerns. You appreciate the sanctity of all life - vegetable, animal, and human - and you are warmly disposed toward anyone with a similar feeling. You are an emotional glutton, and may have some difficulty finding a partner who will satisfy your physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a totally satisfying relationship.

Your physical problems come about through lack of moderation. Doing too much for prolonged periods of time without sufficient rest can easily produce physical weariness; also, your blood pressure could become troublesome. Cultivate healthful living habits.

(Haydn Paul)

You will be naturally optimistic, enthusiastic and eager to explore the potential of life, looking to exploit your solar power and Jupiterian expansive tendency to enable you to taste life as deeply as possible. An image that fits this aspect is that of the seeker, believing that you are following a secret path towards a future destiny, reacting against and resisting any restrictive limitations that may occur as obstacles to your progress.

This can, however, be an ambivalent tendency. You may be correct in your intuition, discerning the signposts of your path; yet equally, this could become a path of evasion if you believe that it offers a justification for self-centred choices, or if you assert personal

freedom to the point where you wander through life with no sense of a clear direction.

One of your main assets is an innate self-confidence which generates a powerful faith in your ability to attain aims successfully. Through positive thinking you can attract 'good fortune' into your life, naturally expecting that all will work to your benefit. Usually, your positive attitudes will prove effective, yet there will be occasions when over-optimistic tendencies may stretch your actual capabilities too far, and you experience temporary setbacks to your plans. But even then, due to openness to new opportunities and directions, you'll succeed in discovering new roads to travel.

You may need to make more efficient use of your personal talents and resources, perhaps through greater self-discipline and focusing on your intentions. Forethought and planning may be skills which require additional development, and which can help to maximise future success. You will want to use your full potential, and searching for ways to do this may make you restless and unable to settle for very long. It is the expansionary quality of Jupiter that causes this agitation, and by recognising this activity you should ensure that routine work or lifestyles do not restrict or trap you, or else its intended positive contribution to your life could initially result in more disruptive effects.

Areas that may attract your interest include education, medicine, law, travel, philosophy, religion, social and humanitarian influence. You look for progress and scope for expansion wherever you become involved, especially when your contribution can be beneficial for others' welfare. There is the potential of merging your talents and interests with areas of social concern, so that your energy flows into the resolution of social issues, or you may become a spokesperson or representative of group ideals and social aims. Work involving the initial impulse for transformative social projects may particularly suit you, and offer ample scope for ongoing development. Linking your path with social needs could be an appropriate action and wise choice.

You enjoy expressing personal creativity and imagination, feeling that energy flowing into new forms and channels, sparking off new thoughts, directions and perceptions. Discovering a path which evokes self-motivation is very important, enabling that enthusiastic energy to be released. You like to be well-informed, and will be aware of most current social trends and world news. Ongoing learning is especially enjoyed, as it provides a source for the renewal of interest in life and opens up new areas of fascination and experience. It is a fullness of life that you seek, a real enjoyment of yourself and the world, and this can lead you to be attracted towards more hedonistic explorations. Yet underlying this is a need to create your own unique perception, philosophy and worldview, which is a reflection of a spiritual need to discover your own meaning and purpose of life.

Your spiritual interests do not really fit within orthodox teachings and religious organisations, and mainly derive from the sense of inner guidance and trust in the beneficence of life. You will adopt a position of tolerance and freedom, especially

valuing the unity of all life and the concept of universal human fellowship, so civilrights issues may interest you, or ecological concerns.

In relationships, you prefer partners who are fundamentally in tune with your perception of life, fellow enthusiasts and positive thinkers who appreciate the subtler qualities of people and experiences, rather than being preoccupied with materialistic matters and the accumulation of money and social power. You will expect much from a partner, and can inadvertently place pressures on others to satisfy your needs, rather than being equally aware of their own feelings and desires. More awareness may be needed in intimate relationships. For example you may need to curb your tendency to over-indulge in pleasurable activities. Otherwise you may create imbalances in yourself that need adjustment through greater health care. Containing that restless spirit may also be necessary at times, and you may need to realise that if you always focus on the horizon then you can lose sight of what is around you, and so diminish your appreciation of what is currently present in your life.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The expansiveness and progressiveness of Jupiter go hand in hand with the way the psyche seeks to develop: a combination that frequently results in self-reliance, optimism and success. An air of confidence usually has a stimulating effect on others. However, people with this aspect need to be careful not to think too highly of themselves: big-headedness and megalomania are the bad side of Jupiter. In principle, Sun conjunct Jupiter can heal both literally (the physician) and immaterially. Properties such as joviality, fair play and optimism come well to the fore with this aspect, enabling these people to put fresh heart into others. Also they are quite likely to be open-handed, magnanimous and protective, but run the risk of acting in a spirit of self-importance and so of extinguishing the spark of true humanity.

Thinking too highly of themselves can also be expressed in the optimistic laying of grandiose plans with an inattention to detail that is bound to produce mistakes and disappointments. But then, doing things with a flourish is typical of this aspect.

Natives with Jupiter in combination with the Sun tend to see things in broad perspective. Quite often they have philosophical, pedagogic or religious interests, and are keen on anything that gives food for thought or widens the horizons. Tolerance results from a deep conviction that humanity is essentially freedom-loving; people with a Sun / Jupiter conjunction like to make up their own minds and to arrange their own lives.

Moderation is not Jupiter's strongest point and, when the planet is conjunct the Sun, psychological and physical problems can arise through an unwillingness to exercise restraint. These problems are seen in such varied activities as speaking, eating, and drinking. Nevertheless, much of the damage can be repaired thanks to the native's irrepressibility.

(Betty Lundsted)

These planets in aspect indicate an emphasis regarding how the individual is programmed to relate to the self (the inner values, the personal needs). Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to the concept of self, family and the universe around us.

The conjunction represents the well-born in some way. These children are born at a time when the father feels good about himself and the family is doing better than other families in the neighborhood. If they are born in a poor neighborhood, their family is the most successful around. If they are born to a professional or wealthy family, the environment is comfortable. But the comfort usually expresses itself in financial terms rather than in emotional terms; so, the child may be well fed, well educated and well cared for, but the sense of happiness, or emotional comfort, may not be there. It brings an energy to the child that attracts money, prestige and trust as the child matures. Because people trust them, any venture that these individuals undertake will probably go well, unless there are other aspects to the Sun-Jupiter that cause a problem.

When the father feels good about himself, the child absorbs an inner sense of wellbeing and brings to maturity the ability to co-operate with authority figures. The child born in a masculine sign will always do better than the child born into a feminine sign for the Earth / Water sign child gives more emphasis to the aspects coming from the mother's side of the family. In order to develop the influence from the father (the Sun sign) the mother-blocks must be released. Then the energy is free to flow.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction may be regarded as a potent benefic influence, probably in a general way second to none in this respect. It is more ambitious and active than the trine or sextile, but commonly it resembles them in the simplicity of its life. It has literary, religious, scientific, and philosophical tendencies, and may also be inclined to military and naval matters.

It has the benevolence of the good aspects, but perhaps it is more vigorous, decisive, and direct in expression, and there may be a taste for invective or satire if Mars is also strong.

5) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (0°10') 8 12 | 007

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of your Sun and Saturn shows that you are serious and perhaps profoundly moved by everything that gains your attention. Every experience teaches you a lesson. You are more capable of handling responsibility than most people, but you

may resent it if others always expect you to be the one to take the burden. You may feel that your struggle to gain mastery over material circumstances seems more harsh than what others must face.

You matured rather early and probably were disciplined more strictly than other children. You may have encountered restriction from either or both parents in your formative years. No-one ever gave you anything, and now you don't expect anyone to, in your driving ambition to realize your goals. Austerity is a familiar way of life to you, which probably helped you learn to stand on your own feet as you developed. You have depended for success on your ability to effectively mobilize your personal resources.

You don't generally express your opinion unless there is a reason for doing so. Although you are not quick to assert your will, when you do you expect others to listen. You don't indulge in idle conversation, and you don't put up with it from others, unless they have something worthwhile to discuss.

You must be careful not to feel sorry for yourself if achieving your goals seems to be a laborious and painful process. Self-denial is easier for you, since it is consistent with your early training. Once you realize your objectives, they will be permanently secure because you have made such a tremendous investment in them. You will tenaciously hold on to the benefits brought by reaching your goals. It is not easy for you to be generous; you've worked too hard to get what you want, and you can't forget the lean years.

Your success results from your ability to efficiently consolidate your resources in order to exploit them to full advantage. Many fields need talent such as yours, including industrial management, teaching, politics, science and research, mathematics, and law. Each is a very demanding occupation; the only ones who survive are those who can discipline themselves and who are not afraid of responsibility.

You will choose a partner who has self-respect, for you consider this an important quality. Your mate must be willing to share your determination to rise above past or present circumstances. He or she must have humility and sincerity and be able to accept temporary limitations in anticipation of future growth and success.

Your greatest problem is that you react negatively to setbacks and become bitter. Some physical problems can develop, such as digestive ailments and ulcers, unless you maintain an attitude of hope and high expectation for the future. Try to establish goals that can be realized in the near future. It is also very important that you occasionally get away from familiar routines and indulge yourself a little. Wasting time once in a while will allow you to return to your responsibilities with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Don't get into a rut - this limits you, so that challenges no longer seem exciting.

(Haydn Paul)

Your potential success is dependent on personal qualities of perseverance, selfdiscipline, organisation and your ability to maximise the effectiveness of all your available resources. Ambition is likely to be a powerful motivating force within your personality, and, once your aims have been clarified, careful planning and application can help you to achieve them. Persistence and hard work may be the keys to later success, and it is unlikely that progress will be swift or aims realised at an early age. As Saturn implies limitations and barriers, it is probable that even when following your solar path there will be obstacles and frustrations confronting you, and there may be periods when you begin to feel the inhibitions of your nature and path acutely.

You can lack sufficient confidence, adopting a self-deprecating attitude as justifying any lack of progress. Temperamentally, you are serious and reserved, often taciturn in expression, controlled and disciplined and viewing life with an uneasy attitude. To you, life demands effort and application, and nothing comes easy or free. So you believe that to become materially comfortable you may have to deny certain feelings or needs in order to concentrate and focus on your aims. Unfortunately, through selfdenial and austere attitudes, you may repress self-expression, creating inner imbalances which have later negative side-effects. These could become more predominant if you enter a phase of frustrations, where disappointments generate tensions, stresses, angry thoughts and emotional attitudes. Disorders of the digestive system may be associated with this, and you may need to increase relaxation in your life, perhaps by consciously dismantling any fixity of lifestyle and daily habit patterns that may be unconsciously erected around yourself as a form of protective barrier.

The house position of the conjunction is a sphere of opportunity and of limitation for you, depending on the inner changes that you can consciously make. Success can result from applying your strengths, which are likely to be in areas of organisation, self-reliance, discipline, persistence and determined application. The theme of consolidation and building is associated with this aspect, where existing resources are used in ways which take greater advantage of their potential, expanding from a secure foundation but not overly risky or speculative. Careers in management, politics, law, scientific research, teaching, local government may be attractive, especially if you are able to use an ability to assume responsibility within your employment.

Your earlier childhood development will have been influenced by the relationship to your dather. Look at the attitudes towards life that your parents expressed, and see if these have become your dominating attitudes and values too. You may have received a highly ordered and strict parental discipline, encouraging conformity to parental desires and codes of conduct; moralistic or religious attitudes may have conditioned your worldview. There may have been a lack of parental approval or response to your unique childhood nature, perhaps a lack of emotional affinity (perceived or actual) which made you feel more isolated and independent; certainly you would have experienced an early inner maturation process. Have you become what your parents wanted you to be? And is this

in accordance with your desires and dreams? You may need to break free from these earlier psychological programs that are still operating in you, so that you can move in new directions or transcend those restrictions in life that are acting as barriers to fulfilment and success.

You have much of value to share with the world, but this may need greater releasing. For instance, you may feel that everyone makes their own destiny (and certainly, to some degree this is correct), but this should not stop you being generous if you have financial abundance in your life; you could help others to help themselves. There may be a belief that there is a lesson or message within every life experience, but this should never stop feelings of love and friendliness flowing out naturally from you to others. Acknowledging others in a different way may be necessary, so that you are more aware of their needs and qualities, and this can divert you from your selfpreoccupations. Certainly you will require a compatible intimate partner who recognises your need for achievement, and who is willing to support your endeavours; but equally, you should not forget that your partner also has their own life path to follow, and you should not forget their needs either. Mutual aid is the ideal approach. Loosen the chains of your self-imposed limitations, and you may be surprised by how your life can favourably change.

6) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♀ **Neptune** - (1°04') ♀1 | ♀4

(Haydn Paul)

With the Mercury-Neptune contacts, it is the mind level that is primarily sensitised and activated, so that the imaginative quality is emphasised and the main focus of life appreciation is through mental receptivity. The conjunction indicates a channel between the conscious mind and the unconscious mind, and both the energy and information flowing through this conduit need to be carefully integrated if a variety of imbalances and distortions is not to be created.

The faculty of imagination will be highly stimulated and developed, and this will certainly require appropriate channels to be focused on so that other problems of perception are not created. The issue of mental realities is one which can make you unsettled, especially as you can tend to make mistakes in judgement based on misinterpreting facts and suggestive information. You have a mental process that can attempt to re-create experiences into more acceptable forms for personal absorption, a style of selective manipulation which excludes aspects of reality that you refuse to acknowledge. If this process becomes a regular pattern of mental behaviour, then you are liable to create a distinctly personal reality that is a fusion of the real and unreal which can pose additional challenges when it comes to disentangling them. This is often amplified by a tendency to be mentally escapist, avoiding the possibility of any painful experiences and situations by refusing to become involved in things.

Relationships are likely to be characterised by over-idealism of lovers, either through

having the mental illusion of a perfect lover that is unlikely to exist, and comparing everyone to this perfect lover and so ensuring that they fail to match up, or by wrapping lovers in over-glamorised ideals, elevating them to a mental pedestal and so ensuring that at some time they will inevitably topple off. Your mental images will be shattered, yet this does not deny the real experiences of disappointment and disillusionment that you will suffer... and continue to suffer unless you become more realistic in your evaluations within intimate relationships. Part of this process can arise from the sense of personal inadequacy that you feel and which you try to alleviate by imitation of others you respect or sometimes through attempts to bask in the glow of reflected glamour by associating with publicly famous people, which allows inner fantasies to develop.

You are likely to have some creative and artistic talent, and your cultural appreciation will be developed. Your ideal type of employment will offer channels for such forms of personal expression, and it may be that you do develop towards writing, arts, photography or film as you have a gift for visual imagination which also has some inner content. Your approach will be intellectual and mentally resonant, rather than more emotionally evocative as with the Moon contacts. Training may be necessary to help draw out these talents, and your main talent may be related to giving an intellectual substance and context to artistic creations, as a critic does, although there you may need to be careful regarding a degree of intolerance in your attitudes.

Another area of life that could be very attractive to you is that of a mental fascination with mystery, romantic illusions, the worlds of psychics, mystics and psychology: the realms of the mind. Because of that close channel between the unconscious mind and conscious mind, you may experience serving as a conscious channel between the two, with information, such as personal examples of telepathic communication or prophetic dreams and visions, being transmitted to the rational mind. If you have properly come to terms with reforging reality into acceptable patterns and have broken free of that impulse, and have a real understanding of how your own psyche functions by integrating the transpersonal planets into a functioning unified consciousness, then moving towards less tangible realms of the mind may be safe for you. However, if those initial steps have not been made, then following your own fascinations into the inner worlds may not be so wise owing to that uncontrolled active imagination, and you could retreat inward to inhabit a nebulous dream world of your own making. So ensure that you carefully evaluate any ideas, impulses and motivations that enter your mind to clarify whether or not they are self-delusory or actual inner guidance. Such discrimination can be difficult to achieve, but it is essential to avoid becoming lost on the inner pathless path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury conjunct Neptune, your imagination often works overtime. When you state an opinion, your interpretation is likely to be as faulty as the 'facts' on which you base your judgement. Because you are uncomfortable with reality, you often bend the truth into a shape that you can accept. You are extremely sensitive to your environment and

intolerant of painful experiences, which you try to escape or withdraw from. It is essential that you find a constructive means for expressing your highly developed and sensitive mentality.

Your profession must give you the opportunity to use your artistic talents. Your appreciation for art in all its forms may enable you to succeed in a field such as writing, acting, or dancing. In these professions, your imagination and rhythmic sense can be applied to advantage. Any occupation you choose will gain your complete devotion.

You must have training in order to fully capitalize on your creative potentials. An education is absolutely necessary for you to clearly understand the best use of your talents. Mystery, romance, and illusion fascinate you, but be careful that you are not overwhelmed by the desire to use them to escape from reality and responsibility.

Be especially cautious in your romantic relationships in order to avoid unnecessary disappointments. You idealize beyond attainable levels, overdramatizing other people's qualities and underestimating your own. You tend to be influenced by the illusion and glamour of famous or even notorious people. You often imitate the people you admire and may romantically 'cast' yourself in a personal role with them to vicariously enjoy a relationship you've created. You are quite responsive to suggestion and should therefore avoid artificial stimulants.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

These people's manner of communicating and analyzing, of assimilating and arranging facts, is lined with a factor which blurs distinctions and boundaries. Neptune does not give a sharp eye for detail, but does form an entry into the realm of the invisible. In practical terms, this generally means rather chaotic and unsystematic thinking and data-handling; and, quite often, when this type tries to assimilate information, they suffer from interference from unconsciously produced change and confusion. Without realizing it, they can misinterpret information and then garble it. Folk may think they are telling lies but, generally speaking, lapses are not deliberate. The trouble is compounded by the Neptunian love of fantasy, which tempts them to embellish or distort the truth.

