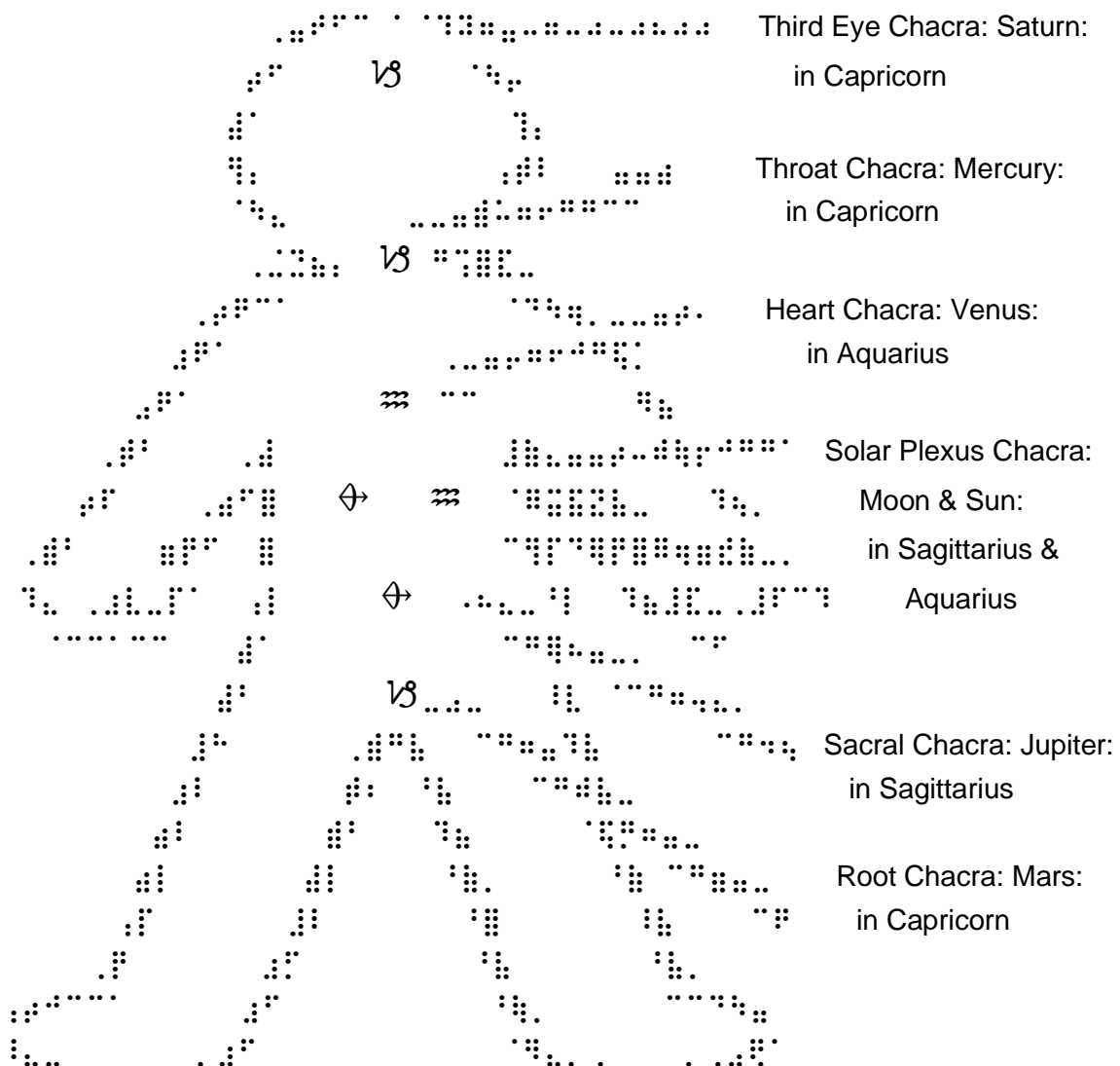


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## Chakra's



# Summaries

## ***Aquarius Sun ☿ and ♊ Sagittarius Moon man***

([843] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **A Freedom Seeking Personality - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Glamorous, competitive and cerebral;

Negatives: Temperamental, hostile and imprudent;

Perfect partner: Someone who will allow them all the freedom in the world;

Advice: Be careful about future plans and consider consequences.

## ***Sun ☼ in IX 9th House***

([867] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Always saying what they mean - Summary:**

Strengths: Collaborative, sensual and knowledgeable;

Challenges: Vain, pessimistic and disrespectful;

Advice: They should seek ways in which to enlighten themselves.

## ***Moon ☾ in VII 7th House***

([878] i.thehoroscope.co)

### **Eager for reciprocation - Summary:**

Strengths: Affectionate, dependable and soft;

Challenges: Skeptical and criticizing;

Advice: Leave the future aside and live more in the present.

Neutral: Searching for the right one

## ***Moon ☾ in 20th Nakshatra: Purva Shadha***

### **Short Version [2]**

Strength: influential, artistic, handsome, popular, polite, patient faithful to friends, intelligent, loves the comforts of life, attracted to water, supportive, courageous, humble, wealthy, loves fine cuisine, has a enjoyable relationship with spouse, capable of having many children, makes a good manager, but prefers to be in service, valuable employee, seeks the truth.

Weakness: egotistical, inflexible, superiority complex, argumentative, not open to advice, works hard for little pay, incompetent manager, bouts of loud and raucous behavior, dictatorial, obstinate, settles for less, lacks patience with those who are slower to change.

### **Pada [1]**

### **Moon ☾ in first pada**

(13°20'-16°40' degrees Sagittarius): Leo navamsa. You are high-minded and dignified. You respect others and are admired by your peers. You enjoy helping others, and you lead a stable, happy life.

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

### **Mercury ☿ in ♑ Capricorn man**

([902] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **A man of strong principles - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Responsible and composed;

Negatives: Aloof and impulsive;

Soulmate: Someone who is just as perfectionistic;

Life lesson: Not feeling overwhelmed by certain challenges.

### **Mercury ☿ in VIII 8th House**

([915] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Meticulous people - Summary:**

Strengths: Communicative, persuasive and attentive;

Challenges: Judgmental, gossipy and impulsive;

Advice: They should not share what is being said to them in private.

### **Venus ♀ in ♒ Aquarius man**

([941] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Positives: Eccentric and dedicated;

Negatives: Cruel and obstinate;

Soulmate: Someone who has a scientific mind of his own;

Life lesson: Taking more time to practice hobbies.

### **Venus ♀ in IX 9th House**

([953] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Always self-sufficient - Summary:**

Strengths: Attractive, sensual and adventurous;

Challenges: Clingy and restrictive;

Advice: Loving yourself should come first.