The unconfined nature of Neptune enables these people to look behind appearances and to read between the lines. They can tell by the tone of voice if others are trying to hide anything from them. Indeed, with a Mercury / Neptune conjunction, people often know the answer to unspoken questions. Clairvoyance or, at the very least, powers of intuition are possible if the rest of the chart concurs.

With this conjunction, these people live in a separate reality and do not always distinguish between fact and fancy - something that in everyday life is often disadvantageous, but for such things as composing music or writing poetry or prose is very advantageous.

Neptune is not a stable planet; it continually undermines. In company with others, this type can feel very insecure, and runs the risk of identifying with others too readily. Constant changes of mind are a regular feature of the conjunction.

This type needs to beware of taking appearance for reality, and of flattering themselves with false hopes.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mercury indicates the state of mind, the natural interests on the mental plane; Neptune affects the mind with its fantasies, dreams, delusions, etc.. This can be a most creative aspect and it makes for an unusual type person. Neptune can represent the search for the truly spiritual, and Mercury tied to it indicates that the mind may be on some wonderful spiritual search that others don't understand.

Children with this aspect are born into families where a search for some sort of spiritual identity is going on. The search may not seem obvious to the outsider, or even to the child; but after a thorough investigation, it is discovered that one or both parents have some 'strange' ideas about religion - religious attitudes can be orthodox or unorthodox. Often, the spiritual philosophy is hidden.

The aspect indicates that the mind may be 'clouded'. This child may daydream into maturity. Communication between the parents is nebulous and vague; the child learns to communicate with others the same way. He may not know how to share himself or his ideas with others, for he may live in his mind. In the mundane aspects of day-to-day living, he will communicate strangely; he may start sentences and leave them unfinished, or he may start a sentence in the middle and leave you to figure out the beginning.

However, it is a tremendously creative aspect, for the mind is capable of reaching into the depths and heights of artistic endeavor. The aspect becomes dangerous when the child is born into an environment that doesn't encourage creative thought, for then the energy can use him - and may manifest in various forms of psychic phenomena that are not readily understood. Because of the spirituality of Neptune, this aspect can evince the religious fanatic, one who talks with God, one who hears voices, or one who has frightening prophetic dreams.

Once the energy is used creatively, once the intuitive energy common to the aspect is comprehended, it's a wonderful one to have. Misunderstood, it frightens the person who has it because he doesn't know how to use the energy effectively. The study of the occult, a pursuit of metaphysics, theosophy, religion in some form, will also help the owner to expend his energy constructively. It can be fun.

This appears to be an uncertain influence capable of acting in apparently diverse ways. I have known people with it who were kind, gentle, credulous and idealistic; on the other hand, there are several known cases wherein the native has committed terrible murders. It occurs in several clairvoyant investigators, as to the value of whose work each must form his own opinion.

Probably the root-effect is to sensitise the feelings abnormally, so that the native is subject to delusions and uncontrollable impulses, unless the chart is a strong one, in which case the mind may be of a very high order indeed.

There is often marked musical ability and also a love of, and aptitude for, aquatic pursuits.

7) ► **Mercury** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (1°58') ♀1 | ♀8

(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.

8) ► **Venus** ♀ **Parallel** ♀ **North-Node** - (0°57') ♃8 | ♃9

(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.

9) ► **Mars** ♂ **Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°23') ♄4 | ♄5

(Haydn Paul)

This will give you a dynamic, powerful energy that you attempt to direct in pursuit of your ambitions. One difficulty can be in the often erratic flow of this volatile energy, which creates problems in consistent application. It will be seen as though an on-off switch is being internally activated by an unknown hand. This is the unpredictable instability of the Uranian vibration, which is interfering with the drive of Mars.

Even so, the power that you release is quite considerable; but you may have to learn how to apply it in ways that create the maximum benefit for yourself, perhaps through taking into account this irregular flow pattern, and organising yourself accordingly. When this energy is freely flowing, you will feel highly charged, and under the influence (or 'inebriation') of this energy you are liable to be quite impulsive. Actions can be taken without due thought or consideration, and this can create future difficulties, through following unwise choices. A lack of sensitivity to others, and a diminution of common sense, can occur; and you may look for ways to release the sudden pressure that can rapidly build up inside you. In extreme cases, this can be expressed through explosions of temper and anger at any provocation, even to the point of physical violence; certainly attempts to release the energy through verbal and emotionally directed violence towards a partner are common.

You prefer to retain as much independence as possible; and you are not one to bow to any authority. Basically, you are anti-establishment, a natural rebel, an anarchist. You see your own will and desires as paramount, following a purely personal code of behaviour which is determined by a self-centred perspective on life. You tend to insist on your right to be free to follow your own path and ambitions, and can experience relationship problems through this attitude, and may need to learn the values of cooperation to modify this tendency.

Your search for excitement is mainly in terms of physically based action, which can be through competitive sports, or in sexual conquests. You feel a strong need to 'feed' this urge for physical / material level action, and it is tied in with a need to prove yourself in relation to others, to prove that you are better than them in some chosen way.

In some ways, the rebellious spirit can find suitable channels through becoming an opponent of the Establishment, but one who is working from within a socially accepted framework, attempting to change society from within. It may be argued that this is the most effective way, to initiate constructive change through speaking out on behalf of a minority or disadvantaged social group. Irrespective of how you may express this

tendency, you will tend to look for results to occur in the physical world as a reflection of your impact. You can have little patience for social rules, preferring to disregard them; but apart from you being penalised if you contravene them, you may have to learn the art of apparent conformity in order to create a foundation that you can work from in your own inimitable, subversive way.

Probably you will find that you become more effective if you can control the inner energy, so that you are able to direct it into predetermined channels of creative expression. The act of clarifying your aims, personal and social, will help this process. Careful consideration of your options and goals will lead to wiser choices at the times of activity, and a gradual transformation from self-preoccupation to becoming more aware of the rights and feelings of others will be a great step for you to make. Learning to share and work with others in co-operation will offer scope for the fullest use of your talents and forceful energy, and will re-integrate you back into society as a positive revolutionary rather than just a negative reactionary.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mars conjunct Uranus, you are unrestrained, forceful, and energetic in striving to achieve your goals. You establish your own rules and won't submit to anyone's restraints. As you work to get what you want out of life, you are completely uninhibited, guided by the belief that you must be free to do whatever is necessary to get what you want. There's never a dull moment when you're around, because you seek excitement, and when there isn't any, you create it.

This impulsiveness can cause you many problems. Society is stabilized by laws and rules of behavior, and the people who abide by them are irritated by your rebellious nature. If you truly want to accomplish your objectives, you will have to play by the rules.

Your courageous nature can best be used in occupations that require daring, such as sports, racing, mountain climbing, or exploration. Before contemplating any of these, however, be sure you understand that safeguards are necessary. Otherwise, the results will be tragic. Only a powerful Saturn in your chart can offer the protection you need.

You could easily become the champion for people who are too weak or perhaps too timid to demand social adjustment or change for themselves. You have the courage to instigate change by challenging powerful government officials. To dramatize your point, you may even threaten them, using the public support you've gained. Once you have all the evidence to confirm an allegation of wrongdoing, you won't be stopped from whatever action is needed to make sure that justice is served.

You have a powerful sex drive that cannot accept 'no' for an answer. You would be refused mainly by those who expect an emotional response in addition to a biological one. As far as this conjunction shows, you are primarily a 'taker' and not much of a

'giver'.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The executive ability and energy of Mars is placed under high tension by a conjunction with Uranus. With two impatient factors in such close contact, we feel the urge, even when very young, to go our own way as unconventionally as possible. There is something provocative and defiant about our behavior whenever we stand up for ourselves.

Our patience is not great: we have too much need of action, change and renewal. In one way or another, we are very alert to what is going on around us; and, because we are rather keyed up, we may suffer from nerves or slight overstrain. We are inclined to rush into things, but seldom finish them. And we are not good at co-ordinating our activities. Impulsiveness and lack of forethought are increased by Uranus; which can cause us to be brusque, capricious and sudden, not to say liable to the occasional fits of temper. Therefore this combination increases the risk of broken friendships and marriages; also of accidents. But the same swiftness of action makes us extremely adroit at handling difficult situations where snap decisions have to be taken.

The wayward self-will of Uranus produces a degree of obstinacy in the owners of Mars / Uranus aspects. We can impetuously follow our own ideas in spite of anything anyone may do to stop us. We are very dynamic, and it is hard to resist our bold handling of affairs. We can shine brightly if given the chance to be ourselves; but being warned off or told what not to do arouses the fighting spirit, and then the destructive side of this combination puts in an appearance. Forbearance is not our strong point.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars represents the 'I act' principle and Uranus represents the erratic or selfwilled tendencies of the personality, the combination can be indicative of an individual with a 'short fuse'. How this energy manifests will depend on the sign placement.

The energy level is usually high. People born with this aspect are aware of the inherent energy level, and by the time they reach their twenties they have learned something about channeling it.

In a sexual sense, the conjunction can indicate a strange, unusual or unorthodox sexuality, which can manifest as a slightly eccentric conditioning as well as include all forms of what is considered sexual perversion. The aspect should be synthesized with the other aspects involved in the conjunction; the Venus, Sun and Moon placements should be considered before determining that a Mars-Uranus conjunction is unhealthy. The aspect indicates precociousness, impulsive sexual relations, as well as impulsive physical reaction in general. This person may jump into emotional or sexual

involvements without considering all the factors necessary in a relationship. This aspect can cause relationships with partners who are unusual types.

Because Mars represents the action taken to express the Sun potential in each individual, it's important to become conscious of the energy here. Uranus involves erratic behavior and one can take erratic action. The concept of self-will may need to be considered, for action may be too impetuous to accomplish what is desired on an overall level. The conjunction bestows a creative genius that may not be expressed until the less evolved qualities are disciplined.

(Charles Carter)

Will-power, courage, and dogged persistence characterise this aspect, though the nervous strain may be so great that the native breaks under it, fighting, as a rule, to the last. Paralysis must sometimes be feared from the tensions of Uranus. Often the character shows best in moments of danger but it has little patience under stress and strain. I have only known one case wherein, to date, it has been something of a dumb note; here it falls in Leo in the 12th and has externalised in the shape of dire suffering through the sickness of wife and children, as well as injuries at games.

Charubel, the astrological seer, had the conjunction in Capricorn; his natus exemplifies the occult side of Mars intensified by Uranus; Tennyson, who had the conjunction in Scorpio in the 6th, also had an interest in such things, but it was half-smothered by the age in which he lived.

Inharmonious aspects between these planets may in some measure denote weakmindedness, probably through an actual malformation of the brain (Mars).

10) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°52') 135 | 007

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Jupiter to Saturn shows that you have enormous potential for success, although it won't come without effort. In spite of overwhelming odds against success, you are eager to explore new means to make a massive assault and assert yourself in the world. You have the fortitude and staying power to mobilize all your resources for this task. Planning every step of the way is absolutely essential, along with knowing when to act and when not to. You have a vivid picture of your future already realized in your dreams, but you are realistic enough to accept the responsibility this entails. You know that even with a driving ambition, striving for significance is not enough unless it satisfies a clearly pictured mental vision. You have the courage to be ostentatious about your belief in yourself, while remaining cautious enough to stay within your limits. Your capacity to achieve goals is in direct proportion to your willingness to accept selfdiscipline and hard work. The glow of success is so sweet that you can

accept these facts.

You are hopeful yet realistic, eager yet serious, assertive yet deliberate. Generally you don't take chances, preferring to use proven methods to get what you want. You apply your talents in the most practical way so that little effort is wasted on non-productive projects. You can find rewarding satisfaction and exploit your creative talents in law, education, medicine, accounting, or the ministry. To these fields you would bring a profound understanding of people and an ability to help solve their problems. You are patient with less gifted people and willing to be of assistance when they need you.

In your moments of relative leisure, you enjoy reading informative books that are useful in your professional interests. In your constant striving to raise your level of competence, you might attend evening sessions at an educational institution. Never satisfied with the extent of your knowledge, you realize that competition requires to keep abreast of current thought and developments in your field.

You respect the lessons of history, which stimulate your philosophical musings on destiny and the role of each individual in the destiny of man. Your retentive memory is a great help in crises that require an immediate solution; you may even be surprised that the necessary information comes to mind so readily at the right time.

Overdoing is your most persistent problem, for it can cause physical exhaustion. You especially need to get away from your daily concerns and truly unwind. Frequent 'little vacations' are especially effective in restoring vitality and giving you a fresh approach to your goals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When enlarging, widening and augmenting Jupiter goes hand-in-hand with its opposite (i.e., with restricting, narrowing and inhibiting Saturn), inconsistency is the result. On occasions when we would like to be cheerful and enthusiastic, and would like to widen our horizons and throw ourselves heart and soul into some project or other (Jupiter), we fear a loss of security, become inhibited, and behave with extreme caution (Saturn). This leaves little room for spontaneity, and there is a danger that we shall let slip many good opportunities, because when we finally get round to saying 'yes' it will usually be too late. The reason we wait so long is that we want to be fully informed before making a move, or else we need time to overcome a nervousness of anything new. Of course, this aspect has the great advantage that it discourages us from rushing headlong into wild adventures.

However, the limitation, melancholy and general cheerlessness of Saturn are relieved by the underlying brightness of Jupiter; so that Saturn / Jupiter combinations do have a certain amount of joy about them even though this is tempered by seriousness. Also, whenever we are down in the dumps, the optimism of Jupiter can lift our spirits again.

With the conjunction, we are capable of toiling hard and long. We envisage future rewards (Jupiter) for the hard work we must do (Saturn). So the combination is excellent for tasks requiring steady application and considerable self-denial. A vision of the future is accompanied by a willingness to move forward stage by stage; so there is definite organizing ability. However, this will show itself clearly only if the background of the signs concurs, and if the aspect ties in with personal factors in the chart.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is interpreted on many levels of experience. Jupiter symbolizes how we relate to others; Saturn symbolizes restriction in some way. The sign of the conjunction is important, for it lends its qualities to the aspect. Jupiter symbolizes how we open up, and Saturn symbolizes the restrictions placed on us at an early age because of our father's attitude toward us, or our response to his influence. In a mundane sense, the conjunction means that the individual has a tendency to open up (Jupiter) and close up (Saturn) at the same time. He may reach out to share some new experience and be afraid to do it because there is an unconscious memory that authority figure or Fathers don't like him doing that. It may mean that the father is a restrictive influence when this individual is learning how to relate; maybe the father can't relate easily either.

The conjunction will indicate a person who takes relationships seriously, one who may work too hard on developing all the potential in a relationship. It may indicate a person who takes relationships so seriously that he or she is afraid of making a commitment, or even starting a relationship at all. This person may have relationships that are similar to the kind the father created; and the pattern can be determined by exploring memories of the father's friendships over the years. Once the pattern is understood, the father's influence is diminished, and the owner of the conjunction is free to pursue the kinds of relationships he wants to develop for himself - although he will approach the subject seriously.

In order to reach the fullest possible realization of life potential, in order to develop consciousness to its highest point, the individual with this conjunction will have to develop a perspective on how he reaches out to relate, and an understanding of the restrictive influence from his father - and then both aspects of personality will develop at the same time. As he begins to view his cautions, and as he faces his fears and the feelings of limitation and frustration caused by Saturn, his opportunity to open up and to relate to new experience will also be developed. This person will then have an aboveaverage perspective, for he cannot relate fully until he takes responsibility for himself.

The aspect will be further determined by the sign of the conjunction, as well as the house placement. The conjunction taking place in the twelfth house seems to be the most difficult because this house signifies that part of ourselves which can remain the

most unconscious.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful but admittedly critical position. It must be regarded as potentially gloomy, for it occurs sometimes in charts of suicide, especially if it falls in Virgo. It distinctly favours a hard life, with privation, struggle, or danger. The native essays difficult though sometimes glorious feats, and may acquire fame through performances of great arduousness, whether mental, physical or spiritual. It is distinctly a sign of great possibilities to be realised by hard work.

It favours great singleness of purpose and endless patience. The native is generally religious, favouring old and established communions. There is often a rather eccentric tendency as regards the use of money: the native may be generous to the wrong persons and niggardly to the deserving. Jealousy sometimes occurs.

With respect to external conditions, what has been said regarding the harmonious aspects is true also here, but the elements of toil and danger are likely to be more in evidence.

11) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♀ Venus** - (4°12' A) 007 | 78

(Robert Pelletier)

Venus opposition the Ascendant indicates that you are drawn to refined and sophisticated people. You are well-mannered, and generally people have a good opinion of you. You make concessions if it seems necessary to maintain harmonious relations, and you refuse to judge someone whose conduct does not come up to your expectations. Too frequently you give people the benefit of the doubt and see in them qualities they don't possess. Wanting to believe that you choose to associate only with persons of the highest character, you are disappointed if they don't really measure up.

Although you appear self-confident and assured, the fact is that you are not comfortable unless you have someone around to give you the support you need. There is no deception in your claim that you are happy to meet people, because you truly enjoy their company and conversation. You work hard, although subtly, to make sure that people are warmly disposed toward you, and you try to emphasize your better qualities to prove you are worthy of their friendship. To put others at ease, you play the innocent role and make it clear that you won't threaten them. You hope no-one perceives your negative qualities and discovers how insecure you really are.

Your best publicity agents are your friends, who freely extol your virtues when anyone asks them. In the company of your superiors or anyone you admire, you tend to be shy.

Always on the lookout for ways to improve your social status, you prefer the company of successful people or those who are obviously on their way up. You have no qualms about forming close relationships with people who are financially secure if this will increase your chances of a permanent association. On the surface you are docile, gentle, and charming, but underneath you conspire and connive to make a better life for yourself through the people you deal with.

Venus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In practice, Venus / Ascendant conflicts do not seem to be too much of a disadvantage. There is a good chance that their tension will make us more interesting to others. Therefore, even with these aspects, we can expect easy social intercourse and a genuine desire for a peaceful, harmonious environment. Not that we always succeed in obtaining the latter - we tend to overdo things, and may fail to read some situations properly. Certainly we need to learn how to direct our energies.

Although, in principle, these aspects can encourage laziness, not to mention selfindulgence and luxury, their tension guarantees a fairly energetic approach. Artistic and other aesthetic forms of expression are therefore more likely to find an outlet. Sometimes, however, the outlet is simply a matter of trying to impose one's own tastes.

(Betty Lundsted)

People with a square or opposition may find their 'wants', their ability to receive love, thwarted or frustrated in some way. The attributes of both signs will manifest in attitudes presented to others.

The square is most often an indication that its owner will live one end and suppress the other, finding it difficult to attain the compromise necessary so that both energies can function at the same time. If the 'best foot forward' battles with the concept of love, all relationships will encompass a strain, and permanent relationships will be difficult to build.

When the opposition takes place between Venus and the Ascendant, some kind of compromise must take place between the 'persona' and the desires. The career drive may be confused, or the personal relationships may be difficult. These individuals will appear to be looking for a different kind of relationship from what their Venus sign wants.

(Sue Tompkins)

Venus on the Descendant sometimes reveals itself as a concern with others' appearance. This may manifest in the field of work. For example, hairdressers can work on the issue of their own appearance through working on how others look. Success in such a field would also confer great personal popularity. Some with this placement project their Venus onto others by seeing them as 'nice', beautiful, good or even wealthy, but in so doing can find these principles within themselves. Many with this placement feel more valuable when in a partnership, and I have seen this work on a literal level, as in the case where an individual becomes involved with someone who, relative to his or her own income, is very wealthy.

Venus on either end of this axis inevitably gives rise to a strong concern with relationship. The need for partnership may be quite overwhelming. Some with Venus conjunct Descendant particularly also want a relationship that looks good to others. Depending on the overall condition of Venus and the 7th house, there may be a difficulty in accepting the more difficult, complicated and sordid aspects of one's relationships, since one always wants to keep everything 'nice'.

Venus making hard aspect to this axis sometimes suggests that the individual dresses inappropriately for the outer image that he or she is trying to convey.

12) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct Pluto** - (5°21' A) 007 | 18

(Robert Pelletier)

Pluto opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people with powerful egos and strong temperaments. You have a strong desire for close, intimate contact with many of the persons you associate with, and this alone should be a warning to you. When you discover that someone is trying to make you over to satisfy his own desires, make a fast exit. But this is also a sure sign that you try to do the same thing to those you are attracted to. You make extensive demands of the people you deal with, but you resent it when similar demands are made of you. This is essentially the meaning of the old saying 'Birds of a feather flock together'. Such problems can ruin otherwise fascinating relationships.

Your talents lie in your ability to mold people, so public relations is a field to which you should apply yourself. Political, social and financial activities are other areas in which you could find a great deal of satisfaction. You express yourself with dramatic flair, and people are impressed with your ability to command attention.

You generally get what you want when you want it, and you don't tolerate refusal of your demands. If you are motivated to change people's attitudes about their social obligations, you can accomplish miracles. You will be able to gain the support of your friends in seeking to improve intolerable social conditions. However, elected officials will try to discredit you and turn public opinion against you. But you aren't afraid of such

tactics, because you have information about such officials that could be equally embarrassing to them.

In personal relationships you may have difficulty in achieving the success you enjoy in public conquests. When you relate to people at close range, you can become burdensome and make others feel uncomfortable. You understand how people think, and may even be psychically tuned to them. This ability helps you deal with people.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Pluto conjunct Descendant often tend to give their power away. They also often see other people (as opposed to themselves) as powerful, controlling, ruthless, manipulative or impenetrable. It is through one-to-one encounters that the individual is offered the opportunity of discovering the darker side of him- / herself.

Power struggles are inevitable with all aspects to this axis, and these are usually particularly obvious with Pluto setting in the chart. It is through one-to-one relationship and sometimes struggle that the individual is able to transform his / her self-image and way of relating to other people. Those with Pluto on the Descendant are often forced to grapple with many of the relationship issues that confront Venus-Pluto people. This is a useful placement for work which involves holding others through crisis and steering them through transformative situations.

Pluto square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hunger for power common to Pluto / Ascendant aspects is greater still when the aspects happen to be hard. Although we may feel insecure, we refuse to admit it. We are full of fight, are more ruthless than we intend, and can frighten people with a look. Our very presence is intimidating. We may not realize the force being generated by Pluto, but others feel its intensity and our readiness to go to extremes. We give the impression, without necessarily intending to do so, that the slightest opposition could lead to angry words and possibly to physical violence. For, with hard aspects of Pluto and the Ascendant, we can crush people with cruel remarks; and since Pluto encourages an eager interest in human motives and in anything suppressed or hidden, we have an unerring ability to find out the weak spots of others, and we do not hesitate to make them the butts of our poisoned verbal barbs. Obviously, with this ability we are more feared than loved. Yet it is a weapon in the power struggle that we would not lay aside for any price; and if it makes us disliked, well, Pluto gives plenty of resilience.

There is something provocative about our behavior, although not in the impulsive and

cross-grained style of Uranus: Pluto causes us to act with more subtlety and more discretion, but invariably gives us the need to do our own thing regardless of whether this is socially acceptable or not. We do our own research, make our own discoveries, come to our own conclusions and formulate our own goals, and are not to be deterred from them. Therefore, this is an outstanding position for reforms; although initially we have to go through a (sometimes) not inconsiderable number of confrontations before being able to use the hard aspect rather more constructively. Our powers of penetration then enable us to see through people and their intentions, to build up a great knowledge of men and women, and to expand our view of ourselves and our surroundings by the addition of much that is new and of much that was formerly hidden. We unearth a great deal in our restless search. Pluto, wanting more, refuses to let us rest until we have got to the bottom of things. This can be very trying, because we feel compelled to see our own depths mirrored in our surroundings. But if we make some radical changes in our life, we should be able to get in touch with these deep values.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Pluto squares or opposes the Ascendant, the life takes on a different meaning, for the hard aspect indicates individuals who were raised in a strongly manipulative atmosphere. How the manipulation works and who was doing it will be revealed by the other aspects involved with Pluto.

When the square occurs there seems to be an excessive need to be in control of the environment, and of the circumstances of life; new starts will be hampered by some unconscious motivation that is reflective of the early childhood experience. The less productive end of the square might even mean that these individuals want to control and manipulate others before new ventures can be started. When the energy is turned into a productive phase, the need to control the environment has been let go, and the inner motivation becomes joined with approvable action; they cease to view life as something that must be planned, and the energy can flow.

When Pluto opposes the Ascendant, another dilemma begins to show itself. It may look as though these individuals have chosen a controlling partner, but more probably some kind of internal battle is going on concerning a desire to control both new activities and partnerships. Giving may be a response to love that ends up being 'smother love', for the early childhood environment was strongly colored with controls.

Before one can eliminate unconscious needs to control, an understanding of the need to manipulate must take place. We are a species of imitators; if our parents play manipulation and control games, we will too, because we only have one childhood experience upon which to draw our concepts of normal behavior. In order to let go of old patterns, we must first recognize that they exist. Then each individual can consciously examine the need to continue. Unconscious patterns are the most difficult to break, for the patterns were formed many years ago and are not easy to recall.

In order to get the most out of the Ascendant qualities, the Pluto opposition needs to be understood, for it will cause a compromise to take place that ends up compromising every new endeavor. Once consciousness is applied to this aspect, it becomes a strong one indeed, and can be used in the transformation process.

13) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♄ **Pluto** - (1°09' A) ♋8 | ♋8

(Haydn Paul)

Your intimate personal relationships will be extremely important in your life, creating a sphere of experience which can take you to both the heights and the depths of emotional intensity, and will be a focus for energies of transformation which will influence the direction of your life.

What you are searching for is 'the ultimate physical / emotional affair', a consuming passionate involvement with your ideal partner; and this desire will play a prominent role in your choices of partner for relationship. Unfortunately, what you are chasing is more of an illusion rather than a reality, a dream figure projected from your own psyche that you look to find in the objective world the anima and animus images of Jungian psychology. As real life has a habit of shattering illusions, you will often be frustrated in your relationships, which could lead you to experiment with a variety of partners, none of whom seems to fit your inner picture of 'perfection'.

Emotionally, you can be difficult to satisfy, as you tend to believe that there is always a greater intensity and experience that has so far eluded you, but which would be within your reach if only you could find the right partner. Inevitably, your emotional life will be full of highs and lows; and the likelihood is that you will either break up promising relationships or allow them to fall apart by withdrawing your commitment, because you are already casting your net for a more suitable mate. It can be difficult for someone who is emotionally attached to you, as you tend to 'blow hot and cold', fire, passion and intensity, and ice, distance and disinterest, as your partner displays his or her more frail human face. Only a 'god or a goddess' will do for you!

The point is that you are externalising your inner ideal partner; and what is required is that you realise that you have to evoke these qualities from within your own nature, to become more complete and self-sufficient in yourself, rather than look for another to bear the strain of expressing them, and upon whom you lean. You have to reabsorb your own fantasy projection, stop expecting another to live up to your ideal, and learn how to embody it yourself. It is a step in moving towards the inner androgynous state of being, where the physical male integrates his anima, allowing 'traditional feminine qualities' of sensitivity, intuitiveness, nurturing and caring to enrich his life, and the physical woman integrates her animus, releasing qualities of action, intellect and assertiveness to enrich her life; an inner balance.

Until you begin to make progress in this inner psychological necessity, then it is likely that you will continue to find an underlying dissatisfaction in your relationships, a feeling that there must be more somewhere. You need to change in order to create an opportunity for your relationships to stand a chance of working; you need to accept the real nature of people, their weaknesses and strengths, and learn to love real flesh and blood people. Potentially, your capacity for the intensity of love can stimulate considerable transformation in yourself and partners, acting as a healing and development catalyst; the process of rebirth in your life will come via your emotions, but be prepared to suffer the 'death of the heart' first.

Your vitality and energy can give you an artistic temperament and ability, coupled with a style of dramatic self-expression; and people will rarely respond to you in a lukewarm manner, finding themselves either strongly attracted to the consuming flame or repulsed as the intensity is too much for them. Transformation, perhaps through the reorientation of your excess vital emotional energy towards a spiritual or social cause, could help regeneration, offering equal intensity but from a stabilised inner balance.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus conjunct Pluto, you will encounter recurring crises as your romantic nature seeks emotional fulfillment. You pursue the ultimate in physical and emotional release, and because of your ardent love needs, you will be attracted to a wide variety of partners. You are possessive of your current love interest, but you easily turn your attention to someone else who seems able to provide you with a deeper relationship.

You often demand tangible love tokens from those with whom you become emotionally involved. Since you are willing to make enormous commitments to the one you love, you feel it is only fair that your partner should make some material sacrifice to demonstrate genuine interest. In this way, you are reassured that the relationship is more than merely a physical attraction, and there is a possibility of a permanent bond between you. You are always hoping for that total partnership in which you enjoy all levels of companionship - physical, emotional, and spiritual.

You arouse deep responses in people, even those you contact casually. Your nature stimulates both positive and negative reactions; some individuals will find you irresistible and enticing, while others will be fearful of becoming trapped by your pervasive charm. In time, you will be freed from your physical preoccupation with sex, and you will be more able to enjoy all kinds of human contacts.

You attract others to you like a magnet. They may be interested in your dramatic sense or your artistic leanings, or they may be fascinated by your fearless involvement in deep and sometimes dangerous alliances.

Unable to accept social injustices, you feel strongly that something must be done about them. You are amazed at the indifference of public officials to such inhuman conditions. Once a program has been started to correct the situation, you may be willing to work for it, if it will serve those in greatest need. You may feel that no sacrifice is too great, if even a small improvement is made.

You will enjoy working in fund-raising campaigns, where your deep respect for human dignity could be constructively demonstrated. You know how to use pressure tactics, especially with your more well-to-do associates, to gain their support for your goals.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The all-or-nothing attitude of Pluto is united here with the Venusian search for harmony, a combination that produces a rare blend of outward charm and a strong, dark power of attraction. Pluto delves but is never satisfied. Although the native has much to give, the Plutonian influence on Venus means that he or she may demand everything in love and friendship. The exactingness comes from the unconscious depths of the psyche, which is always whispering that there is something more; therefore, he or she is determined to have more. This person seeks an intense emotional involvement with a partner, and carries it to extremes. By being over-eager, he or she stands to lose everything.

Pluto's hunger for power manifests itself here quite affably, because Venus has a refining effect. The native can captivate someone with a sweet smile - and then manipulate that person to make him or her fall into line. Needless to say, the conjunction (and the same is true of the other Venus / Pluto aspects) does produce power struggles within relationships.

The intensity of Pluto can make the native jealous and bitter in love and friendship; forceful, too. On the other hand, he himself may attract strong-minded friends, or a dominant partner. Since Pluto's appetite is endless, there is seldom any satisfaction or fulfillment in a relationship. Excessive demands by either party can prove destructive, and then Pluto, in keeping with another side of its nature, confronts the individual with separation and loneliness. Yet this can offer the chance to examine the fundamental causes of the break-up and can lay the basis for transformation and regeneration. With a Venus / Pluto conjunction, relationships help the native sound his or her own depths and to discover weaknesses and problems.

(Betty Lundsted)

Venus represents the psychological effect of the mother on the individual, the ability to appreciate love, as well as the intellectual concept of what a love relationship is. These feelings will be altered in some way by the presence of Pluto. It seems that during the individual's formative years the mother was convinced that she had to control her universe through her 'womanhood'. In some way, she was able to overwhelm this native

on a psychological level, and the resultant adult is a person who has to protect himself from the unseen influence, the devouring mother. The mother is an overwhelming influence. This produces a male who feels he has to control his relationships with the female, and perhaps even subconsciously he will be attempting to control any relationship that he forms. He may obsess over relationships or obsess over his desires, but the most harmful part of the aspect in the subconscious is a fear of the power of woman. It means that rather than relating he must manage everyone; and that does not make a relationship smooth or happy.

The female with this aspect was taught early in her childhood that in order to survive as a female one must control all relationships. One must know where one stands in any relationship that is formed, or it may be lost. This woman will attempt to have a 'grip' on everything around her; otherwise she thinks she will lose her position. Often the aspect works subconsciously. She may be vaguely aware that she needs to determine edges, for rarely is a hard Pluto aspect really conscious of the manoeuvring it does. She may pick men that she can manage and then resent them for being manageable. She may want to end relationships when this conjunction is being transited by other planets, for the energy may bring her insecurity into focus. She may be afraid of her mother or resent her mother from childhood on into adulthood.

The aspect can indicate a person who has obsessive desires. Additional configurations in the chart may indicate how much so and what area of life is affected by the aspect. If Pluto represents transformation, or if it represents the collective unconscious of humanity, then the tie between Pluto and Venus is a 'biggie' in terms of human growth potential. If Venus represents our appreciation of art, culture and beauty, then the conjunction will intensify that appreciation and enable the owner to transform the art world, or to gain understanding of potential art forms. Because Pluto symbolizes the archetypes of the collective unconscious, personal transformation and / or insights can be developed when the lower manifestations of the aspect are comprehended.

14) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **Neptune** - (2°51' S) ♀4 | ♀4

(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 un Integrated 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.

15) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (2°58' A) 8 12 | 007

(Haydn Paul)

The opposition reflects an inner conflict externalised into the outer environment of relationships. The issue of self-esteem and worth is highlighted, and you may experience a degree of hidden insecurity and fears of full involvement in life.

You may feel that your success is being frustrated by the world, which appears to confront you by obstacles on your way. Much depends on your reactions to such experiences, and your inner attitudes will determine how you deal with them. At times, you can seem almost over-assertive or aggressive, and this can diminish opportunities for co-operative endeavours to develop, especially when you fail to notice your effect on others, or inadvertently ignore their feelings and sensitivities. Often this is just an overreaction to your fears in relating to people, and instead of relaxing more, you tend to project through your tightness an overdominant energy that others can find uncomfortable. Alternatively, you could retreat back into a surrendered posture of passivity to life's challenges, defeated before you start. Certainly learning how to live with any restrictions imposed by Saturn may be a necessary form of adjustment,

although this should not imply a resignation to them, but merely a conscious modification to circumstances and a consequent step to transcend them later. The choice is yours to reshape your lifestyle patterns into a way that is more suitable and open to development.

Self-expression and creativity may feel restricted, although this is often dependent on your confidence in your abilities and self-image, rather than on any lack of talents and qualities. Being able to perceive yourself in a positive light may become a key to your success, because that would also alter your relationships with others. There may be an emotional reserve and lack of warmth in your social contacts, so that you feel uncomfortable in bridging social divides and entering deeper relationships. Cooperation may need further development, and that air of formality and strictness may have to be relaxed so that friendships or partnerships can be more easily formed.

The need for relaxation is present in both your outer and inner relationships. You may be unable to see your nature and direction clearly and this creates an insecurity which destabilises your self-esteem. You try to protect this by establishing defensive barriers from the world, and probably by denying inner insecurities, with needs and potential being 'locked away'. You may choose to hide behind responsibilities, your work or career, family or parents, and these become an excuse for restricting options and failing to exert your power towards success. Personal tightness and control may need to be relinquished, and greater self-relaxation would be highly beneficial, especially in changing certain attitudes and increasing your physical vitality which periodically can become low as the energy is diverted towards restraints. Becoming looser, more tolerant, accepting and understanding would act as a great liberator, or you may begin to bow under the strain of those self-imposed restrictions, especially as your enjoyment of life progressively diminishes.