Neutral: Open to new ideas

### **Mars ♂ in ♑ Capricorn man**

([975] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Living in harmony with the surrounding - In a nutshell:**

Positives: Competitive and reliable;

Negatives: Rigid and boastful;

Soulmate: Someone who has a healthy lifestyle;  
Life lesson: Material success is not everything in life.  
Neutral: A dominant lover

### **Mars ♂ in VIII 8th House**

([988] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **Happiness seekers - Summary:**

Strengths: Sensual, attentive and outspoken;  
Challenges: Materialistic and greedy;  
Advice: Avoid being too involved in others' drama.

### **Jupiter ♃ in ♎ Sagittarius man**

([1001] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

### **Jupiter ♃ in VII 7th House**

([1011] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

Strengths: Determined, cooperative and diplomatic;  
Challenges: Meddling, arrogant and stubborn;  
Advice: They need to learn how to rely only on themselves.

### **Saturn ♄ in ♑ Capricorn man**

([1026] i.thehoroscope.co)

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

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

### **Saturn ♄ in VIII 8th House**

([1036] i.thehoroscope.co)

#### **One step ahead - Summary:**

Strengths: Hard-working, spontaneous and creative;  
Challenges: Aggressive, controlling and fearful;  
Advice: They need to be more calculated about life decisions.

### **Uranus ♅ in ♎ Sagittarius man**

([1049] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

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

***Uranus ☿ in VII 7th House***

([1059] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Chaotic and rebellious - Summary:**

Strengths: Warm-hearted, intuitive and trustworthy;  
Challenges: Restrictive and suspicious;  
Advice: They shouldn't hide who they are from those close.

***Neptune ♆ in ♑ Capricorn man***

([1074] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Style: Disciplined and practical;  
Top qualities: Resourceful, thoughtful and goal-oriented;  
Challenges: Stubborn and selfish;  
Advice: Do only what keeps you happy with yourself.

***Neptune ♆ in VIII 8th House***

([1084] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Generous souls - Summary:**

Strengths: Observant, analytical and decisive;  
Challenges: Impulsive and moody;  
Advice: They should set some boundaries in their relationships.

***Pluto ♇ in ♋ Cancer man***

([1092] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

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

***Pluto ♇ in II 2nd House***

([1102] i.thehoroscope.co)

**Nothing truly puts them down - Summary:**

Strengths: Observant, confident and ambitious;  
Challenges: Moody, speculative and extravagant;

Advice: They shouldn't let themselves driven just by money.

**North Node ♋ in ♎ Libra**

([1119] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Friendly, charming and diplomatic;

Challenges: Selfish and impulsive

Taking good care of themselves, Impulsive and focused on themselves

**South Node ♊ in ♈ Aries**

([1125] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Ambitious, talented, adventurous and loyal;

Challenges: Individualistic, unpredictable and procrastinating;

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

**North Node ♋ in V 5th House (Leo)**

([1117] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Spiritual, objective and adventuresome;

Challenges: Vain, isolated and overly emotional

Working from the shadows, A need of changes and transformations

**South Node ♊ in XI 11th House (Aquarius)**

([1135] i.thehoroscope.co)

**In a nutshell:**

Strengths: Supportive, confident and balanced;

Challenges: Criticizing, rushed and harsh;

Conscious of themselves and their purpose, They're outrageous on purpose

**(Black Moon) Lilith ♁ in XII 12th House**

([1160] elsaelsa.com)

**Gifts of Shadow**

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ☉ Sun** - (0°56') ♋7 | ♎9

([150] astromatrix.org:) In Your Own World

Opportunities: 1. Embracing Your Journey of Self-Understanding 2. Judging Success on Your Terms

Challenges: 1. Finding Your Inner Security 2. Avoiding Co-Dependent Relationships

► **Imum-Coeli IC Parallel ☿ Mercury** - (1°19') ♋7 | ♏8

([171] astromatrix.org:) Searching for Answers

Opportunities: 1. Learning from Other's Ideas 2. Creating Your Future

Challenges: 1. Accepting Your Past 2. Avoiding Being Overly Subjective

► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♀ **Mercury** - (0°23') ♀9 | ♀8

([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

► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°59') ♀9 | ♀9

([4] astromatrix.org:) The Lover Of Life

Opportunities: 1. Loving Life 2. Finding a Loving Partner

Challenges: 1. Listening as Much as Speaking 2. Avoiding Excessive Indulgence

► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°50') ♀7 | ♀9

([16] astromatrix.org:) Natural Sympathy

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

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

► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ♀ **Lilith** - (1°22') ♀7 | ♀12

([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

► **Descendant** DC **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (7°50' S) ♀7 | ♀7

([160] astromatrix.org:) Subconscious Need

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

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

► **Descendant** DC **Conjunct** ♀ **Mercury** - (9°57' A) ♀7 | ♀8

([170] astromatrix.org:) Fear of Rejection

Opportunities: 1. Having Stimulating Conversations 2. Working in Teams

Challenges: 1. Getting to Know Your Opinions 2. Overcoming Fear of Rejection

► **Descendant** DC **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (7°29' A) ♀7 | ♀8

([187] astromatrix.org:) Lacking Confidence

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

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

► **Imum-Coeli** IC **Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (4°39' A) ♀7 | ♀7

([161] astromatrix.org:) The Possessive

Opportunities: 1. Having a Family 2. Surrounding Yourself with the Right People

Challenges: 1. Using Your Energy Well 2. Sharing Your Inner Security

► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (1°25' A) ♍9 | ♍9

([4] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Lover Of Life

Opportunities: 1. Loving Life 2. Finding a Loving Partner

Challenges: 1. Listening as Much as Speaking 2. Avoiding Excessive Indulgence

► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (2°28' S) ♊8 | ♊8

([29] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Quick Tongue

Opportunities: 1. Working with Self-Expression 2. Gaining a Greater Grace

Challenges: 1. Looking After Your Body 2. Listening More

► **Sun** ☉ **Square** ♀ **Lilith** - (1°30' A) ♍9 | ♋12

([652] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Strong-willed Persona

Opportunities: 1. Developing a healthy ego 2. Attuning yourself with norms & Laws

Challenges: 1. Following your heart 2. Adjusting scenarios to multi-task

► **Venus** ♀ **Square** ♀ **Lilith** - (2°55' A) ♍9 | ♋12

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

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

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

► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ☉ **Sun** - (6°53' A) ♋1 | ♍9

([309] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) The Achiever

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

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

► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (8°18' A) ♋1 | ♍9

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

Opportunities: 1. Creating Beauty 2. Working in Teams

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

► **Mercury** ☿ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (2°11' A) ♊8 | ♋12