A new inner balance and self-image is necessary. As this is achieved, any outer frustrations will correspondingly start to dissolve in equal measures to the increase in your self-confidence and clarified inner perspective. While initially it may appear as if the outer world and people are opposing you, it is this same source which can offer great opportunities as your changes proceed. Through the interplay of your nature and the environment, many inner crises and tensions can be healed and resolved, releasing latent qualities, talents and potentials in their renewal of blocked energies. Look especially towards the houses and signs of the Sun-Saturn opposition for areas which could be especially revitalised, or where your talents could be effectively applied.

Similarly, intimate relationships with partners or parents could be equally transformed, as old patterns derived from childhood frictions with authority figures or strict parents are replaced by more adult ones suited to your developed personality. Discovering a sincere loving partner could be very important, as a lover will revivify your self-image reflecting your qualities back, and this can convince you that you are worthy of being loved. Your inner question mark over this urgently needs resolving. A partner can also be a source of advice and confidence, and working cooperatively will open many new

areas of potential, providing you relax sufficiently to be open about your feelings and fears, and to acknowledge the emotional vulnerability of others too. Through greater sensitivity you can enter a different type of social relationship, as those barriers will have been dismantled, and your controlling nature reduced. Taking such a step may initially feel uncomfortable and unsettling, but doing so will transform the nature of your universe and liberate many repressed energies, recreating your future and enabling the following of your solar purpose.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of your Sun to Saturn indicates that you are undergoing a crisis in consciousness, trying to discover who and what you are. You see challenges where they may not exist, and you need to be constantly reassured of your self-worth. You are trying to resolve your personal insecurity so that you can get on with the business of making a place for yourself. Most of your lessons will be learned through personal dealings, in which many crises will be resolved. Others feel as threatened by you as you feel threatened by them. Eventually you will achieve a proper perspective, and your self-confidence will be restored to normal.

Once you have confidence in yourself, you can go on to success in such endeavors as teaching, contracting, conservation, law, mathematics, architecture, political organization, or any function in which you must express your talents and resources efficiently and with authority.

Your partner in life will probably be your greatest source of advice and sound guidance. Discuss with your mate any pending decisions. Try not to become so hardened by experience that you are unmoved by emotional considerations. You should be concerned with the feelings of others as you assert yourself in the world. Temper your judgement with tenderness.

Your lack of self-love is your greatest deterrent to success. If others won't give you room to expand, take it anyway. Don't wait for accolades from your competitors - you may wait a long time. But be careful that you don't restrict others when they try to express themselves. You must observe the same rules of behavior you expect others to abide by.

As for your health, keep your salt intake at a minimum, and avoid remaining sedentary for long periods. This can have an important effect on your circulation.

16) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Opposition** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°08' A) ♀1 | 007

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Mercury to Saturn shows that you are strongly opinionated and

defensive. You have considerable intellectual ability and can accomplish any goal you set for yourself. You may be inclined to bend the truth in order to get your way with people, but people are more discerning than you realize and often are aware of your deceptions. In this way you will lose friends, which can make you depressed when you are alone. An isolationist to begin with, you alienate your few associates with your criticism and scheming. All this adds up to the fact that you must learn to mind your own business and have respect for the privacy of others. Don't assume that other people think a certain way and then complain because they don't think that way.

Your professional life will be strained unless you can become engrossed in your own affairs and forget what the competition is doing. Becoming skilled and competent in your job will give you the security you need. Some professions to which you can certainly make a significant contribution are: architecture, drafting, science, research, education, politics, government service, conservation of natural resources, and accounting. Many of these are challenging occupations that should command all of your attention and make sufficient demands on your talents. If you apply yourself, you will gain the recognition you deserve as a specialist and expert in your field. Then you will have no fear that anyone can upstage you or exploit your knowledge for their benefit. Don't isolate yourself so much that you don't see other opportunities that may come your way. Stop looking for recognition from your colleagues - your effectiveness should be all the proof you need of your own worth.

If you can occupy yourself with your own affairs, you will not be angered when associates are promoted. You must understand that when you've proved yourself, you too will be considered for promotion.

You should maintain high moral and ethical standards to eliminate possible attacks on your reputation, which could seriously damage your prospects for growth and prosperity. This kind of recognition you can do without.

Always read contracts carefully, or, better still, get the advice of counsel. You can easily miss an important detail that may have serious repercussions later. Don't say yes when you mean no just because your schemes will be more successful if you agree. In general, if you keep all your affairs in order, you will reduce the chances of having troublesome complications that only divert you from your objectives.

(Betty Lundsted)

This person is born into an environment where communication is restricted. The father's influence keeps family members and others from saying what they want; communicating is done carefully. The child will be inhibited by attitudes of coldness or disapproval. Every time he reaches out to talk about how he feels, he is shut off, so he assumes that people always will reject his communications. The father may have difficulty handling the child's teething problems, or one of the childhood illnesses may cause a fretfulness that Dad

can't cope with. Perhaps the father can't contend with the child's 'why' stage. At any rate, the child becomes apprehensive about speech, so the grammar school years are difficult; he may avoid recitation, answering questions, or any verbal communication with teachers or authority figures.

As an adult, he may have to learn how to communicate with others; he may have to teach himself no longer to assume that he will be disapproved of by those in authority. If a sense of self-worth hasn't been established, it becomes even more difficult to express feelings. His words are uttered harshly; they seem to offend people. Others feel he is officious, pompous or power-hungry, when in reality he's merely uncomfortable and unsure of himself.

Some compromise must be made so the planetary energies involved in the opposition can be expressed. Once the energy is transformed, the aspect indicates a thorough worker, one who handles details well, one who has a great deal of perseverance.

Mercury square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tense aspects between these two planets give a fairly gloomy cast to the mind. When we start considering anything (mercury), we come into conflict with the need to qualify, limit and define. In the worst case, this can mean narrow-mindedness, and mistrust of everything we meet. But there are other possibilities. Anxiety, caution, careful verification and even timidity are almost bound to play a part in ordinary contacts and also in our thinking. Once thing is certain: we are never going to rush things. We are serious, prudent, calm and collected, and will often reflect on what others say - not to be guided by it, but in order to work out what lies behind it. We want to know every detail so that we do not have to reveal how uncertain we are over relationships and contacts. Others do not find us easy to get on with. We are not spontaneous but rather inhibited and, sometimes by way of overcompensation, argumentative and domineering in our talk. Sometimes we seem like an immovable block of concrete and seem determined to look on the dark side of everything.

Although these two planets are at cross-purposes here, the confrontations they cause can be instructive to us. The energy of the square or opposition helps us to come to terms with them, and, even though the aspects are hard, we can develop many valuable characteristics associated with the combination of Mercury and Saturn: willingness to work hard, a serious and studious nature, practicality, economy, sobriety, and good powers of concentration.

17) ► **Moon** ☾ **Sextile** ♀ **Venus** - (0°22' S) ♀10 | ♀8

(Haydn Paul)

The sextile is a favorable aspect for domestic and partnership issues; and intimate relationship will be especially important and meaningful for you. Finding a successful relationship will be a powerful motivation; and much of your earlier adult social contact may be directed toward this aim. This need may emerge from a close and satisfying early life, where you highly valued the positive aspects of family life, a state which you hope to rediscover in adult relationships. Maintaining close family associations will remain important to you.

Temperamentally, you are able to sustain long relationships; and once your feelings have been committed to someone, rarely will that commitment be broken or feelings fade and wither away. You may possess an innate knowledge and understanding of relationships, and identify whatever is necessary for them to continue.

Communication is vital within your relationships; and the sextile indicates an ability to clearly express whatever you think or whatever is affecting your emotions. You prefer to share and talk through any individual or relationship difficulties, as this creates clarity and mutual understanding. Your genuine loving concern for partners builds a foundation which is secure enough to withstand passing storms. Faith in the power of mutual love and your optimism that all will be well are vital factors in your relationship. They will ensure that energies are used creatively and productively rather than dissipated in anxiety and insecurity fears.

Usually you have a sense of life direction, and this helps to generate mutual purpose, provided that your partner is included in your plans. Considerable relationship benefits emerge from discussions and sharing the journey together. Yet you are also willing to compromise or adapt your ways if clashes of will or habit patterns begin to disturb equilibrium. You expect your partner to do likewise if necessary, as you view continuing the partnership as being of greater importance than individual assertion. For relationship benefits, you are always willing to apply your qualities, so that your innate resources, intelligence, sensitivity, love, and affectionate understanding are ready to be shared as often as possible. You will hate misunderstandings or personal frictions, and will be eager to resolve any that may arise naturally over time, using common sense, reason, and mutual concession to heal any contentious situation.

In your social life and career, you have considerable confidence in your abilities, and mix easily and fluently with many others, preferring to see the good qualities in all you meet. Your imaginative and artistic abilities may prove invaluable to your progress; and it may be advisable to discover a life path that makes use of your talents. Financial acumen is likely, as is an effective use of whatever resources you possess, although you may be biased toward caution, which may discourage you from taking advantage of all opportunities because of a stronger need to first ensure the protection and security of

family needs.

Children are likely to play an important role; and you will probably display a natural affinity with them, perhaps seeing them as the foundation stone of your relationship. You may become involved with other people's children too, perhaps as stepchildren or through groups or organizations which include elements of teaching and sharing. Hating to see unnecessary suffering in life, you may try to share your life experience, knowledge, and understanding with maturing children, hoping they may learn certain lessons without having to experience the pain of doing so themselves. You recognize that these are the adults of the future and that if their future is to be positive and constructive, they need careful guidance during childhood.

(Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Moon to Venus indicates both the desire and the disposition for a happy and rewarding partnership. Knowing quite clearly what you want out of life, you freely communicate this to a prospective mate. You know you can offer many personal resources and can use your talents imaginatively to sustain a marriage. In order to add dimension to your relationship and maintain continuing interest in each other, you try to share every experience with your mate. You are creative, sympathetic, tender, and affectionate and will go to great lengths to introduce whatever is necessary to protect the relationship. You are prepared to compromise, and you expect the same from your mate. True sharing is the backbone supporting your mutual concern for each other. You can weather many stormy incidents that may otherwise threaten you, because you are secure in your feelings about the one you love, and this serves as a binding agent.

An extremely sociable person, you can always find something pleasant to say about everyone. You are optimistic that the most difficult situations will work out eventually, so you are not excessively preoccupied with them. There is no problem that cannot be made less burdensome if it is discussed sincerely.

You enrich your free time by involving yourself in social organizations, working with young people, or by teaching and learning new skills on your own. You are fairly clever in handling your financial resources and know how to stretch them imaginatively so that you always have enough money. You may resent it, however, if someone, say a relative of your partner, makes demands on your finances. You are conservative enough not to jeopardize your own family's security to satisfy another's needs. When you feel there is a genuine need, you are not indifferent to it, but you resent being told when and how much you should give.

In general, your affairs should not suffer from any tedious complications. You have good reasoning ability, you make concessions when they seem advised, and you rarely fail to discuss a problem that develops between you and others through some misunderstanding. You consider silence indefensible if it alienates someone whose

differences could otherwise be resolved.

Your own children will enjoy and benefit from having a parent who talks with them and shows understanding of their 'overwhelming' problems and crises. There will be very little generation gap between you and your children, because you make it clear that you are genuinely concerned and always available for serious conversation. Moon square Venus

18) ► **Moon** ☽ **Sextile** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°47' A) ♀10 | ♃8

(Haydn Paul)

You are probably optimistic that all will work out well; and this encourages you to persevere to transform your vision and purpose into reality.

You will feel emotionally secure and self-sufficient; and this inner balance diminishes problems with emotional intensity and compulsive behaviour. In relationships, you may appear withdrawn and preoccupied with self, as if you were a little cold and uninvolved. However, this is not the case, as love is important and necessary for your emotional well-being, but indicatest hat you are not dependent upon others. You are biased toward a more intellectual experience and understanding of love, rather than seeking the sheer passion and intensity often associated with Pluto. The sextile suggests that these energies are more naturally and easily balanced. Yet you still possess the ability to renew and transform restrictive emotional and life-style patterns, replacing them with a more suitable expression.

You enjoy observing others, speculating about thier motivations, personalities, and different types of perception. This can help to expand you by awakening you to multiple subjective realities and perceptions, apart from gradually dissolving any limiting fixed attitudes or belief patterns.

You are sensitive to others' feelings, and feel responsibly concerned to encourage social reform to improve the quality of life. You may enter work involving public service, perhaps in an administrative role rather than in a directly caring position, as you have business and organisational skills. Working with younger people may attract, as you have a natural affinity with them and care about their future lives and places in society. You can communicate well in situations which require a moderating and mediating energy, and will choose a life-style that tries to maintain harmony.

In directing your life, you believe in the principle that 'energy follows thought'; and visualising your intention is the first step toward making it real. You believe that applied thought is an energy that can be directed to achieve your purpose. Seeing this work in life deepens your faith that life is on your side, and provides confidence to follow your own path.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Moon sextile Pluto, you have an intellectual understanding of love. You always try to understand the motives of others, especially those with whom you are emotionally involved. Love is important to you, and your emotions are powerful. You are demonstrative of your feelings, and expect others to be as well. Hearing someone express their love for you is very important.

Your emotional priorities are reasonably well established. You can provide the warmth and tenderness your children or close friends need, while reserving the ardent side of your nature for intimate moments with the one you love.

You are responsive to the suffering of others and will offer your services to provide relief. Imaginative and resourceful in handling your daily affairs, you readily adopt new ideas to make life easier and less complicated. You are concerned about the environment and about your civic responsibilities.

Your special talent is your ability to communicate with young people in order to better understand them. They confide in you because your sincere concern makes them feel secure. With you they are not threatened by authority, but accept and respect it. You communicate warmth and tenderness, which helps young people become stabilized in their independence as they mature.

You have good business sense and are efficient in management. These characteristics will help you gain financial security. You are orderly and know how to unclutter your life by letting go of nonessential elements that interfere with progress. With your capacity to respond to others, you are suited to any occupation that involves meeting the public, such as public relations, insurance, finance, rehabilitation, or physical therapy.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents our physical mother as she presents herself during our early years. It symbolizes how we will respond emotionally to friends, to politics, and to feeling / caring needs. Pluto represents the mass unconscious; it indicates the unconscious motivation inside each of us, so it indicates how we cope with feelings toward our fellow man on both a conscious and an unconscious plane. Pluto represents coercion, control and the manipulation of others in all its forms. When these two parts of personality are tied together by sextile, it indicates a constructive energy flow. It means the mother's actions demonstrate to the individual how to work co-operatively with groups, and how to co-operate with others. The sextile is a talent aspect; it indicates that talent is there, although it needs to be trained. Any career involving contact with unions, great numbers of people or the spirit of community effort will bring pleasure. The sextile gives a certain amount of inventive ability that can be developed over the years, but probably not until

after age thirty-five.

Moon trine or sextile Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever holds good for the conjunction also holds good for these aspects. There is the same uncertainty and craving for power. The emotional life is no less intense, and there is an equal inclination to banish uncertainty and to satisfy the power-drive by adopting a 'big mother' role.

And then, no sooner have we settled down with a comfortable sense of security (Moon) than we start fishing around in the hidden and repressed contents of the psyche, and not only into these but into those of the psyches of others. We are not satisfied with superficial investigation; we dig deep. Anything hidden engrosses us and we find an almost magical attraction in unsolved riddles, mysterious old civilisations, the world beneath the ocean and the deeper layers of the mind. It does not take much for our interest to be aroused in such things.

All our digging around frequently gives us a hold on others. Often with Pluto's aspects we impress people as being trenchant and powerful, and are therefore unlikely to encounter open opposition; but this does not mean that we are always in the right. Pluto is a factor that can really distort and above all inflate, and, with Moon / Pluto aspects, we so want to indulge our emotional life that deforming elements creep into it, or non-personal elements from the unconscious puff us up in a way harmful to genuine emotional relationships. Usually, by introspection, we can find out where we are wrong, but care is needed.

Fear of confrontation is not a normal feature of this aspect - we are much too inquisitive concerning the backgrounds and motives of others to worry about what they will think of us. We try to fathom them out in a more or less subtle way, but are very reticent about our own concerns because we have no intention of letting others obtain any leverage on us. In many cases we take command by a show of authority.

Through all our digging around, and through constant contact with our own psychological depths, we can undergo a profound inner change. With the harmonious aspects, the transformation occurs fairly smoothly, although none of Pluto's aspects is completely trouble-free.

19) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Sextile** ♌ **North-Node** - (2°08' A) 007 | 89

(Donna van Toen)

Upbringing seems to play a major role in the interpretation of this aspect. If the person has been left in a comfortable position by parents or other benefactors, opportunities for growth may be rejected. Even when birth conditions don't leave opportunities to rest on the family laurels, growth may be considered only within the narrow limits of what's acceptable by family or parental standards. Growth potential may be damaged or repressed as a result of guilt feelings or arguments.

Saturn trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The inclination to become attached to persons older than oneself, also to seek contact with mature and experienced people. Association with elderly or experienced persons, also sponsorship through such people.

Saturn conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This can give considerable spiritual beauty and a great feeling of duty and responsibility. These people are in step. Here we have the ability to see the serious broad view and to stick to it. It gives considerable patience and fulfills the work of balancing the Nodes and learning an even greater lesson in this lifetime. It eventually brings luck and success due to the ability to make the required sacrifices. The conjunction of North Node to Saturn brings a Saturn opposition to the South Node. This is considerably easier to handle than the South Node conjunct Saturn opposition the North Node, for with Saturn working in opposition to the North Node growth, it takes considerably more effort to push forward. Without additional support in the chart, it could be most difficult.

20) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♂ Mars - (0°26' A)** ♄1 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars square the Ascendant indicates that you show not moderation in asserting yourself. When you feel the urge to take action about something important, you usually do so without polish or refinement. When you act this way, people resent it and find you offensive. When reminded of your shortcomings, you are offended because you feel you should not have to answer to anyone for your actions. It is nearly impossible to stop you from expressing your opinion, and you don't care where you are or who hears you.

Anyone who provokes you invites your immediate reaction, usually a negative one.

You seem to enjoy watching people become upset by your display of bad manners. You delight in putting people on the defensive and watching them squirm as you antagonize them with your tirades. Because you aren't really convinced of your superiority, you have a chip on your shoulder. Only winning in a show of strength can satisfy your ego.

Your parents probably tried to stimulate you to do the things they were unable to accomplish in their lives, and you became annoyed by this pressure. Disagreements and bickering in your early home life have caused you to become bitter and resentful of authority. Although you want your talents to be recognized, your inability to submit to authority creates problems and restricts the progress of your career. Problems may also result because your parents could not provide you with an education. If you have received an education, you have done so by your own efforts.

You admire people who can translate their capabilities into financial gain. But if you are willing to endure the self-denial and sacrifice required, you can accomplish the same thing. You know your future security depends on successfully developing your potentials. You are willing to work hard to realize your goals, but there are times when you wonder if they are worth all the effort and the frustrations you must endure.

Mars square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

It is hard to regulate energy with these aspects. At one instant we are rushing matters; at another, we are frittering energy away on futilities; and generally speaking we are pretty inconsistent.

We flare up easily, and are always ready to take a poke at someone, but soon calm down. Also we sometimes react angrily to the (often well-meant) advice of others, which we regard as meddling in our affairs. We are quite capable of managing on our own, and make a point of doing so. Even when we know we will be rebuffed, we prefer going our own way to following someone's lead. As in the other Mars / Ascendant aspects, there is energy, daring, courage and enterprise - but we do need to be careful that impetuosity does not lead to ruptures with others. And we must not be surprised if we get some rather adverse reactions now and then from those around us. No-one could call us docile; and we never let anything go by default.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Mars squares or opposes the Ascendant, it is not easy to energize the creative

potential in the personality in an appropriate manner. When the square appears, the action taken doesn't complement the persona. The action taken may not express the career interests, for career moves may not be perceived appropriately. Goals may be confused. Since Mars also rules sexuality, the sexual expression may not make sense either, for the career may be affected by the choice of sexual partners, or the career life-style may not connect in with the love life.

When the opposition occurs, a compromise is indicated, for the persona, the public attitudes claimed while we put 'our best foot forward', may not agree with the action taken in life, or with the sexual needs. When these people understand the various possibilities regarding manifestation of this energy, they can make conscious decisions regarding how they wish to use it.

21) ► **Ascendant ASC Square ♅ Neptune** - (2°25' S) ♀1 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

Neptune square the Ascendant shows that you are overly sensitive to criticism. Because of this, you often fail to assert yourself when you should defend yourself against adversaries. You are never sure of your ability to succeed in competition, and you may choose to avoid challenges until you feel more competent. The line of communication between you and your parents was faulty, which made it difficult for you to win their support and encouragement for a specific career. It will be a long time before you really know what you want out of life, so choosing a career will be difficult. You tend to daydream instead of doing something to actively express your creative ability. Always seeking the ideal, you are disappointed with anything less.

Your imagination is well-developed, but you lack the determination to benefit from it. You consider yourself far less talented than your competitors, and tend to relegate yourself to a position of unimportance beside them. Although you have a high regard for education, you are lazy about finding the means to get one. You have to work doubly hard to compensate for your lack of opportunities to develop your potentials. Your efforts are often unrewarding because you tend to spread your interests too widely. You must confine yourself to specific fields of endeavor if you want to derive any benefits.

You are easily victimized by the people you deal with because you are too willing to believe them, and you always give them the benefit of the doubt. You often misunderstand those who have authority over you because you don't want to hear the truth if you suspect it might be painful. In the same way, you may be misunderstood by others, who will question your motives in dealing with them.

You should try to find a career that ties in somehow with the needs of the masses. You are very sensitive to observed social injustices, and feel that if you can correct them, you will earn the appreciation of others and gain spiritual credits too.

Neptune square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The square and opposition between Neptune and the Ascendant can make us particularly insecure. Sensitivity to environment would be great whatever the aspect between these two factors, but with the hard ones we are almost completely at a loss in it. Others have no idea what is going on inside us; all they know is that we are continually reacting to them.

Owing to this combination of uncertainty and impressionability, our attitude is evasive: we do not tackle problems straightforwardly, and we tend to sidestep anyone seeking a rapprochement with us. Sometimes fantasy or a false impression leads us to get hold of the wrong end of the stick and to react badly; not in a direct way, of course - insecurity prevents us from doing that - but in such a way as to lay ourselves open to charges of dishonesty, prevarication or misrepresentation. However, all reactions are expressions of sensitivity and vulnerability. We are quickly moved, even to tears, although we do not always show it. Others may interpret this as emotional instability.

The Ascendant also represents the body and, with a Neptune conflict, we could be physically below par - mostly due to uncertainty. When we are going through a difficult patch we may need to sleep on our problems, and we can suffer from tiredness without obvious physical cause. Flight into a private fantasy world is another possibility with the hard aspects but, because the latter are also energetic, creative talents can be wonderfully stimulated if we take up artistic or mystical pursuits.

(Betty Lundsted)

When a square or opposition aspect is formed, it indicates a difficulty assimilating the world of fantasy into the persona or in the beginnings of new life experiences. In plain English, the hard aspect can signify people who don't know what they are doing for they can't see themselves or the impression that they make on others.

When the square aspect occurs, the tendency is to pursue one end of the square for a while and then give it up to pursue the other. In order to accomplish anything worthwhile, both ends of the square have to function comfortably at the same time.

The opposition between the Ascendant and Neptune will involve a compromise. The Neptunian dream might not bring pleasure; and people with this aspect may have to learn that any misery they encounter in relationships may be caused by the fact that they have not understood what they are doing; that they are pursuing a dream or fantasy that

doesn't provide satisfaction for their needs.

22) ► **Midheaven MC Square** ♃ **Jupiter** - (6°02' A) ♃8 | 135

(Robert Hand)

You have a lot of energy, and you want to accomplish something in life, but you will have to learn how to balance your own interests with the interests of other people in your life. If you do that, you can have good relations with others and achieve what you want as well. Sometimes this aspect indicates a very selfish attitude, a feeling that you are the only one who counts in this world. If you carry this too far, you will find that everyone you meet works against you because you seem so selfish and arrogant or just because you come on too strong.

Sometimes this aspect means you have conflicts with authority figures, because they feel that you are trying to get above your proper place or that you are a threat to them. While you are young, you should avoid getting a reputation as a smart-aleck, because such people do not get many breaks from others, especially those above them.

You have a very strong belief in right and wrong, but you must learn to have more compassion for those who are on the wrong track. You are strongly tempted to preach to people who are in error, and you may do this at times. But then everyone will watch you to see what kinds of mistakes you make. If you can be more humble and realize that you do not have all the answers, you can convert the negative elements of this aspect to a very positive energy. Others will feel very good about you, knowing they can trust you to do whatever is right and necessary in a situation.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square tends to give the natives grandiose ideas of their possible careers and ostentation in the domestic sphere. They are likely to spend more on their home than they can afford, and to have greater ambitions than their abilities can fulfill. There is a need for more humility, practicality, and common sense.

The aspect could also indicate a large family that places a burden on the native.

Jupiter square or opposition Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We must take care not to overdo things when we have tense aspects between Jupiter and the Midheaven. We throw ourselves enthusiastically and impetuously into all kinds

of things, seize fresh opportunities, and like to be active. Given our self-image, we tend to overestimate our abilities and possibilities and to underestimate difficulties - hence the repeated deadlocks, from which, with Jupiter's incorrigible enthusiasm (and sometimes ill-founded optimism), we can usually break free either in whole or in part.

With these tense aspects we are not very good listeners (even though we may think we are), but like to speed things up. Therefore others see us as difficult and arrogant; and sometimes, when we sally forth starry-eyed on some perilous adventure, as childishly naive. 'Look before you leap' is a useful motto for people with this combination.

Because we rely largely on our own judgement, we are liable not only to think we know best, but also (given the least excuse) to say so out loud with a wag of a finger. We tend to beat the drum in and out of season, and this usually brings conflict with others. Nevertheless, these aspects also give enthusiasm, cordiality, cheerfulness, hospitality, joviality and warmth; and when we learn to season our optimism with a little caution, we shall have a great deal in our favor.

23) ► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♀ **Moon** - (2°53' S) ♁12 | ♃10

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Sun to the moon means that you will have some difficulty in using your resources to satisfy your desires. You bitterly resent that you must make enormous adjustments in order to get what you want from life. It seems as if you never have quite the right training for what you want to do, but you make only halfhearted attempts to acquire the training you need to succeed. Although you want the 'good life', you aren't willing to discipline yourself to get it. You are at odds with important people who will not accept you unless you can prove yourself by demonstrating a willingness to work. Your negative response distorts the information you receive, which makes it more difficult to learn from your experiences. Generally you react to stimuli in a way that is not consistent with achieving the recognition you want. The frustration you feel has inhibited your character development and is a problem in other areas, including domestic matters, social relationships, emotional interests, and professional affairs. Your lack of success in these areas shows that you have a lot to learn before you can expect to reap any rewards.

You must learn to bring your emotions and your will into line and subdue them with intellect and organization. You seem to think that any response will satisfy the will to achieve significance, but you will have to realize that only hard work and self-control can get you what you want. What you gain from your habitual actions is inadequate to your needs, as can be easily demonstrated. For one thing, you haven't progressed from obscure positions to position of increased responsibility. Also, you either haven't been able to win favor with people in high places, or you've done so by making concessions to them. If you get your ego out of the way, you can accomplish many things.

You may have some problem in relating to the opposite sex. Comfortable domestic conditions may be impossible unless you can get that chip off your shoulder. You are argumentative and defensive, probably because of your emotional insecurity. This can be reversed if you will change your fighting attitude and become more compromising. You have a serious misalignment between what you want and what you are willing to do to get it. The possibility of realizing your dreams is in direct proportion to the investment you make.

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests the existence of considerable inner stress and tension within the personality, where solar will is in conflict with deep-rooted feelings, emotions and instincts, and where the conscious and evolutionary self may be trying to move in a direction which is contrary to certain habit patterns, especially those connected with security and protection of self boundaries.

The ongoing struggle is in resolving contradictory inner messages, a psychological tendency which may have its roots deep within childhood perceptions of the parental relationship and your sense of emotional contact with your parents. As the Moon signifies the mother, and the Sun the father, in this context, there is the implication that there was a crucial problem inherent in that parental relationship, perhaps incompatibility on some vital level, or a lack of communication which may have led to a marriage breakdown in some respect. This may not have been evident on the surface of that relationship, but existed as an underlying current within the domestic psychic atmosphere which you registered. There may have been a partial identification with one parent to the exclusion of the other, perhaps because one parent had little time to spend with you. Somehow the inner dynamics have been distorted, resulting in personal frustration and difficulties in joining will and feelings in co-operation together.

Unless steps are taken to achieve individual integration, you are liable to suffer from emotional insecurity founded on a resistance to fully accepting the nature of your habitual feeling responses. A probable action that you take is inner denial and repression, and this will have eventual consequences of intensifying those inner tensions and possible personality splits. Yet because these powerful emotions seem to burn within you, you try to control their release through expressing them in daily life, and because of the pressures that can accumulate you may display argumentative, provocative and belligerent tendencies in your relationships at times.

The danger is falling victim to your own powerful desire nature, and being perpetually frustrated through aiming high and losing an appreciation of what exists in the present. There can be a restless, searching quality to this aspect which results from the need to resolve deep inner conflicts; the problem is finding the way to achieve those desires. This need stimulates inner questioning, especially related to 'What's it all about?' and 'What is

the meaning of life?' These become promptings from your inner Sun, encouraging you to start on your heroic quest to discover the solar centre and the spiritual dimension of life.

Yet you can often act as your own worst enemy, reacting in ways that diminish any likelihood of success. You may fail to see how you can utilise existing resources to deepen life enjoyment or reach aims; you may refuse to make necessary compromises; you may consciously devalue your potential and abilities, eroding away self-confidence; you may clash with others who could have been supportive to your efforts. These unconscious patterns of unresolved frustrations interfere between your conscious will and deeper needs, tending to negate satisfaction for either. Sometimes, as a result of this inner stress, all you feel like doing is being very destructive, liberating the repressed energies by either verbal or physical expressions of bad temper.

The problem facing you is the movement from 'here' to 'there'. That abyss stares you in the face and will not go away, and apparently, try as you might, you still cannot cross over to the promised land. Being 'here' feels wrong, and you believe that you should be 'there', but how can it be achieved? The only way to gain your aims is through a radical transformation, so that the 'old you' remains on this side, and the 'new you' appears there to claim your ambition. This is the challenge confronting the hero at every stage of his quest, and each step forward on his path represents difficulties overcome on the journey towards the magnetic light that he senses and follows.

How may this be done? The honest answer has to be 'with difficulty' and with much hard work. Your promised land will not be gained without great perseverance and struggle, proving your capabilities, transcending any obstacles on the way and never accepting defeat. You may need to pursue additional training or study to qualify for a specialist skill, or to help unfold latent qualities and talents. You may need to apply self-discipline to maintain your efforts, and to display your intention to work until success happens.

Relationships may need improving through compromise, to avoid unnecessary conflicts resulting from your frustrations. Lessons need to be learned from previous experiences, and applied in daily living. Clarity may be required between what you desire and what you are prepared to do to achieve it, and trying to ensure that your aims will actually be emotionally satisfying when achieved. Integration between your conscious will and those underlying emotions is vitally necessary, and the best way for this is to allow the emotions to rise to the surface of your mind, so that you can look at their nature and develop an understanding of their needs, and then attempt to fuse will and emotions via the medium of the intellectual mind, through imposing a more powerful light upon that emotional sea. Investing great effort should result in steps towards realising those desires. It is not an easy path, although viewing that inner stress as motivation is at least a positive perception of what personal frustration can provide as a transformative spur.

Otherwise, what options are left to you? Living with personal disharmony; experiencing

lack of success and frustration of aims; a restriction of personal potential; problems spilling over into your domestic life, career and social relationships; dissatisfaction in intimate affairs with the opposite sex; domestic responsibilities and duties limiting your freedom to reach your ambitions, and possible ill health (digestive problems) stimulated by emotional and psychosomatic tensions.

If you take the challenge to resolve the conflicts and contradictions of this square, then finding constructive outlets for your powerful energies may help to form your new path. Learning how to listen to those agitating feelings, and managing to integrate them into your life instead of ignoring them, will help to restore a sense of balance and well-being.

Sun square or opposition Moon

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The uncertainty generated by the square arises from the fact that the conscious behavior (Sun) conflicts with the behavior needed to give a sense of security (Moon). Therefore a square between Sun and Moon can make the native very unsettled, especially if the background of the elements is tense.

In the opposition, the kind of uncertainty is different. This opposition makes us painfully aware of our duality. Conscious behavior and unconscious reaction patterns clash with one another, yet always have something in common because the signs in which they are posited lie on the same axis. Therefore, when they are in opposition, the Sun and Moon can complement one another well once they make common cause. Until such time as they do (and this may take quite a while), the native will suffer from a nagging sense of discomfort and insecurity.

In either case, the native is inclined to adopt a certain form of behavior to the virtual exclusion of its alternative, and so the latter seeks to express itself indirectly. But if he does give both forms of behavior a chance, he generally ends up feeling like 'two individuals rolled into one' with first one, then the other in the forefront. Those around him never know what to expect, and the native feels plagued by inner instability. Usually he has an identity problem and often wonders which character is the real him, to which the answer is 'both of you'.

The uncertainty can result in many things being left half done, or in perpetual changes of opinion, or in general dissatisfaction with one's performance; in short, a great deal of energy has to be expended on tackling inner insecurity before the native can begin to solve external problems.

Nevertheless, hard Sun-Moon aspects do have considerable energy at their disposal. The uncertainties and the obstacles produced by their tension compel the native, sooner or later, to start sorting things out. The tension between the Sun and Moon send him in search of answers to such questions as 'Who am I?', 'What is really implied by the difference between male and female?' and 'What is significant in a relationship?'

It is not uncommon for conflicts between the Sun and Moon to present problems with the life partner. Since, among other things, the Moon represents what a man is looking for in a woman, and the Sun represents what a woman is looking for in a man, the native tends to fall in love with somebody who jars him or her in some way. At the same time, the hard aspects provide sufficient energy to deal with any problems that may arise. The latter are usually caught in time because, being so insecure, the native is quite sensitive to them and is prepared to work hard to stop them escalating. Therefore it is entirely possible for people with a square between the Sun and the Moon to make happy marriages.

24) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♄ **Mercury** - (1°03' S) ♀10 | ♀1

(Haydn Paul)

The square aspect between the Moon and Mercury indicates inner tension, stress, and frustration, and a need for a radical inner adaptation to rebalance these two conflicting energies. Conscious change is required to overcome conflict between your conscious mind and protective lunar habit patterns.

One likely imbalance is an unconscious lunar domination of your rational mind, where thought processes are subverted by deep emotions and feelings, with a consequence that decisions, judgements, or objective evaluation are influenced by emotionally charged attitudes. Such unconscious attitudes and values - possibly absorbed during early childhood or from parents - can condition present choices, where issues of the past still dominate your current life.

Simply put, head and heart can be in constant conflict within you; decisions may be made according to which is dominant at any given time. This temporary supremacy can vary, like a pendulum movement, and may also be related to the sign, house, and element that each planet is in. It may be that one planet consistently dominates, and the other one becomes repressed. If Mercury dominates, then the Moon activity can sink deeper into the unconscious mind, influencing you more subtly and pervasively from a hidden position where the emotional coloration is less noticeable to you than to others. If Mercury is repressed, then rationality and logic may diminish, and choices may be influenced by insistent emotions, instincts, and feelings; habit patterns may often be security-biased. Sometimes you may observe that, when attempting to restore inner balance, Mercury begins to excessively rationalize feelings and emotions. If this is allowed to persist, you may start to deny the validity of your emotions and feelings, and

in so doing repress your Moon sensitivity, creating another imbalance.