([647] [astromatrix.org](http://astromatrix.org);) Having Rebellious Views

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

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

► **Mars** ♂ **Trine** ♀ **Lilith** - (4°39' A) ♊8 | ♋12

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

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

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



# Extra Source

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

## Object Aspects

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

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°54')    ♀1 | ♃7
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (1°33')    ♃7 | ♃7
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°59')    ♄9 | ♄9
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel** ☾ **South-Node** - (0°43')    ♄9 | ♄11
- 5) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°50')    ♃7 | ♄9
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°08')    ♃7 | ♄8
- 7) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (0°02')    ♃7 | ♄8
- 8) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°27')    ♃7 | ♄2
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°36')    ♄8 | ♄9
- 10) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel** ☾ **South-Node** - (1°06')    ♄8 | ♄11
- 11) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°52')    ♄9 | ♄8
- 12) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°23')    ♄9 | ♄2
- 13) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel** ♄ **Uranus** - (0°21')    ♃7 | ♃7
- 14) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°06')    ♄8 | ♄8
- 15) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°35')    ♄8 | ♄2
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (7°50' S)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 17) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (7°29' A)    ♃7 | ♄8
- 18) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (3°13' S)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 19) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♄ **Uranus** - (4°29' A)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 20) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (9°16' A)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (1°25' A)    ♄9 | ♄9
- 22) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (8°52' S)    ♄9 | ♄8
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°37' A)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 24) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (2°28' S)    ♄8 | ♄8
- 25) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct** ♄ **Uranus** - (5°28' S)    ♄8 | ♃7
- 26) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°27' S)    ♄9 | ♄8
- 27) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (10°42' S)    ♄8 | ♃7

- 28) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♄ **Uranus** - (3°00' S) ♄8 | ♃7
- 29) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°28' S) ♄8 | ♆8
- 30) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (6°26' S) ♍9 | ♇2
- 31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°01' S) ♍9 | ♇2
- 32) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°26' A) ♄8 | ♇2
- 33) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♎ **North-Node** - (4°01' A) ♃7 | ♎5
- 34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ♎ **North-Node** - (0°58' S) ♄8 | ♎5
- 35) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♎ **North-Node** - (4°30' A) ♆8 | ♎5
- 36) ► **Pluto** ♇ **Square** ♎ **North-Node** - (3°24' S) ♇2 | ♎5
- 37) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (8°18' A) ♀1 | ♍9
- 38) ► **Venus** ♀ **Semi-Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (1°44' S) ♍9 | ♄8
- 39) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Quincunx** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°46' A) ♀1 | ♄8

## Signs & Houses

Object Positions from Sun through Pluto.

### Sun ☉ in ♒ Aquarius 3° 18'

(Betty Lundsted)

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

hear the beat of a different drummer.

Aquarians bring new concepts to everything they touch. They make innovations in social work, spirituality, humanitarian areas and the scientific world. They take the traditional ideas that Capricorn presents, and bring them into new perspectives. This creative ability doesn't always make them popular, and can even compound the Aquarians' difficulty in fitting in with the group. Natural talents or abilities are seldom recognized when attention is focused on what is lacking: the Aquarian focus is on belonging somewhere when it should be on the creative process.

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

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

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

When he was a child, his mother often protected him against the violence (either mental

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

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

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

You do not fall deeply in love easily or often, as your mind remains detached from your emotions; when you do, however, you might have difficulty coming to terms with your

emotional power and intensity. Generally you succeed in keeping emotions away from many aspects of your life, believing that they distort the joys of the intellect. You may be late settling down with a partner, and need to choose wisely by seeking an intellectually compatible personality. You wish to retain independence and do not like being dictated to or dominated.

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

#### Static

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

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

#### Dynamic

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

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

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

### Aquarius females

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

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

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

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

In all, the Aquarius woman is loyal, is a wonderful person to take your problems to, and is able to help you to help yourself. There are likely to be very few dull moments with

her. Her intuition is developed to a fine hone; she can usually sense what the future holds.

#### Aquarius males

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

People with Sun in Aquarius are usually independent, unconventional, outspoken and fair-minded. You see your 'role' in life as the rebel, the person who rejects bogus authority and outworn traditions and ushers in the new order. However, you sometimes lack perspective in your battle with the establishment. At times, you simply provoke confrontations to see what impact you have on others; and you enjoy antagonizing people who are in positions of authority. You like to take chances, to keep things stirred

up; and relish a good argument now and again. However, you may become the rebel without a cause.

Always ahead of your time, you are seen by others as a bit different or unusual - an image you encourage. You like to shock people and shake up institutions that have become too rigid. You have the ability to bring a breath of fresh air into stale, stagnant environments.

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

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

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

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

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



(Sasha Fenton)

Aquarians, while being very friendly, are actually quite hard to get to know; and some of them are so strange that it is difficult to work out what they are doing and why.

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

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

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

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

asked for help.

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

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

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

Aquarians are so varied in their nature that they can do almost any kind of work.

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

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

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

There are Aquarians who have a multitude of fascinating and wonderful possessions, ranging from the latest in computers to mobile games, ornaments and even, perhaps, a spaceship in the garden. Others collect antiques, junk or animals. All Aquarians seem to collect books and bits of paper. Some Aquarians spend their money on experiences rather than things. Aquarians can be found riding horses, learning to paint, hunting for ley lines or attending astrology groups. However much friendships and experiences are valued, the Aquarian also values a comfortable home, a good, fast car, and whatever eclectic status symbol appeals most to him.

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

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

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

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

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

The saving grace of Aquarians in all situations is their wonderful sense of humour. Aquarians vary so much from one another that it is not surprising that they vary in their sexuality. Many of these friendly, outgoing people are very attractive, but whether they will actually take up all the romantic offers they receive depends upon other factors on their charts. Some Aquarians prefer to be on their own, without any kind of involvement

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

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

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

exaggerated.

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

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)



You like new things and new ideas, and are bored by old ways of thinking and acting. The friends you choose are people who feel the same way. You are an individualist and a free spirit, but at the same time you need to work and share your life with other people. Friends are very important to you, although if they try to hold you back or make you conform to their ideas, you will rebel and go your own way.

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

The motivating force behind Aquarius is some form of gregarious, or herd, instinct. He likes folks. He is sociable. In a higher manifestation, he is social. In a lower manifestation, he thinks that the world - the folks - owe him a living. Any way you look at the Aquarian, and whatever Aquarian you look at, you will find folks at the centre of his attitude. Either he depends on them or they depend on him. Whether he is a social reformer, or a hobo, people will be around him; he will be holding them up, or they will be holding him up. He thinks himself a great individualist, and he may be, but you'll rarely find him alone. Rich or poor, great or small, deep or shallow, he is the life of the party. He may put his mind on the woes of humanity, solve their problems, give his time for theirs in a figurative or literal sense. Or he may fritter away his time in pool halls. But he will always be where there are people, in the flesh or in theory. His best expression comes when he has hitched his wagon to a star of social work or one of the social professions: invention, medicine, law, politics, architecture, literature, science, music or art with some social application. His worst expression is going places and doing things to no purpose. Some prime examples of wasted talents come in this sign - as well as some of the greatest martyrs and benefactors of the human race. Aquarius is generally misunderstood even when he has achieved greatness - and always think he is misunderstood when he is wasting himself. In love, Aquarius is noble but not necessarily conventional; loyal, if not faithful; affectionate, if not independent, and resentful of

intrusion on his private studies, which may irk the spouse because they never seem to produce anything except big electric-light bills. Aquarius the social or sociable can be anything or nothing, but the one thing he will almost never be is lonesome. He may think his spirit yearns for understanding, but he will never be far from someone to listen while he attempts to explain himself.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Aquarians' appearance of calmness is deceptive; their anxiety can even make them feel ill. Since they take their work very seriously, nervousness and apprehension seldom

leave them. They do their best work with others or with organizations that attempt to bring about some ideal. In such pursuits, their excellent memory, creativity, knowledge, love of freedom, an humanitarianism find their outlet.