Inner tension can reflect insecurity and self-doubt, creating highly nervous activity prompted by disharmony between the personality's conscious and unconscious levels. Sometimes this can manifest as psychosomatic illness, especially nervous illness, digestive problems, and diseases related to the activity of body fluids. Another problem could emerge from self-centeredness and separative ways of living and expression. You may rely on fixed attitudes, thoughts, beliefs, and values for a sense of stable security; but these can also create relationship difficulties if you act inflexibly. Whenever someone else's opinion differs from yours, you may react with aggressive defensiveness, without first considering the value of another point of view. You hate suggestions from others that you may be wrong, as this makes you feel insecure. Your response to this is often defiant and compulsively assertive. Paranoid feelings often accompany this reaction; and you can be very touchy emotionally, often triggering off misunderstandings and communication breakdown.

With strangers you always feel insecure and on the defensive; even with closer friends, acquaintances, and family this pattern persists, although with less belligerence. Yet even in the family home, you react against having to change to accommodate others. Self-centeredly, you believe they should change to suit you;; the fact that they may not wish to do so is apparently of little concern to you.

Yet you can often communicate quite well with those with whom you feel safe, often revealing a touching if slightly immature and sentimental emotionality about such relationships. Your hidden dependency on such intimates may not always be realized or acknowledged.

Relationships would improve if you were less self-preoccupied, seeing others' needs as being as important as your own, and giving to others what you are so busy taking for yourself. Attention needs to be directed externally for you to become aware that others have equal needs and difficulties. Through mutual support, all can benefit and have a more enjoyable life.

Sometimes your needs and concerns can become obsessive; and you rarely see that this represents immaturity and lack of integration. Ways that you evade making necessary inner changes can include obsessions with trivia and matters of inconsequence, continual chatter, which can create unsatisfactory relationships and wastes energy instead of using it positively to change internal stress through selfunderstanding.

Mercury is often repressed by a dominant Moon whenever issues of personal security dominate life, much like a demanding infant wanting immediate satisfaction. Because of this, you can lack rationality and objectivity, as noted in signs of immaturity, a lack of self-understanding, and a surfeit of emotional bias. Sometimes your ability to

discriminate between reality and illusion, fact and fiction, is weak. You can often be full of unresolved questions, uncertain of what you really think and feel about life and people, even though you defend whatever thoughts you are presenting.

There can be a state of 'life-confusion' which persists until inner transformation is achieved; dissolving several internal barriers between yourself and others is essential. This can prove beneficial and help to release previously unexpressed positive, constructive energies. Frustrations can gradually dissolve if you direct energy toward the path of growth and self-development.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Mercury indicates that you have difficulty in making reasonable judgements, because your feelings are usually involved. It can be disturbing to find out later that your actions have shown incredible immaturity. It isn't easy for you to be completely rational or objective, for you are overly sensitive and cannot remain impartial in what you say or do. You sometimes have difficulty in separating fact from fancy, and may unfairly assume that people are criticizing you when this is not the case at all. Because of this, you get involved in gross misunderstandings with many people and can become very unpopular.

You are sentimental about those close to you, and attach great importance to the things you own. Preoccupied with trivial matters, you waste a lot of needless effort and energy on them. Your problem is that you tend to dwell to excess on yourself, for you are insecure and fearful that people won't appreciate you, no matter what you do. In a sense, you are selfish; you need to devote as much time and concern to other people as to yourself. Try to rechannel your interests outside yourself. Just the effort of trying will help reduce your almost neurotic attitude about your personal affairs. It would not only be healthier but also enable you to observe that the problems others have are not very different from your own.

After you realize your shortcomings and can relate to people more easily, you can look to the future with optimism. You should find some comfort working with young people or children. But stay clear of people in your own age group until you learn to withstand their criticism, which you see as a put-down. Once you are truly secure in what you know and what you can do, you should think about competing with your peers. Be careful you don't cut people down when they challenge you. Before you launch a verbal attack, re-examine the facts to see if it is justified.

You communicate well with those close to you, because you don't feel insecure. It is quite different with strangers, though, for you feel threatened by them. This is why you don't make friends easily. You resent having to make adjustments or allowances for other people, preferring that they adjust to your particular frail and vulnerable personality. You hold fast to your opinions and are defiant when anyone suggests you

are mistaken. Unbend a little - it will be a lot less painful for you and will encourage others to be more sympathetic and understanding.

25) ► **Moon** ☾ **Square** ♅ **Saturn** - (0°05' A) ♀10 | 007

(Haydn Paul)

Limitations and restrictions may occur on opportunities and experiences, often created by unresolved emotional patterns. The source of these may be sentimental attachments to the past, to memories, to experiences, and to earlier relationships. You find it difficult to break free from the past; and previous experiences will influence present choices and attitudes.

You may have grown up with a negative self-image, one which lessens self-confidence and also shapes restrictive worldviews. This may come from unsettling and disturbing childhood experiences. Perhaps you put up protective barriers to defend vulnerable feelings from damage; you may have believed you were not loved by your parents, or you were left with just one parent through separation, divorce, or death. Issues of emotional dependency may have grown, and a mother- or father-complex formed, making it difficult to cut the parental umbilical cord when you became an adult. Taking time and investigating any childhood roots of your inhibitions may shed considerable light on your adult psyche.

You tend toward pessimistic attitudes, linked to a reduced physical vitality, emotional moodiness, melancholic dissatisfaction, and depression. Lacking self-confidence and perhaps seeing the world as a harsh, loveless place, you may feel bitter and cynical, preferring isolation from relationship intimacy. A 'barrier' may be felt between you and others, making contact and communication difficult to achieve.

Family ties bind you. This could suggest that you are older than most when you leave home to become independent; or you could have the onerous duty of caring for an elderly parent. Your family life may turn into an imprisoning environment in some way, perhaps through children, economic hardship, or social isolation. You are very sensitive to the complexities of family relationships, and, despite your emotional difficulties, will hate to cause anyone else emotional distress. Yet these ties limit your life, and will continue to tighten until you take responsibility to create a more satisfying life.

You may feel uneasy with intimacy, and try to avoid involvement, afraid of not coping, or imagining that your 'inadequacies' would be exposed; feeling unloved, how could anyone feel love for you? Such an attitude turns into a vicious, self-defeating circle; and you may become socially awkward and excessively shy. Dissolving such inner barriers and protective emotional mechanisms is essential, both to liberate yourself from negative conditioning patterns and to free repressed emotional energies to revitalize a hidden emotional wasteland that you have created.

You maintain tensions and frustrations by refusing to release behaviour patterns formed during childhood and within your parental relationship. It is your choice, if you wish, to continue limiting your life, but it is not inevitable; limitations are only imaginary parameters which we draw around ourselves as a barrier; they can be erased or expanded. Your creativity is blocked by emotional repression. If you dissolve the barrier and redirect the energies toward positive and constructive channels, then much could be achieved. Finding additional interests and stimulation would be beneficial, showing that the world has much to offer if you open to its riches. Becoming involved with children could reveal new ways to see things; their enthusiasms and sense of wonder could be transmitted to you. With contemporary self-help techniques, visualization, meditation, affirmation, and the availability of numerous ways to release blocked energies, you can transform your life to face the future with positivity and optimism. Once freed from past restrictions, you can uncover your latent potential.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square between your Moon and Saturn indicates that you find it difficult to let go of the past and anyone associated with it. Because of your early conditioning, you are overwhelmed with guilt when you express disloyalty toward someone you have known for a long time. Family matters are therefore very important to you, and you forget few birthdays or other commemorative events. These tendencies show that you are emotionally trapped; it is difficult for you to establish your independence outside the confining circumstances of the home and family.

Your parents were especially responsible for your feeling of dependence and your inability to stand alone. Unfortunately, parents sometimes don't realize how damaging it is for their children to be dependent on them. Your creative expression will be deeply limited by your emotional restrictions.

The most likely fields of work for you are those that serve the needs of the elderly. Such fields as nursing, physical therapy, housing, geriatrics, food, and public assistance programs are some possible avenues of expression. These areas of endeavor emphasize domestic circumstances or identification with individuals who bring to mind your parents. You could perform excellent work and be amply rewarded for your efforts, and at the same time know that you are filling an important need.

Your own romantic satisfaction may not occur until you have fully realized how meagre is the scope of your own life. Only when you become aware that time is passing, and that fewer partners are available to you, will you scramble to find a mate.

Try to become interested in some avocational activity. Your normal inclination to melancholy and depression will be reduced as you become involved in creative functions. Children could also be a source of great joy to you and relieve the lonely

hours by their frivolity and endless curiosity. You might join an organization that helps youngsters who need a big brother or sister or someone who can substitute for their parents.

Eat wholesome food and avoid eating on the run in the fast food service places that today's hasty social structure offers. Try not to eat cold food, and, if you can, make it a point to eat with others.

Moon square or opposition Saturn

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects draw attention more strongly to vulnerable aspects of a personality. When people have the hard aspects, each time they look for comfort and safety (Moon), they are inevitably confronted with their weaknesses, fears, and uncertainties (Saturn). Emotional inhibitions and difficulties with emotional expression are quite common under these aspects. These people struggle with a sense of loneliness and often with an inferiority complex as well.

Anxiety and possibly mistrust will affect behavior. They take a rather gloomy view of everything, preferring to expect the worst because then the unexpected will always be an improvement; and, in fact, are particularly prone to do so where the emotional world (Moon) and the need for security are concerned.

For women, these are difficult aspects. Their femininity is not easy for them to handle. Even though many can create the impression of being superwomen, they lack inner composure. Another mode of expression is very mannish behavior. Saturn's hard aspects can lead to extremes.

Self-control is considerable with these aspects, also the capacity for hard work, selfdiscipline and level-headedness. People with conflicts between the Moon and Saturn can be very creative in fashioning things. Their inferiority feelings, and their fears that what they make will never be perfect, are likely to haunt them to some extent; but they can produce first-class work once they set their minds to it. Although these are active aspects (which the tense aspects always are), Saturn can be so inhibitive that either the natives' activities are paralysed at the very beginning or they avoid spreading their interests. Given their sensitivity, they cannot afford to risk making too many mistakes. Shyness is common in these aspects, while the persistent search for some ideal form in which to express themselves makes them initially impractical and inefficient: owing to uncertainty they try their hand at all sorts of things when they are young, being unable to settle down anywhere. Dread of the unknown can keep them static and clinging to pet ideas; therefore they strike others as hard and unbending.

However, once these people have made the effort to break out of their hard shells they

will be all the tougher for the experience, well equipped to patiently withstand the adversities life may bring, and they will work successfully under the most trying circumstances. For durability and staying power are Saturn's good side, which falls within their reach once we have come to terms with it.

(Charles Carter)

The inner side of these contacts is usually inefficiency, the native being a bad leader and organiser, without set purpose or policy, often not intelligent and confused in his methods, giving himself and others unnecessary trouble. He is careless and imprudent, weak and obstinate, cunning and silly; astute in details, but blind in main issues. Sometimes it causes laziness; sometimes energy without persistence. Depression and discontent are common. Shyness is common also.

With depression there is often a lack of real self-reliance, and the native may be a prey to fear and foreboding, and a feeling of general inadequacy in respect of his obligations and duties. He is apt sometimes to rely on the material supports of life rather than on character.

The entire feminine side of the nature is limited by this contact, and unless other aspects come to the assistance of the Moon, much unhappiness and emotional inhibition may occur. Even the good aspects of the Moon and Saturn sometimes tend to dourness and rigidity, and a dislike of, or inability to partake in, pleasures, particularly if Venus be weak.

On the circumstantial side, which will be the more evident in many cases, there is a dislike of hardship, particularly in early and in late life. The native may easily be misunderstood, and have to endure harshness, severity, and lack of emotional satisfaction.

The relations with the mother are rarely happy; she may be unfortunate, or may die young, be unhealthy, or be a burden to the native; or she may be dominating and stern in her attitude. The home is seldom imbued with a genial atmosphere such as a child needs.

In marriage these aspects tend to unions between persons of diverse ages; sometimes there are social differences and the parents either prevent marriage or urge unsatisfactory alliances based on Saturnian considerations of duty, advantage, and so forth. There are rarely many children.

A correspondent writes from personal experience: 'The main effect is frustration, or victory without pleasure, or unrewarded efforts, probably to teach the native selfless application to duty. The good side of this aspect seems to lie in helping to build inner strength, an ability to sense adversity before it comes, and patience to endure it when it

arrives.'

The native may come into contact with violence and ill-health. The opposition seems very potent in this respect. Sometimes there is unpopularity, especially with women and with the masses; sometimes there is a rather senseless popularity that does not last.

26) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♂ **Mars** - (3°46' A) ♃8 | ♃4

(Donna van Toen)

Insecure relationships or very difficult partnerships are common. You tend to be flirtatious, and can be self-indulgent. Often people with this aspect are quite goodlooking. You tend to put too high a value on the trappings of success, and sometimes not enough on inner satisfaction.

Your sexual / romantic feelings are very intense. in fact, you have to be careful that you run them instead of the other way around.

This is a disruptive aspect that works primarily in the love life area, though it can have repercussions on finances and other areas as well. It's one of the classic indicators of divorce-proneness and romantic / marital difficulties. It also occasionally coincides with the death of your mate during marriage, but this is less frequent and there'd have to be substantial confirmation of this tendency found elsewhere in the chart before anything of this sort should be expected.

People with this aspect are demonstrative, warm, and generally faithful when committed, but they demand a lot in return. In extreme cases, when needs aren't met, dissipation of various types can result, with infidelity, gambling, and / or excessive drinking being the most common form of misdirection of romantic / sexual energies.

If you have Venus square Mars by sign but not by aspect, some of the foregoing may apply to you. However, you'd be less inclined towards dissipation and slightly more inclined to find a constructive way to meet your romantic / sexual needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Venus square Mars indicates that you have difficulty in maintaining harmonious relations with people. You are not the easiest person to get along with; you expect others to make concessions to you, but you refuse to make any compromises without being pressured to do so. You have a strong desire nature and use all kinds of clever tactics to get what you want. People may accuse you of using others to gratify your desires by taking advantage of their feelings for you, especially when you don't have similar feelings for them. You greedily assume the privilege of indulging yourself at every opportunity, expecting no interference from anyone.

This planetary combination indicates that you are not really happy with yourself, so you provoke trouble with others in order to blame them for your inability to resolve your personal conflicts. You are indifferent to the feelings of others because you don't really think they are worth it. The problems you have in relationships should cause you to wonder whether you are worth it to them as well. Somewhere there is a solution, and it would certainly help if you toned down your desires and adopted a more compromising attitude. Accept the fact that few people get everything they want, and, when they don't, they turn their attention elsewhere. You cannot force yourself on people and not expect some resentment for it.

Until you work out these personality difficulties, you will have problems with your family, friends, and associates on the job. If you can become more compromising you can be successful in any occupation, even those that bring you into close contact with people. You have magnetism, and you tempt people to want to be close to you. You are certainly not dull, and excitement goes wherever you go. Just be sure that the excitement doesn't become turmoil.

Make an effort to broaden your perspective by learning something about art, literature, music, and the social amenities. This aspect tends to produce a coarseness of manner that requires refinement and polish.

Venus square or opposition Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tension between the need for harmony, balance and friendship, on the one hand, and the urge to make a mark, on the other hand, certainly emphasizes a need for contacts - especially emotional ones; but, because we are not sure when to hold back and when to be outgoing, relationships may become strained in both friendships and love life from time to time. What is more, we do not know quite what we want; sometimes the partner is everything and we feel intensely drawn to this person; at other times we fear that our liberty is being threatened and we start reasserting ourselves (Mars). For this reason, a love-hate relationship with the partner is thought to be typical of the aspects.

Whenever we are ready to compromise, the conflict of Mars with Venus spoils everything - we change our mind, for instance, or find that we cannot bring ourselves to give way after all. And when we push to the front (Mars), we are ill-at-ease because the Venusian part of our nature cannot reconcile itself to this form of behavior. The consequence is inner disquiet and outer vacillation. The desire to unite (Venus) and the desire to break (Mars) keep interfering with one another.

With these hard aspects, we are often extremely creative provided we can settle down - although we shall always be rather impatient. A bonus point is that the Venus indolence is counteracted both by the active planet Mars and by the tension in the aspects themselves; so we are able to get through a large amount of work. And, although we can run into problems in relationships, these can be sorted out fairly quickly. Through Mars we are quick to take offence, but equally quick to forget why; and Venus hastens to mend the breach.

27) ► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♄ **Neptune** - (6°37' A) ♃8 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

The square from Venus to Neptune means that your imagination may case you some difficulties. Your defences usually go up whenever anything or anyone seems to challenge you. They may not in fact be threatening you, but you still respond as if they were. It is not easy for you to see things clearly, and you are often ill-advised in your judgement. Instead of rose-colored glasses, you have blinders that block out the truths you can't accept. Your outlook on life needs great adjustment if you wish to avoid the many problems that are sure to develop.

You are best suited to self-employment. You are so sensitive to people that occupations involving others can produce much anxiety and stress. Because you can't handle frustration, it is doubtful that you could succeed in any competitive function. You will tend to get into disputes with co-workers or make accusations you cannot sustain or justify. You must reconstruct your attitudes so that tolerance is a feature, not an accident, of your behavior.

Find an individual outlet for your enormous creative ability so that when problems occur it must be your responsibility alone to resolve them. In this way, you will avoid the complexities of guilt or condemnation that can result when others are involved. In time, you will learn from your experiences and know how to cope with reality when escape is not possible. Meditate seriously so that you can be spiritually prepared to endure external abrasions with dignity and self-assurance.

Discipline yourself in your personal relationships and romantic ties. It is one of your failings that you tend to encourage others to take advantage of you. Be cautious about making any emotional commitments unless the other person has shown solid proof of honesty and sincerity.

Your lack of concern about material matters can prove costly. Don't overmortgage yourself so that you are caught in a financial trap; and resist buying on credit. You are easily entranced by appearances and often ignore the harsh reality of paying for what you have purchased.

28) ► **Mars** ♂ **Square** ♅ **Pluto** - (4°55' A) ♄4 | ♃8

(Haydn Paul)

With the energy released by the square, you will be mainly motivated by self-centred tendencies and a need to 'throw out' overflowing and excess martian energy. You tend to think that the power of your natural energy is sufficient to win you success and satisfaction; and indeed the force and directness of it often can, but using it in such a way often overrides sensitivity and awareness of others. Considered aims and planning are often ignored under the immediacy of impulse and desire; and a spirit of recklessness can ignore any thoughts of the possible future consequences of your actions, provided you believe that your desires will be satisfied.

You find it difficult to motivate yourself for long periods of time, as in a commitment to achieve something through careful planning; you have problems in disciplining and directing your will sufficiently for that kind of effort, and you are more suited to using your force in a more immediate, spontaneous impulse for self-satisfaction. This is also partly because you experience some conflict in directing your will to achieve your desires, and rarely feel as though you are making the most of your talents.

There can be a sense of inner frustration, caused by the forceful nature of this energy, and a lack of a suitable channel along with to direct it in a constructive manner. This will create a lack of patience, a potentially violent temper and sexual aggressiveness, where you 'throw out' excess energy through a dictatorial and demanding personality in order to dominate others. You may need to develop a more healthy perspective on sexual expression, one which regards sex more in terms of relationship and partnership, and less in terms of self-satisfaction, energy release, domination, exploitation and aggressiveness.

This experience of inner stress is symptomatic of clashing energies; it is not something that you have to endure all your life; it can be adjusted to be more harmonious. One way to begin this reorientation is to learn how to determine the overall direction of your life, to see a broader picture of your immediate social influence and how you want to live in relationship with others. To break down this preoccupation with self and to appreciate and acknowledge the feelings and needs of others as being as valid as your own is essential, and a key to transformation. By becoming clearer as to personal aims, you can begin to apply your will consistently in order to achieve them over time; desires for instant self-gratification are unrealistic. Learn how to live in equality of partnership and relationship; a mutuality of needs, desires and responsibilities requires mutual sharing and co-operation. Avoid tendencies towards domination and power struggles. Basically, you require suitable channels into which to pour your energy, constructive channels that are life enhancing for you and others. You tend to devote most time and energy in opposing others through conflict and aggression rather than in working together for

group benefit; find ways to become positively in favour of something, and then add your energy to help it become real. There is much greater satisfaction and fulfilment in that form of achievement than in struggling to satisfy a very separate self that you try to maintain.

(Robert Pelletier)

The square of Mars to Pluto provides you with an overly forceful nature. You are inclined to be extremely aggressive in pursuing your ideas, and your behavior is often foolish and reckless. If you assume that you can assert your will on others with impunity, you may discover later that you've created a problem you can't handle. The embarrassment of such an incident can make you angry, and you may even resort to physical violence in retaliation.

When frustrated, you can become abusive, which will cause problems in your relationships with others. The result may be domestic difficulties and antagonism from your superiors, which could jeopardize your income. You must learn to curb your temper under stress, or you will bring yourself more grief than any temporary satisfaction would warrant. Once you learn this, you will find that you can accomplish what you wish because of your courage, determination, persistence, and self-driving ambition.

You have a highly developed but unrefined sexual drive. When your advances are rejected, you overdramatize and exaggerate the importance of the incident. The sexual drive is significant, to be sure, but you need to assess its value in relation to your total life direction. Make sure it is balanced by other facets in your relationships with people.

When you are unhappy with disagreeable elements in your environment, examine these elements realistically, not emotionally. Get someone else's opinion and then submit the problem to a person with the authority to do something about it. If you attempt to take matters into your own hands, they will only get stained in the process.

A final word - try to be for a cause with the same enthusiasm you show when you are against something. Love works wonders in getting people to work voluntarily with you. Resist using ultimatums when you run into resistance.

(Betty Lundsted)

This is a difficult energy level that needs to be channeled and understood before it becomes productive. A square indicates that the planets involved in the aspect are working against each other. In this case, it indicates that Mars (I act) works against Pluto (my unconscious motivation). It signifies a person who takes action that may be spurred by negative input from the psyche, or a person whose need for control works against his ability to take action.

Anger may be confused with sexuality when this aspect is present. This individual may use sex to control other people. The Pluto-Mars square requires that an individual control the action taken, and when his universe crumbles, anger takes over. Blind rages can surge up from the unconscious. Because the rage can be so intense, those who own this aspect are aware they have it. They are usually afraid of their own anger. They may not be willing to admit that the anger exists, for these are often people who implode - they push the anger far down into the depths of the personal unconscious because they are afraid of expressing it. People born in Fire or Air signs usually suppress this aspect, for anger is not considered 'spiritual'. Folks who've attempted some form of spiritual development don't want to admit to having this anger, for they are not proud of it.

However, in order for the aspect to become productively creative, the anger has to become conscious and channeled into other directions. Anger is merely unchanneled creativity. This person needs to become aware of the Plutonic sensitive points so the anger can be consciously let go. Anger usually manifests when we are afraid of something or when our feelings are hurt. When the fears and hurts are understood, we no longer need to be angry.

Mars square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects between Mars and Pluto are the most forceful and violent we can have. Everything to do with executive ability, energy, action and the like is combined and intensified. Therefore the fierceness and pugnacity of these aspects can run to extremes, in both a positive and a destructive sense. This is seen in the champion sportsman (especially in those practising pugilistic sports like boxing), but also in criminals. With the hard aspects, we are determined to get the most out of ourselves and out of life by doing something hair-raising (like stunt work), by pushing ourselves to the limit (especially in sports that are physically or mentally demanding), or by pitting ourselves against formidable opposition even without resorting to physical violence (as seen in that indefatigable exponent of passive resistance, Mahatma Gandhi). We are fascinated by challenges and fights, physical or mental (or a combination of both), and can never have enough of them. Too many of them weary us, but we seem unable to ignore them.

We are always eager to prove ourselves; and this makes us opponents to reckon with in politics, sport, etc.. With the energy of the tense aspects, we fight hard, provoke controversy, and seem to enjoy throwing ourselves into the fray. The danger with these aspects is that we can be too hard on ourselves and others, to the point of cruelty. However, if the rest of the chart indicates gentler tendencies, we confine ourselves to

holding our own. The more drastic the situation, the grimmer and more purposeful we become. The ability to work under great strain is outstanding.

Obstinacy, energy, craving for power, and desire to succeed are great, and can make us impervious to what others want and think. We go our own way in spite of everything. But obduracy can bring us into risky situations, so we do need to be careful.

29) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine ☾ Moon** - (4°34' A) ♀1 | ♀10

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine the Ascendant gives you an easy-going disposition and allows you to derive much pleasure from creative expression. You are imaginative, sensitive, emotionally poised, and articulate in expressing yourself. You appreciate the sense of values that your parents have instilled in you, and you are prepared to take advantage of your sensitive intellect and develop your own mental resources and ideas. Being resourceful, you will find the way to capitalize on your talents, even though it may be difficult to find the necessary funds to accomplish what you want. You may be forced to do without some necessities, but you feel it is worth it if your main objectives can thus be realized. Unless you are alert, people will try to take advantage of your good nature to benefit themselves. You should require your friends to prove their worth before accepting them completely. You cannot afford to be indifferent to your own needs in relationships, whether casual or intimate.

You have sufficient talent to make a substantial contribution to your career. You realize that in order to succeed you must make sacrifices in your personal affairs. This might mean deferring marriage until you can get the education you need to succeed in your professional endeavors. You want to know that you've exploited your creative potentials, and you want the fulfillment that this brings.

Your marital partner must always remain a lover, so that you will continue to make substantial contributions to maintain the fascination and excitement of your first encounter.

You need to know you are wanted, and you are crushed if your efforts are unappreciated, especially by those to whom you've been the most generous.

Moon trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We are able to relate well emotionally to others. The emotional life presents few

problems, and the environment does not pose a threat to our sense of well-being.

We are solicitous of those around us, and are prepared to help and pamper them; yet we have sense enough not to tie them down but to leave them as free as possible. However, we are very much involved with others and this can sometimes create difficulties, because we would much rather have company than be on our own. Not everyone can live with us on these terms.

Generally speaking, though, development will be emotionally stable as far as environment is concerned, and our need to be caring can be satisfied both in the family circle and in social and other work.

(Betty Lundsted)

These are people who have been taught to respond to life in an emotionally constructive manner during childhood.

30) ► **Ascendant ASC Trine** ♃ **Jupiter** - (0°56' S) ♀1 | ♃5

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter trine the Ascendant means that you always expect to succeed. You find it possible to make grandiose plans for the future, because you know how to capitalize on your creative abilities as tools with which to seek your goals in life. Knowing how is not the same as actually doing something, however, and your success may be delayed by the delusion that you can succeed without a lot of hard work. You like the good life and all its comforts, which can be yours if you are willing to make an enormous investment of personal effort.

Although you have high expectations, you secretly fear you won't succeed in winning over your competitors. You overestimate other people's skills and underestimate your own, which can lead you to have a defeatist attitude. Concentrate your efforts on gaining excellence in what you do, so that you can dismiss these anxieties.

The people you work for regard you more highly than you think. Hoping to gain their respect, you attempt to do more than your share in the tasks assigned to you. You admire those who achieve distinction and realize that you must be fully informed if you hope to win similar honors. However, you tend to dawdle when you should discipline yourself in working toward your goals. By indulging in personal pleasures to excess, you waste energy and time that could be used more constructively. Because you are careless about managing your financial affairs, you sometimes can't avail yourself of opportunities when they arise.

Your talents are needed in many fields, but unless you learn to establish your priorities,

you will waste your gifts in non-productive enterprises. You are too generous in sharing your ideas with others when you should develop them for your own benefit. Avoid borrowing money if you can; because of your self-indulgent nature, it may be painful to repay unless you learn to have greater self-control.

Jupiter trine or sextile Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The harmonious aspects between Jupiter and the Ascendant have much the same effects as the conjunction. We radiate cheerfulness, optimism and cordiality, and cultivate a wide circle of acquaintances. When Jupiter, with its gift for improving and remedying, is in easy relationship with the Ascendant, we like to be helpful to others - not in a subservient way, but out of simple kindness. 'People are entitled to be themselves' is our motto. Love of freedom and the need to be able to develop freely are two of our prominent characteristics.

Although, even with the easy aspects, we have a tendency to lecture and moralize, we generally manage to do it in a manner that others can accept without being offended. We enjoy propagating ideals and a vision of the future, and like talking about the things that enthuse us - particularly those that widen our horizons, either literally by travel, or metaphorically by immersion in philosophical or general human concerns.

(Betty Lundsted)

People born with the sextile or trine relate to others by using a similar energy to that of the Ascendant. They tend to open up (Jupiter) in a manner complementary to the persona they have put forth.

31) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (7°24' A) ♃8 | ♃4

(Robert Hand)

You have a strong sense of self - that is, you know who you are and what your rights are with regard to other people. You have considerable self-confidence and will fight for what you believe to be yours. On the other hand, you are less likely to dominate people than those with other Mars-Midheaven combinations. You do have a great deal of physical energy, however, especially in activities that you want to be involved in. As you get older, you will pour out energy in your work and career, and you will be known as a very hard worker. But you may not feel that you are working hard, because the energy comes so spontaneously that you do not regard it as work. For this reason, you should look for a task or purpose that your life can revolve around, that you can identify closely with.

While you are young, this may simply be a hobby, but later on it will be your career or life work. Fortunately, with this aspect you won't have much trouble finding a purpose in life.

You are not especially competitive, but you are independent. You do not like to be dependent on other people; nor do you like anyone to interfere with the schedule you have set for yourself. Consequently, you may find it easier to work and play alone than with others.

When you have to make a choice, you are usually able to do so quickly and easily, because you know pretty much what you want, and you go after it. If you don't know which of two choices to take, you may make an arbitrary decision, feeling that making some choice is better than going nowhere.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration strengthens the natives' ambitions and determination to rise to prominence in their careers. They are energetic and hard-working in their chosen fields. Thus by gaining the confidence of those in authority they win the means to provide a good domestic environment for themselves and their families.

32) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♀ **Neptune** - (4°33' A) ♀8 | ♀4

(Robert Hand)

You are very idealistic in your attitudes toward the world, and you want to be as free as possible of values and possessions that limit you or prevent you from encountering the world. You may be less interested in material possessions than most people of your age, feeling that the burden of taking care of them is more trouble than it is worth. Besides, you value emotions, ideals and other immaterial concerns more than possessions.

Very early in life, you show how unselfish and giving you are, especially to people in need. You like taking care of people or animals and trying to make them better. As you get older, you will have a strong need to be of service to others, putting spiritual and moral ideals above personal gain. Even if you do not always succeed in living up to that ideal, it will be a very powerful force in your life.

You are very sensitive to other people, so you are a bit reserved and shy until you know you can trust them. Your feelings are easily hurt, and a misplaced gruff word can make you very unhappy. Your family should try to understand this and treat you a bit more gently. They should realize that they will be rewarded with your devotion.

Even while quite young, you are fascinated by the mysterious and supernatural. You find the worlds of fantasy stories and fairy tales more interesting and alive than this world, which is so full of dull concerns and mundane preoccupations. Of course, you must learn

to relate to this world, anyway, and you should try to see the mystery that is inherent even in the everyday world.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates that the natives' intuition can be used constructively in their professions, helping them find solutions to problems and giving them the ability to sense the mood of superiors or others in positions of authority.

The configuration especially favors artists, musicians and actors, because it helps them to gain public recognition. It also favors close intuitive domestic relationships and rapport with the parents. The natives' homes are likely to be unusual or artistic in some way, and they may live near a body of water.

Neptune trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Insecurity, sensitiveness and idealism also color the harmonious aspects between Neptune and the Midheaven. Once again there are difficulties in forming a satisfactory image of self and society, because we are too responsive to opinions and trends in the environment. By viewing things in too rosy a light (for the harmonious aspects deal in optimism), we lay ourselves open to disappointment. Yet we skip as merrily as ever into some new situation. What is important is the feeling of being at home somewhere. It is this feeling, not the size of the paycheck, that guides us in choosing a job.

With a harmonious Neptune / Midheaven aspect, we probably have a keen nose for sniffing out the little, hidden details that are so important. In business, we instinctively follow market trends, usually without having to work them out. In the medical profession, the same ability helps us to make a diagnosis, select a therapy, trace the cause of a disease or problem, and so on. Good careers are also open in the spiritual and ecclesiastical worlds, and in art and music.

33) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (1°15' S) ♎12 | ♃4

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Mars shows that you have leadership ability and the selfconfidence to use it creatively and fairly. Your courage and endurance enable you to accomplish very demanding tasks. You have faith that you will always be able to succeed without resorting to deception or dishonorable practices. Not only are you honest in your dealings, you pride yourself on competing successfully with those who

aren't so honest. Although you may behave impulsively at times, on the whole you plan your actions efficiently and purposefully. You can always express your creative abilities in such a way that you benefit from it. If anyone dares to question your ethics, you rise in anger, generally with the support of those who know you well.

With an abundance of energy to sustain you as you seek your goals, you won't be greatly restricted in expressing your talents in the life work you choose. In performing your duties you don't challenge or threaten people, and you get along well with most of them. You like everyone, and other people think well of you too. When someone needs assistance you will provide it, since you are secure in your own destiny and no one can seriously deter you from it. You mind your own business and maintain privacy in your affairs.

It is possible for you to gain prominence in the fields of law, managements, or sports, in creative activities such as acting and the communications media, or in working with young people as a teacher or guidance counselor. Guidance counseling is especially suitable to your capabilities. You easily win the approval and admiration of youngsters because you accept them at their own level of development, not expecting them to behave as adults.

Your emotional interests are average, so you will be able to adjust your desires in order to encourage a partnership with someone who fulfills all your expectations for a mate. You accept people for what they are and expect the same treatment.

Your life is apparently untroubled, and you take care of any problems without fanfare or publicity. You are content to let those with driving ambitions have all the rope they need, but you don't need that kind of anxiety to spoil an otherwise tranquil existence. Not that your life is uneventful, for you work diligently and play enthusiastically. But because you don't have high expectations, your investment is less burdensome.

(Haydn Paul)

The trine enables you to turn theory into practical application, and this reconciling quality could become a source of your life direction, as your ability to apply your energy positively can generate ways to resolve problem situations. This may be one approach that utilises your energy in a creative and beneficial manner, and which poses challenges that you intend to overcome.

You will be self-confident and believe in your own abilities, setting goals and pursuing ambitions, emerging from your unique aims directed towards creating a suitable lifestyle, which may not always correspond to traditional paths and signs of success. You do not appreciate a volatile living or working environment, preferring a more tranquil atmosphere where you are free to follow your interests. While you enjoy new challenges, the cut and thrust of competition seems less appealing, and you see little value in

exalting yourself if it requires another's detrimental fall.

Fairness, integrity and honesty are qualities that you respect and expect in your dealings with others, and ethical or moral considerations are taken into account in your life. These form your code of relationships, and you try to stay as true to these as possible, even if at times this may require you to forgo some success or progress, as you are not usually willing to compromise for the sake of any advancement. You can adopt an individual chivalry and style of conduct. While you have leadership ability, you try to ensure that you deal correctly with others from any position of responsibility, and are willing to help others on their way, provided they do not attempt less scrupulous tactics to progress.