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

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

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

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

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

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

When you are alone, it is because you have allowed detachment and eccentricity to run rife and develop like a virus until Other can no longer be bothered with trying to relate to the absurdly non-negotiable front you present. More than any other sign, you are capable of making being alone into an art form. The trouble is that this might not amount to quite what you originally had in mind. Beneath all your rationalizations of you-versus-the-world lies a deep fear of being seen to be just another human being, complete with emotionally tacky bits. But the paradox here is that they are partly what make anyone

special! And the more we look at and allow others to see our emotional interiors, the more we grow and develop as people, rather than remaining frozen at some icy altitude of emotional immunity. A failure to evolve and mature in this way can mean that Other changes but you do not - leaving you apparently outcast. You must track back to when in your life you cut out emotionally in the first place - and why, for it holds the key to how you got to be this way.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

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

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

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: The power of originality manifests through inventiveness.

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

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

(breakthroughs).

Since Aquarius stimulates the mind, as its opposite sign Leo arouses the emotions, the native of this sign is governed by his head rather than by his heart. His love nature is more altruistic than egotistic, and he prefers to express it in an impersonal manner. This coolness may seem enigmatic to the sentimentalist for whom love is a warm, spontaneous feeling rather than a mighty cosmic energy which can be tapped and utilized as scientifically as the physical energies of heat and light.

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

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

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

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

Sometimes so much of their energy goes into cogitation that little remains for tangible achievements. Aquarians can rationalize their lack of accomplishment by declaring that

the game is not worth the effort, and think that the world is unprepared to be awakened. Their outlook may be too panoramic to make the everyday struggle to eat, reproduce, and survive seem worthwhile. Then, if an Aquarian is unable to rise to the challenge of Uranus, he falls back into Saturnian pessimism and inertia. Some modern-day 'dropouts' seem to be tuning in on the vibrations of the Aquarian Age in this negative fashion.

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

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

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

(Isabel Hickey)

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

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

Aquarians are much more emotionally involved in their work than they are with people. It

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Sun ☉ in 9th House

(Haydn Paul)

This indicates that your self-development path lies in the realm of the higher mind, which can include a spiritual search, creativity and imagination, philosophy, law, culture and foreign travel. This involves an impulse to move beyond existing boundaries through a

broadening of life interests and experiences, so that your mental worldview gains an expanded perspective and the world is enriched by your intellectual curiosity and studies, becoming a perpetually interesting and stimulating environment for your exploration.

The motivation to pursue such a path may be present from birth, unfolding a natural curiosity, or may be awakened by an awareness of your life's lack of meaning or direction. You are likely to look for an underlying order to life, a structure that both explains and illuminates the questions about life that begin to preoccupy you. You may have an intuitive sense that a deeper meaning is present within life, and following such promptings you will begin to focus your explorations to discover this golden unifying thread. You want either actual knowledge or a suitable belief structure to create inner stability, and can be attracted to religious doctrines, moral and ethical philosophies, humanitarian principles or political ideologies, believing that these hold the key that you seek.

It is the issue of relationship between the individual and society that perplexes you; and you need to arrive at an understanding of this interaction, which can form a dynamic and positive connection serving to inspire the creation of a more utopian vision of the world. It is a resolving and reconciliatory impulse acting within you, seeking to reconnect you to a deeper centre, that joins the individual in conscious relationship to the collective group, and begins to integrate the whole individual.

Through your ongoing exploration of varying approaches to this key issue in the world, you will eventually develop your own unique perspective and worldview which could be useful to others through shared communication. Your path could be highly influenced by foreign lands, people, culture and traditions; and this may imply a resonance and attraction towards the spiritual paths of the East at some stage.

You see your search as a lifelong quest, perpetually assembling new pieces of the cosmic jigsaw puzzle, recognising that there are many paths and viewpoints on the mystery of life, and that all could be valid and true from certain perspectives. A picture is assembled, a picture is disassembled; the mental search can be neverending.

However, there may also be a tendency towards fixed attitudes, especially if your Sun is placed in a fixed sign. Under the influence of certain religious, moral and doctrinal teachings, the assumption of certitude can be made, especially as there can be an underlying pattern of desiring to be authoritative, and to assert or impose personal views as being the only correct ones. Ultimately, taking such a stance proves to be restrictive and self-limiting, closing perceptions and options down to only those which are 'allowable', and thus distorting individual understanding and perspective. Taking moralistic attitudes often corresponds with assuming critical and judgemental positions, which only fuels the separation of people within society rather than connecting them more strongly. Take care not to fall into any trap of viewing others through moralistic



filters; allow them freedom to live their lives in their way. Why should they conform to your precepts? Do you intend to conform to theirs? Moving towards a higher path always takes you closer towards inadvertently assuming condescending and hypocritical positions; and those who take that road need to remain on their guard against their own separative inner patterns reasserting their presence in more subtle ways.

By your discovering the foundational patterns of life, your vision will expand due to the insights revealed by lighting your inner flame. Mental intuition will be amplified, and you may feel inspired to offer your direction to others who are still searching in their own darkness, those who are trying to discover their path. Whatever you have found useful can be shared, and it is hoped will be of value to people too. The dissemination of knowledge, insight and information is probably one of your skills, and may be expressed through the spheres of teaching and writing as your vision becomes more widely influential in the world. The content of this is likely to include the themes of inspiration, relationships within society, the potential for individual development and integration, and the visionary pointing towards future trends. For those who become channels for insight, one of the greatest tests is for them to embody the wisdom themselves, rather than just perform the role of offering it for the benefit of others.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are dreamers who are also doers. Courageous, pioneering, adventurous, and very demanding of themselves, they compare themselves with ideal models, heroes of history or fiction, rather than with ordinary people known to them. They tend to settle far from native roots. They are often very career-minded and will sacrifice home ties and stretch bonds of affection to the breaking point to achieve what they desire. Their search for meaning may cause them to change careers or, at least, to contemplate such a change. At any rate, they are always intent on achieving great things in some area (the location of the Sun's dispositor can give a clue to which area).

They are usually attractive, with a charisma that outshines any physical imperfection they may have. They attract others to them, a popularity they do not seek as they are intensely private and protect their inner selves by becoming distant or polite at moments of potential intimacy. They are inclined to be truly intimate with very few. They may change their inner circle from time to time, but rarely seek to widen it.

Frequently exceedingly gifted in their field of interest, they seem to have a source of knowledge, inspiration, vision and insight that puts them above everyone else, causing legends to form around them. Often, they are creators of new ways of thinking, of new forms, higher standards, and newer, higher goals. Iconoclasts, they destroy the old ways of seeing and doing in order to find new ones. Willing to take risks for what they believe, they will sometimes risk everything (including their lives) in pursuit of impossible goals.

Although the ninth house is the political angle par excellence, for some reason the Sun

here makes them somewhat politically vulnerable. They have strong political ideas and objectives, but tend to lack the finesse and diplomacy necessary for successful political maneuvering and the caution necessary for political survival. Therefore, although the Sun in the ninth gives them the necessary upward thrust to achieve high office, they will need trines to outer planets in the first or fifth houses, or planets in the tenth house, in order to remain in power.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: If the Sun is linked with the 9th house, the essence of life-purpose involves opening the mind to new realms. You've come to the Earth to pursue fresh mental perspectives; to develop, explore, and find a philosophy of life. Whenever you open mentally, you plug into the cosmos. By living at the highest ethical level you can achieve, you expand the life-energy available to you. It isn't sufficient that you adopt an existing philosophy; you must synthesize all you learn into an original understanding, a personal philosophy, one that you can live by. The pitfalls lie in having your head so completely in the clouds of abstraction that you lose touch with the grounded reality of one living on the Earth. Understanding the secrets of the universe has little point if you can't remember your zip code. The challenge is to merge the delight of pure thought with the discipline of a moral life, and to convey this wisdom wherever it can uplift others' spirits.

Cultural perspective: Reading about faraway places, thinking about them, and travelling to explore them are a natural way of life for you. The sense of exploration is fundamental, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. The more you can learn about other cultures, especially by direct experience, the more you fulfill your central life-purpose. You are more yourself when you're on the go, moving through foreign territory. This includes not only far-off locales, but the infinite varieties of experience right in your own backyard. Your challenge is to assimilate the broadest views of humanity, to act as a networker of the one human world.

Higher education: You keep yourself charged by the stimulation of learning. Whether or not your early education reflected this basic enthusiasm, there is little question that you will develop into a perpetual student as your life goes on. Especially as an adult, you are an eager student of the more conceptual fields of study. While you are certainly permitted to undertake these studies on your own, there's a great deal to be said for using the formal structures of cultured education, since credentialing is a relevant concern. Learn everything you can, then teach by example.

The search for truth: Here, more than with the other 9th house planetary placements, there is little distinction between profound and pragmatic truths. What is important is the absence of untruth. And there are two kinds of untruths. The first is active lying, which is to say believing or communicating something which is objectively false. That experience is clearly negative for you. It disconnects you from your divinity. But equally important is

the experience of passive lying, either by withholding the truth when it is known, or by substituting a lesser truth for the one in question. These diminish your essence - a very serious pitfall. It is of paramount importance that you search for the highest truths you can discover, and communicate the highest truth you know relative to any circumstance. It's not necessary that you be able to express it perfectly, nor that others totally comprehend. But it is your challenge to strive for honesty, integrity, and illumination. Truth is life.

Ideal society: Your perfect society would be Olympian in scope. Humans would become like the Gods of ancient myths, with honor and wisdom sparking an unceasing flow of creativity. The consensus of opinion on any subject would reflect your own most basic beliefs. As Ruler of the World, you would be authoritative but generous, powerful yet benevolent, noble and dignified but always accessible to your loyal subjects.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because you believe in yourself, you will probably succeed in your endeavors. Not one to avoid any opportunity to demonstrate your talents, you eagerly rise to every occasion that offers a chance to prove yourself. At times you are willing to take risks because you are so confident. Once involved in a project, you grow increasingly enthusiastic and sure that it will succeed, but your patience may wear thin if there are delays beyond your control. You want to know that your efforts have influenced others; and when they appreciate what you are trying to accomplish, you are even more inspired. Your children are especially aware of your ability to inspire others, and they hope to do the same and live up to your expectations. You offer your children every opportunity to exploit their potentials, and you let them make mistakes, knowing it is the only way that they will take full responsibility for their actions.

You know you must have training to achieve your goals, so you strive to get the formal education that will enhance your natural talent for creative self-expression. You get involved only in enterprises in which you can visualize success. You know how to cultivate the right contacts through friends and associates to help achieve your plans. You prefer a professional career that will bring you into close contact with people, for you understand their problems. They look to you for insight to find solutions to their difficulties. The partner you choose will be most helpful in your affairs and will share your enthusiasm for the goals you seek.

You will go far if you don't assume that you know everything there is to know. Your sustained interest in acquiring knowledge will assure you a permanent place in the public eye and eliminate the necessity of having to work at routine tasks. Many occupations would be too boring and tedious for you, since you need considerable mobility and freedom to express yourself. You should be self-employed if possible, or at least have a career that allows you some self-determination. You can serve people by helping them understand their predicaments and thus arrive at solutions. You have much

to contribute to society, and you will not live up to your greatest potentials unless this objective is part of your career.

Your accomplishments may have little relation to your parents' lifestyle, for they may not have helped you get established. The chances are you had to work hard to prepare a base on which to build your own life. It is also possible that family obligations delayed the time when you could utilize your talents for personal objectives. Any sacrifices you made to get an education were worth it, for that is the best investment you could make in the security you want for your later years.

Your major obligation is to help people whose lack of education or skills has denied them some of the privileges you enjoy. You can derive much satisfaction from knowing that you've been instrumental in improving the quality of their lives. Your own growth is intimately tied to your ability to handle this responsibility. You might have to accept some obscurity during your developmental years until you are competent enough to fulfill the public's expectations in the career you've chosen.

## **Moon ☾ in ♐ Sagittarius 14° 50'**

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

### **Static**

If you feel the need to strive perpetually to confirm your intellectual superiority, you may become obsessed with feeling you have to obtain a tangible result. You may seek the ultimate 'grand vision' that will empower you to put your physical universe in order. You might believe that by your demonstrating perfection in all aspects of your life, others will bow to your moral knowledge and bestow the faith that you need.

You may unconsciously search for the elusive ideal of the perfect solution that gives you proof of your righteousness. In the absence of an ultimate ideal, you may feel unable to act, and can become lost and confused, lacking confidence in your perspective.

### **Dynamic**

When you take responsibility for creating closeness with others, you may find that spreading your theoretical conclusions does not result in effective communication. You can become so preoccupied with imperfection that you fail to see your perfect image in the eyes of others. The truth is that others already see the nobility of your striving. Work on ridding yourself of judgements and evaluations so that you can accept your own perfection. You accomplish this by concentrating on the deeper messages of others, thus experiencing their perfection, which puts you in touch with your own.