Organisational and managerial qualities are likely to be present, and you can take the strain of highly demanding tasks, proving to be a reliable, efficient and conscientious worker who can purposefully carry out and design successful plans of action.

Spheres that may attract include law, business management, education, media, personal creativity and physical endeavours. Opportunities may steer you towards deeper interpersonal contacts, and working in areas of counselling and guidance may be highlighted. One asset that you may possess for this work is a genuine tolerance for others, allowing each to hold their unique view of life, and having respect for their free nature. Many inwardly condemn people for failing to be like themselves, taking an attitude that everyone should conform to a picture that they have developed. Fortunately, the life process disagrees with that attitude, and displays an incredible abundance of variety.

You tend to form a realistic perception of life, so that your expectations are not too excessive and unreal, and you appreciate the gains that you do make through expressing your creative talents and powerful energies. A need for disciplined focus may be required at times, as you may be faced with various options and lack a clarity of purpose which diffuses your will power. Be wary against occasional acts of impulse; they may not always work to your advantage, and a careful and steady progression can prove more beneficial. Working in harmony with this trine energy can serve to open doors throughout your life; be alert to recognise when opportunities are being presented, so that you can take full advantage of the gifts of life.

34) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♅ **Neptune** - (4°06' S) 8 | 12 | ♃4

(Haydn Paul)

With the trine, there is the potential for a successful reconciliation and resolution of the Neptune-Sun energies, leading to a powerful positive blending of the individual Sun centre and the transpersonal outer planet.

Potential is present, but there may be question marks against your incentive, motivation

and application in exploiting latent talents. This is the hurdle that can face you, especially when confronted with the nature of choice and decision over your lifedirection. You may be multi-talented in a variety of artistic and creative ways - music, art, literature, dance, drama - yet find it hard to be focused and sufficiently disciplined to become a master and not a jack of all trades. Ideas spring forth easily and naturally, followed by an enthusiastic grasping of them, only for them to be quickly put aside, replaced by the next set of shooting-star ideas. Commitment and perseverance may be lacking, and the directed energy is fragmented by turning towards too many directions at the same time.

Associated with a perceptive mind, which is capable of good assimilation and understanding, should be an intuitive quality too, which you can use as a source of insight and knowledge. This intuitive or psychic faculty will mainly operate through the emotional nature as empathic identification, in distinction to the Uranian intuition which is more mental and impersonal in nature. This intuition often gives you insights into the nature and motivation of others around you, and environmental atmospheres can influence your state of mind and well-being.

There can be an ambivalency towards social involvement and responsibility. Much depends on the nature of your expression; if it is within creative and artistic spheres, then your focus of attention and energy is absorbed within the creative vision. You are not unresponsive to social concerns, but you feel that being a creative channel is your contribution to society. Or you may respond to the Neptunian vibration by opening your heart wider, feeling a channel for 'universal love' supporting and uplifting others. This path is one of service to the community of human beings, and medicine can be a favourite expression, or similar forms of physical, emotional and mental therapy and healing.

Becoming clear as to direction is the challenge; once determined, you should be able to pour your energies and talents into achieving those aims, and in so doing walk your solar path of purpose. You have the capabilities to achieve your objectives, once definition and focus is made. There may be a need to be more practical, perhaps modified by evoking a strong Saturn or Mercury influence to ensure that material results occur, or you could waste those talents and end as a negative dreamer, chasing your flights of imagination but never containing them within objective form. In relationships, emotional freedom and trust are highly valued as components of an ideal romantic love. You tend to be emotionally faithful, and give priority to the virtues of a close and loving family environment. Your empathic and sympathetic nature adds to those feelings of closeness with family and friends.

(Robert Pelletier)

The trine from the Sun to Neptune means that you have enormous talent to express, but you may never find the right way to exploit it. You take up ideas with enthusiasm, then drop them right away. Your mind has a precocious quality, in that you learn quickly and

with deep comprehension. You respond to what you learn both emotionally and intellectually. In reality, you are extremely psychic, and much of your knowledge has been acquired through this faculty. This may have been the reason you were bored, as a child, by teachers who were giving you information that you already knew intuitively. Because you learned easily and didn't have to overcome the usual obstacles, now you don't readily take on duties unless you want to very strongly. You may avoid involvement in the affairs of the community, for it is almost impossible for anyone to provoke you to respond to your social responsibilities.

You can write your own ticket to your professional ambitions. Probably you will never encounter a challenge that you can't successfully meet. You are extremely creative and will be able to perform almost any task assigned to you. Your greatest problem is dawdling when time is urgent or schedules must be met. Consequently, it is better for you to be self-employed, so you can work at your own pace, and others don't have to depend on you. Art, drama, education, writing, and medical research would all provide you with a field for creative expression. Even though your ambitions may not be defined, others will benefit from your efforts.

Your personal relationships are characterized by permissiveness between you and your mate, a freedom based on mutual trust. You and your beloved enjoy a blissful, romantic love and can indulge in escapes to Shangri-la. You can be devoted to your mate and know that indiscretion will never come into your life. Your family will be warm and tender toward you, and your children will be a source of endless joy to you as they grow into maturity.

35) ► **Sun** ☉ **Trine** ♌ **North-Node** - (5°06' A) ♎12 | ♃9

(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.

36) ► **Moon** ☾ **Trine** ♊ **Jupiter** - (5°30' A) ♀10 | ♃5

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Jupiter gives you a glowing personality, ease in relating to people, and generosity. You have a vivid imagination and much creative potential. Even when circumstances seem dismal, you always look on the bright side. Your hopeful outlook brings optimism into the lives of everyone you contact, especially in your own family. Your infectious enthusiasm generates a feeling of well-being among the people you are with. You are very sensitive to outside influences, but you always attempt to understand their real significance. You work out solutions to your problems as quickly as possible because you don't tolerate complications in your life for very long. Confident that you can cope with any situation as it arises, you don't try to cross a bridge before you come into it.

Because you are well informed on many subjects, you can hold your own in just about any conversation. Civic affairs hold an interest for you, and you may hold some elective position in your community. You would support programs for solving social problems, because such projects are especially interesting to you. However, you might not become personally involved in their administration, because your day is already filled with matters that need your attention. Knowing how to determine priorities, you become totally absorbed by whatever heads the list.

You enjoy the many avocational interests that fill your life with purpose and accomplishment. Your activities enrich those close to you by stimulating their continued development. The spiritual fortitude that you radiate is comforting to them. Because of

this, you might find that you are the advisor whom everyone seeks when they have problems. You apparently have a capacity to take on these burdens without laboring under them. Your opinion is highly regarded because of your vast experience and good advice.

Such fields as public relations, civic functions, travel, or physical therapy could serve as a platform for your creative talents. Working in these or similar areas would benefit others and give you a sense of accomplishment. You are inclined to be selfindulgent, though, and you should limit your activities to a selected number of interests. It would seem imprudent to sap your physical reserves by taking on more tasks than you can handle easily.

You are romantically interested in persons of good moral character who are sincere, honest, and spiritually motivated. A peace-loving person, you enjoy being with people who are untroubled by tension and pressure in their personal affairs. You are greatly devoted to the one you love, and your relationship will deepen with each passing year.

37) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Trine** ♂ **Mars** - (3°05' S) ♀1 | ♂4

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mercury trine Mars shows that you have a lot of creative energy and the imagination to express it in many ways, although you sometimes lack the enthusiasm to do so. You know your capabilities and limitations and have enormous potential to succeed in almost anything you attempt. However, success never seems urgent enough to instill in you the desire to achieve. You cannot be forced to do anything you don't want to do, and no-one can deter you from what you want.

You have considerable depth of understanding, and the ability to concentrate when it is important. Well-informed on many subjects, you can hold your own in any conversation. You are inoffensive and friendly to everyone you meet. You can be trusted with classified information and would never reveal someone else's secrets.

There are many fields in which you can apply your skill in communication. Some of these are law, politics, public relations, education, writing, acting, and military service. Another endeavor that would prove rewarding is working with young people or children. You have the patience to cope with their boundless energy and the enthusiasm to stimulate them to achieve on their own. Whatever occupation gives you the most satisfaction is yours to choose. You are not intimidated by the excellence of your contemporaries, and you don't threaten those who are less skilled than you. You are equally at ease working alone or with people in large groups. But you can achieve the most worthwhile effects by working with groups, since your temperament lends itself to this.

You may also enjoy many avocational interests, especially crafts. You could become so

competent in a craft that eventually you might make it your primary occupation. You have the talent for this kind of work and the imagination to succeed.

You enjoy the company of people who are not troubled with psychological hangups. Not one to interfere in the lives of others, you demand that others give you the same consideration. You will probably respond emotionally to a person who is creative and inspired, someone who would co-operate with you in a mutual endeavor suggested by either of you.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect signifies an open household during the individual's childhood as far as certain kinds of communication are concerned. The most value from this aspect comes when it is applied toward career, for it is a prolific communicator: the mind is always working and is capable of being extremely productive. The aspect will only work if it's free, so look to see if it carries hard aspects from other planets.

This mind can be lazy, for the gift hasn't been earned in this life. When the talent is a natural one; when the person hasn't struggled to 'earn' it from a conscious point, he may overlook its importance or even its existence. This can indicate a person who procrastinates.

Mercury trine or sextile Mars

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Much of what has already been said about the conjunction also applies to the harmonious aspects. Mars sextile or trine Mercury indicates an alert and acute mind, and may make a fluent communicator. Conversation is brisk and lively, pugnacious and energetic, and the native is quick on the uptake. These aspects are accompanied by excellent powers of concentration, and can give an edge over nearly anyone with whom he or she may be arguing; so he or she is a surefire debater. Since the aspects are harmonious, the native is less likely to antagonize others than one would with the conjunction or with one of the discordant aspects, and is less likely to become embroiled in altercations. Nevertheless, mental activity is as great as it is with the conjunction. The native sees all kinds of connections and snatches at all kinds of ideas from outside. Constant alertness enables this person to pick up information readily, but thoughts give him or her little rest.

Being free to express opinions is something that is considered important. This person has independent views on everything. Although Mars does not encourage mature reflection (so there is every chance that ill-considered conclusions will be reached), this

is offset by the speed with which relationships can be seen and facts can be absorbed. Even when young, this individual displays the need to be independent in thought and deed; however, the openness of a Mars / Mercury aspect gives the grace to admit when he or she is wrong.

Mercury is the planet astrologers look at when we wish to know about manual dexterity, and, when it is harmoniously aspected by Mars, we often find that the owner of the aspect is very skilled with the hands, even though Mars may encourage the individual to leave tasks unfinished.

(Charles Carter)

This contact powerfully strengthens the mind, and gives great vigour to its faculties, especially the more practical and positive ones. It is untiring, incisive, alert, and singularly capable of detecting weakness in the positions of its opponents, and of instantly taking advantage of them. It is common in the charts of people who have engaged in successful struggles, such as military or naval commanders, politicians, financiers, and reformers. It has been stated that contacts of some kind, usually malefic, were always found in the mpas of pacifist conscientious objectors during the Great War.

The position is courageous and often rash, so that even the good aspects do not tend to personal security, although naturally the effects are not likely of themselves to be very serious.

It tends to literary work and is often childless in a physical sense, its books being its offspring. At the same time there is much fondness for children and their society.

The disposition is usually good-natured, but soemtimes the native is centred in his own interests ;and there is, as a rule, more practical common sense than sentiment in the character.

It is excellent for debaters and disputants, being very quick in argument and retort and never at a loss for an answer; it loves a fight, with either the spoken or the written word. It is probably good for all trades and occupations that have to do with traffic and engineering work that is connected with locomotion.

With regard to health, it strengthens the nervous system and gives quickness of hand and eye, but it is apt to cause the native to like to run risks and seek the sensation of danger.

38) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°56' S) ♀1 | ♀4

(Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect offers a quite favourable potential, where the energies of Neptune and Mercury work together well, each helping to define and focus the positive and constructive attributes of the other. Similar to the sextile, this aspect is often found within the charts of successful and creative individuals. Making use of the trine's energy will stimulate the unfolding of considerable creativity. The essence of your creative spirit will be evocative imagery, often including meaningful depths and at times an inspirational quality. The way in which you succeed in expressing this could be through art, music, vivid literary creations, poetry, film or photography. Your creativity should possess substance and context, rather than any superficiality.

Communication to others is important to you. You are potentially very effective in transmitting your ideas and intentions, and skilled in the forms in which you clothe your messages. There can be a taste for dramatic presentations, but this is also effective as it ensures that anything you create is noticed by others, and that by grasping their attention you create a situation where some response is evoked. You have a talent for influencing people's minds by subtle manipulation and perhaps through clever handling of communication media, as you have a natural understanding of the essential motivation patterns of others. This can be amplified by using the Neptunian vibration to emphasise an intuitive or telepathic ability, which sometimes also manifests itself in the guise of prophecy. It may be best not to overdevelop any such tendencies, or to openly publicise them, but to use them quietly and with little fuss in daily life, especially if through your empathic awareness you are able to support and aid others.

There is the potential to have extremely powerful visualisation abilities, that inner picture-making faculty where within the mind you can create images in detail and colour, 'seeing them in the mind's eye'. In a variety of modern spiritual approaches, such an ability is highly valued, and, rightly used, can be a major tool in stimulating lasting spiritual development. Through creative visualisation, you can direct or recreate your life and personality in many ways, and this is a skill and technique that you should explore, through pathworking and exploring inner mindscapes, or perhaps through archetypal figures and mystical symbolism, such as the Arthurian and Grail legends, or the myths of the Greek gods. Pathworking offers the potential to unlock inner doors - even into astrological archetypes - and these are the realms that are ruled by Neptune.

There should be a developed social conscience and awareness, and work in this broad area may appeal, although your sensitivity may not be suitable for a direct involvement with impoverished and problem families. Your contribution may be that of support, or by using your talents to highlight social iniquity. Others recognise your abilities, and you should find that several avenues of expression are available to explore over time. Holding positive and optimistic attitudes helps others to transcend cynicism and lack of application, and so make their own steps of development. Your perspective on life is likely to be balanced, so that trivial and unimportant aspects of life are not invested with excessive reverence; and this works too in your relationships, where the transiency of moods and friction is not over-exaggerated, and only the positive is emphasised. This

does not ignore spheres of disharmony, but is always founded on a recognition of the strengths and important values of the relationship, which can then be used to shed a transforming light on any passing difficulties.

There can be a degree of self-sufficiency in you, as you are centred and generally inwardly balanced. Appreciating the rich-ness of your inner life is vital to you, and you tend to need time and space to do that, as well as to manifest that creative ability. One area that you may be effective within is that of public speaking, where you can be very persuasive and your genuine abilities are at least recognised by others even if on occasion they may disagree with your opinions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With the trine from Mercury to Neptune, you have enormous creative abilities and the inspiration to use them successfully. You communicate effectively, and have a flair for dramatic delivery. Because your intuition is highly developed, you understand what motivate others in their relationships with you. You have an artistic imagination, and the skill to express it well. You are sensitive and intelligent, and prepared to accept your social responsibilities without question.

Because of your talents and temperament, you are much in demand and can succeed in many occupations. Since you adapt easily to your surroundings, you can work creatively in any environment. You are innately tolerant of human imperfection, and do not make excessive demands on others. Your hopeful disposition, even when you face difficulties, stimulates others to have the same attitude. Your artistic appreciation and creative ability can be expressed in such endeavors as art, music, writing, design, or social functions.

Your social life satisfies your need for a warm and friendly atmosphere. As a speaker, you easily gain your audience's attention. You are persuasive and convincing because you can 'tune in' on what your audience will respond to.

Superficial matters don't clutter your life. You focus on the important issues that have social implications, and tend to ignore other issues. You are ever-hopeful that others will become spiritually responsive to injustices and will make some contribution toward correcting them.

39) ► **Mercury** ♀ **Trine** ♄ **North-Node** - (3°16' A) ♀1 | ♃9

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives skill in understanding prevailing social attitudes, trends, and institutions. Consequently, the natives communicate with the public to their advantage. It favors those who work in the mass media - promoters and others who must gain public acceptance for their ideas. Politicians, who deal with media to reach the public, are

especially favored, as are sociologists.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This is an intellectually stimulating aspect. Here the person has added depth to their knowledge and communication. They seem to have a good memory and recall ability not only from the recent past but also from the past life(s). Much of their brain power is inherited rather than from learning and cultivation. Their communication and externalization has a magnetic force associated with that which others cannot help but notice. Proper function of the nervous system is noticed in these people, with appropriate reflex actions but sometimes slightly ahead of time.

(Donna van Toen)

This seems to be very similar to Mercury conjunct North Node. An easy sociability and a need to give as well as receive put growth within close reach.

Mercury trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Sociableness, the desire to exchange ideas and thoughts with other people, the urge to give and also to receive stimulating ideas, intellectual interests. The arrangement of social or business contacts.

Mercury conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This is a good aspect for an astrologer, especially the trined North Node. It gives good spirits and a cheerful nature. There is a preference for young people. It gives an ability to write or lecture. It is fortunate for expressing the thoughts, as there is a clarity of ideas, especially with the trine or sextile. All aspects to Mercury have psychic value.

40) ► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **North-Node** - (6°21' A) ♄4 | ♀9

Mars trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The desire to co-operate with others, comradeship, and team-spirit, a social conscience, the desire for progeny. The attainment of joint or shared successes, the stage of entering into union with others.

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect invigorates the sexual nature and gives much vitality. In a woman's chart, it gives her the magnetism to draw a vital man into her life. For a man's chart, it shows good sexual strength and strong vitality. It can give a feeling of independence because of the vital nature these people have. This person is well able to function physically in most things he attracts. He is able to undergo danger with great courage, and has great endurance in conflict. It gives practical application of energy to the affairs of Mars and the South Node.

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