By sacrificing the Sagittarius need to prove superior knowledge, you can hear what others are asking. Responding with spontaneous intuitive answers enables others to find the truth and source of their own perfection. In this way, you also find security and the closeness with others that you want. By putting others in touch with their completeness, you experience your own.

You can communicate innocently by sharing your Sagittarius vision and allowing others to apply it in their own lives. This technique allows you to contribute to them in a way they can accept; and this acceptance is the acknowledgement you need. When you discover that you are able to communicate truth, you experience your own security along with the idealistic closeness with others that you desire.

### General

You may have a blind spot regarding some social mores. Until this is understood, there may be blundering in your life, accompanied by (seemingly unfair) social punishment and retribution. If this is the case, you are learning not to put yourself above social laws and the ethics of appropriate conduct. Once you decide to cooperate with prevailing social mores, the blind spot is removed and you will no longer experience society as unexpectedly inhibiting your desire for freedom.

You feel socially isolated from others, and have a sense of loneliness and wanting to be understood and accepted by others. You want to be able to share truth and inspiration, hoping that the vitality of this exchange will reconnect you with your own source.

When you come off your philosophical mountaintop and learn to relate, you will realize that to be understood you must first seek to understand others. You are learning to drop isolating self-righteous attitudes and to use your mind to discover the unspoken rules of personality interactions that others take for granted. When you accept these boundaries of socially accepted behavior, you will be able to share your philosophical awarenesses with others in a way they can accept and appreciate.

### (Tracy Marks)

If we have a Sagittarian Moon, we need to be free to expand our boundaries - to discover and actualize new possibilities, to travel, and / or to develop our understanding. We have a generous heart, and seek to give from our own bounty; we also seek to rise above our difficulties through humor and enjoyable companionship.

When our real needs are not met, or when we come into contact with feelings or needs which threaten us, we may express our Sagittarian nature in a defensive or distorted manner - procrastinating or avoiding immediate issues by focusing upon the future,

abstract realms or escapist activities; becoming preoccupied with ideals or goals rather than current tasks; intellectualizing or philosophizing incessantly; joking inappropriately; or moving restlessly from activity to activity or person to person on an endless quest both to escape from responsibility and to fulfill our inner emptiness.

Most probably, our mother or significant parent figure provided us with a constructive philosophical framework by which to view life, and imbued us with a love of both internal and external exploration. But such a parent may have been fearful of emotional closeness and taken refuge in distant realms rather than responding to our real needs or feelings or to the difficulties or burdens we experienced. She may have indulged us rather than given us real nourishment. She may have preached rather than gently taught, issuing 'shoulds' or religious principles which may not have been in keeping with our own nature and development.

Those of us with Moon in Sagittarius may need to reparent ourselves by creating our own philosophy and morality apart from our parents and by using our philosophy to help us come to terms with rather than suppress our feelings and needs. Our tasks may also include learning to give to ourselves as well as others, developing the internal freedom capable of existing within limitations and commitments, and discovering and maintaining contact with the God within or an internal guiding spirit which leads and inspires us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Sagittarius, the Moon tells of much activity, physical and mental - of high ideals, of travels both physical and mental. The native wants to learn, to spread knowledge; he wants to give of himself, and attracts people with trouble, inspiration, and a message to impart to the world. He can be buried in the ambitions and problems of others to his own detriment if he does not take care to avoid such a situation. He loves adventure and he creates idols which, at times, prove to have the feet of clay - he is a natural student, and is attracted to reading, writing, publishing, advertising, publicity, and understanding various peoples of the world. He is generous, charming, and fond of the outdoors and of animals; and he wants to discover things and people.

He has much imagination - which on the positive side leads to solid, creative expression. On the negative side, this leads to daydreaming, and unorthodoxy merely for the sake of being different. The native is frank, expresses himself clearly, and is able to combine irony with humor - he loves to tell stories and to recall past events; and he is attracted to history both as a hobby and as a profession.

The native tends to feel limited. He would like to soar to the heights - but there is danger that he will be aimless, soaring merely to get moving, to create changes, to feel free, and to throw off the weight of basic responsibilities. Much travel is indicated, including overseas - and the native often becomes an expert on another country, even if he never actually visits the nation in question.

He is inclined to be restless. Thus, numerous changes of residence are indicated. He also has changes of heart and emotions with members of the opposite sex. He is difficult to understand because he does not, in the long run, find himself easy to comprehend. His moods and interests are subject to change. He is in constant need of mental stimulation. The purely physical soon bores him. He is attracted, first and foremost, by the intellect - by another person's ability to express himself.

Much talent is indicated along lines of philosophy - much interest in the subject of religion, even if the native is not a religious individual in the orthodox sense. He is attracted to mysticism - he wants to find out about the lives of men who changed the world. Thus, he would make an excellent researcher, teacher or writer. He wants to publish, and to spread information and knowledge. He can be found in advertising, creating propaganda, and is also the constructive critic of the efforts of others.

He has either two occupations or a hobby which so absorbs him that he might as well have two fields of endeavor.

The astrologer must help him learn some of the hard facts of life - learn the value of money and strive to be more practical in his outlook.

(Haydn Paul)

With the Moon in Sagittarius, the dominating impulse will be toward freedom - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. The need for 'freedom from...' may be easily recognized, but 'freedom to...' may be unfamiliar. You have a powerful expansionary urge which needs to transcend barriers and boundaries, although this may work against requirements for commitment and perseverance as an escapist tendency is ever-present when obligations become too oppressive. Part of the expansionary impulse is to exploit personal potential in whatever way is favored. You may display a behavior pattern that demands that options be left open, prefers to avoid making firm decisions, and insists on mobility and freedom of choice. Relationship ties in particular may be resisted.

Intellectualism and idealism are likely to be present, as well as futuristic and optimistic attitudes. The need for a distinct belief system with high aspirations will be noted. This belief system may not be conventional or traditional - although you may have absorbed one from earlier social conditioning - provided that it satisfy your idealistic nature. Most beliefs are ambivalent in their actual application to real life; and, with your outlook, this is likely to be the case, whether the beliefs are expansive and universally tolerant or narrow and sectarian. Looking through the rose-colored glasses of your perception, social beliefs will be heavily influenced by unconscious emotional factors, and may lack objectivity. Sometimes a trusting gullibility may let you down or involve you in directions that may not be in your best interests.

You will probably be socially gregarious, enjoying intellectual company, and will often be generous to friends and colleagues in various ways. Mutual companionship is important; and even in intimate relationships, this will be a vital component. Understanding the multiplicity of individual differences may, however, be less evident, and could constitute a blind spot. You may fail to recognize individual needs in the same way that you often fail to acknowledge your own. You may gain self-esteem by finding social influence through your intellect, perhaps garbed in the robes of a teacher. The expansionary impulse may lead you to explore other countries through curiosity and love of travel; you may react against being stuck in an overly familiar physical location, and when you feel trapped, you may escape by running far away in order to reassert freedom.

There is considerable self-belief, and you will often feel lucky, testing this by taking risks in your life, through relationships, career changes, home moves, or financial speculations.

Yet the weak area lies in your Moon nature, where deeper emotional, feeling, and instinctual needs may not be met and satisfied, since you tend to evade them by social activity and diversionary mental interests. You may not feel comfortable accepting your emotions; it is hard to fit them into a belief structure, and they are unpredictable. When activated, emotions tend to involve you in intimate and emotional situations which could threaten freedom and flexibility. You tend to see duties, responsibilities, and obligations as inimical to your freedom, hearing warning bells whenever anyone crosses over that invisible dividing line, fearing that 'prison bars' are going to clang shut on you forever. So you often inhibit and repress emotional involvement or, if in emotional relationships, you may start looking for reasons and ways to escape.

If inner barriers are continually erected against contacting those agitating feelings, the higher Sagittarian qualities may become distorted. You may impose a rigid belief system on your worldview; you may physically seek escape from the situation, running away from commitment to your decisions and to people. You may avoid confronting issues by adopting the ostrich position, putting your head in the sand and hoping that problems will go away. You may dream about long-term plans, instead of applying your efforts in the present to achieve them. You may evade making decisions, defer your actions, absorb yourself in idealistic fancies rather than accept a less glamorous reality, or amplify your intellectualism at the expense of your repressed feelings.

A reorientating balance between Moon and Sagittarius energies is needed, so that the higher qualities of both can be expressed and the needs of each equally honored. Independence and self-responsibility need cultivating, so that an external belief system is not used as a shield against facing the real world and your own hidden, unexplored nature. A degree of self-reflection is required for access to your instinctual and emotional nature, and to allow their expression. You must listen to its whispered messages and subtle movements of feelings, which indicate what your real needs are and how you



should be satisfying them.

These Moon messages can act as an inspirational guide; and acknowledging their validity and importance can become a vital step toward integration. If you need to retain a worldview, try to form one suited to your individual needs, one that incorporates the totality of your being and does not just reflect a dominant part. Maturity involves balancing personal freedom with the inevitable restrictions and limitations of daily life; exploration can occur wherever you are and in any circumstance, as freedom is a state of mind and not dependent on external environments. It is an inner realm of freedom that will offer you the deepest sense of a satisfying sanctuary.

(Skye Alexander)

You are good-natured, fun-loving, optimistic and sociable. With your easy-going manner, wit and sense of humor, you attract many friends and acquaintances, and are rarely without companions. You don't like to be alone, and surround yourself with people and activity whenever possible.

Though your circle of friends and associates may be large and diverse, you have difficulty forming close, emotional bonds. Even with your partner and family members you are not really intimate. Family ties are rather loose; and you may either live some distance from your parents, siblings and / or children, or spend much time traveling, working or engaged in activities that keep you away from home.

Perhaps you have an avid interest in sports. Although your love of the game may be sincere, it's important to realize that you also might be using this to escape from reality and to avoid anything more than superficial interaction with others. Many people with this position do have natural athletic ability; but even if you aren't particularly good at playing any game, you are probably an 'armchair athlete' and enjoy watching sports. You're not averse to placing a bet now and again, especially on the horses.

Your love relationships probably are romantic friendships rather than deep emotional commitments. You can be affectionate and enthusiastic, but your emotions are somewhat shallow and you are probably happiest with a partner who will play, socialize and go places with you. One of your deepest, most fundamental needs is to be free and unfettered; and intimacy is a bit frightening to you. As soon as you start to care about someone you begin to feel trapped. When this happens, you usually end the relationship or simply keep your emotional distance. Obviously, this can cause serious problems if you are involved with someone who is more serious and intense emotionally, such as a Scorpio- or Cancer-Moon individual.

You are always eager to expand your horizons - through personal experience or vicariously through the experiences of others. You enjoy learning from others and sharing ideas and adventures with them. Afraid of missing something, you are reluctant

to limit yourself in your relationships. All sorts of people intruige you, and you may have trouble remaining monogamous.

Optimistic and idealistic, you can always see the silver lining inside every cloud, and believe things will turn out for the best. The future may seem dismal for others, but you never doubt that your own will be bright. Though you can be something of a 'Pollyanna', your positive attitude and belief in yourself often bring you good fortune. You have a way of attracting people who can help you in life; and because you focus on success rather than failure, you are ready to take advantage of opportunities that come your way. Consequently, you seem to be naturally lucky. Even when you fail, you don't give up, and you bounce back from defeats easily. However, because you never look back, you rarely learn from your mistakes.

You also have a tendency to scatter your energies, and to fail to finish what you start. Your intentions are good, but you need to be careful of promising more than you can deliver. Your inclination to think big and to overestimate yourself can lead you to go too far out on a limb and end up disappointing others. As a result, you can earn yourself a reputation for being unreliable.

You probably love to travel. If you aren't able to travel, you probably long to see the world and try to satisfy your desire through reading and watching TV / movies about faraway places. When you were a child, you may have moved frequently, lived abroad or traveled extensively. As an adult, you may be reluctant to buy a home of your own or to spend money furnishing it, since you don't believe that you're going to stay in one place long. Physical possessions would only tie you down.

This planetary position truly represents the rolling stone that gathers no moss. You are happiest and at your best when you are on the go, and are actually nurtured by movement. Driving appeals to you, but you tend to drive too fast and take too many chances on the road. If chained to a desk, or forced to stay indoors performing the same task day after day, you'll be miserable.

You need physical outlets for your restlessness and energy. Running, skiing, dancing and bike-riding in particular might appeal to you. Exercise can also help you keep your weight down, since you have a tendency to overindulge in food and drink.

Your mother (or nurturing parent) was probably quite lenient with you when you were a child and encouraged you to be independent and adventurous. Perhaps she also inspired you to seek knowledge and experience wherever you could find it. As a result, you are eager to expand your understanding of the world in which you live, and might pursue philosophy, psychology, religion or metaphysics to broaden your perspective. It is quite likely that you want your own children to be free to experience life to its fullest, and encourage them to learn and explore everything they can. You see yourself more as a friend to your children than as an authority figure, and enjoy playing with them. When it

comes to discipline, however, you can be a little lax. You might be a bit irresponsible about some of your other responsibilities to them too, such as providing material support or being there when they need you. If Saturn stressfully aspects your Moon, you may see your children as inhibiting your freedom.

Women with this Moon placement are usually cheerful, sociable, perhaps a bit 'scattered', with many diverse interests and activities filling their lives. Men with Moon in Sagittarius might seek partners who fulfill this side of them, and be attracted to women who are fun-loving, friendly, optimistic, athletic and / or philosophical. However, you have a tendency to be too idealistic about your partners, and may spend most of your time searching for the perfect lover rather than settling down with any one of them.

(Sasha Fenton)

Neither the planet nor the sign has anything in common with the other; therefore, each will work against the other in some way. Problems which result from this will be felt in the area of your emotions and in your relationships with others. If this is your Moon sign, you probably didn't receive much physical affection from your parents. Maybe they weren't the kind who went in for touching and cuddling, or you yourself may have pushed them away. There are some children who hate being kissed and smothered by adults, although most children do enjoy receiving comfort and affection from their own family. It's possible that your parents had to work hard and didn't have much time to spare for you; all this could lead you, in later life, to separate the feelings of love from those of sex. I have found this to be a greater problem for male lunar Sagittarians than for females. You may shrink back from being touched by others in normal daily life, or you might find it difficult to caress and stroke your partner when making love! If all this seems to be all too true, then don't despair, because you, above all the signs of the Zodiac, have the brain and courage to face up to your problems, seek help, and eventually sort yourself out. Those of you who don't have this problem are so cuddlesome that they actually prefer to choose a chubby partner for themselves!

Any physical problems which you may experience are more than made up for by the excellence of your mind. Everything interests you, but you accept nothing at face value. You enjoy reading and, on the rare occasions when you watch the TV, you enjoy programs which have something to say. Some of you are deeply philosophic in your manner of thinking. You may have been brought up in a religious family, rejected their ideas, and later on found others which suited you better. There are many solar and lunar Sagittarians in the spiritualist movement and also in the psychic world, all trying to make life that bit more meaningful for others. You are intuitive, exceptionally clairvoyant, and probably a good healer as well, although you may not yet have discovered that you have these gifts.

You need personal freedom and independence, needing especially to be in charge of your own life rather than being under someone else's thumb. You must be able to come

and go as you please. You cannot be cooped up anywhere; indeed, you may even suffer from claustrophobia when travelling in a lift or in the back seat of a twodoor car. New faces fascinate you and you need plenty of friends because you become bored if you have to spend every day in the same company. Sagittarius being a mutable sign, you can adapt to most situations and enjoy all kinds of people. You are broad-minded and never racist or bigoted. Like most mutable subjects, you do need to get away on your own from time to time in order to think and to recharge your emotional batteries. You have exceptionally clear vision, and can see to the heart of a problem when others can only see muddle. You are resourceful enough to solve most problems both for yourself and for others, although you do appreciate a helping hand when it is offered. You will help anybody who is in trouble and in a crisis. Being sure of your own abilities at times of trouble, you may push others out of the way so that you can get on with sorting the problems out by yourself. This behaviour is not always appreciated by those whom you are pushing!

Solar Sagittarians are sociable and outgoing, but lunar ones are shyer. This depends upon the kind of Sun and Ascendant you have on your birthchart; but nevertheless, you will have some of the typically Sagittarian characteristics. You may be a good actor. Certainly you have the ability to interest others, fill them with enthusiasm and motivate them. The traditional Sagittarian careers of the church, the law and teaching may not apply directly to you; but you often find yourself teaching others in some way or another, and your own codes of honour and ethics will be high. You may have the traditional Sagittarian tactlessness as well, but the Moon being sensitive to the feelings of others makes this less likely. You are sensitive to atmospheres - for instance, you are aware as soon as you go into a room if there has been an argument going on in there. You may over-react to people who show hostility towards you. Your temper is explosive and your tongue sharp and articulate; therefore, you could make an unpleasant, if not actually dangerous, adversary. However, like most Fire signs, you don't hold a grudge, and prefer to forget bad feelings and look towards the future with optimism.

The Moon is associated with the home, and Sagittarius is a dextrous sign; therefore, you should be good at do-it-yourself jobs and also cooking. This might at first seem a peculiar thing to say, as the vast majority of you will spend as much time away from the home as you can, and would hate to spend your lives decorating and cooking. However, I have noticed that all lunar Sagittarians are absolutely inspired when it comes to cooking for guests; and, even if you don't actually do the decorating yourself, your tastes and choices in materials and décor would be perfect. If there is some Cancer on your chart, you would definitely go in for home carpentry work. Whatever you do, you don't like mess and dirt, and cannot stand living in chaotic surroundings. You need peace and calm in the home, as you expend a lot of energy in your career, and need to refresh yourself in a peaceful, loving atmosphere at home in order to rest your delicate nervous system.

You enjoy sports and may be a good swimmer. You are too active to spend your spare

time sitting about, so any form of sports or dancing would appeal to you - this also brings out your competitive spirit. Although you may be a little on the shy side, you enjoy singing, music or artistic hobbies, but probably would prefer to be among a group rather than out on your own as the solar Sagittarian would. Your active nature would make you choose a job where you have the chance to move around and meet people, and also where you are up on your feet rather than sitting about. Your pattern of working may alternate between manic activity and apparent laziness. This is because you are not good at keeping to a steady routine, but will go at something hammer and tongs while you are inspired, and then recoup your energies, probably whilst planning for the next burst of activity.

If you have to leave your home for any reason, you would set about making another attractive place for yourself as soon as possible. Being attractive and rather vain about your appearance, you enjoy buying nice clothes, and may tend to spoil yourself while conveniently forgetting that there are bills to be paid. Your appearance and your body are very important to you, as activity is so much a part of your nature.

There is, as with most of the mutable signs, a strange duality about you. You want something passionately and then go off it once you have got it. You need security at the same time as you need freedom; this can make you appear irresponsible to others, but somehow you always find an answer and seem to be able to pull the irons out of the fire when things go wrong. You are no stranger to debts, but hate to be in debt. You can soon put other people's problems in perspective for them, but you may be hopeless at sorting out your own muddles. A friend of mine who is just about typical of this lunation is responding to the fact that her husband has left her by giving up her job and spending money on clothing and nice things when it is the last thing she ought to be doing. This is an almost Piscean reaction in refusing to face reality - because reality right now is too much to face! The last split is in your attitude to personal relationships. You need and want to love and be loved, but you may find it hard to be faithful because there are so many interesting people out there who will be equally fascinated by your looks and your charisma. You need a really understanding partner. Another oddity is that you really prefer friendship to affairs anyway, so you could appear to promise much and not really deliver anything at all! Very strange. You couldn't cope with someone who lays the law down to you: under those circumstances, you would assert your independence.

You can be a bit dual in the world of work too. You are highly ambitious, but not necessarily money-minded. You need money to pay the bills and to make life fun, but not for power or to impress others. Women of this lunation like to control their own finances. You need to work at something which you enjoy and which keeps you in touch with people. You can appear lazy to others because you have a habit of preparing your work at home either before or after your normal working hours, thus hiding the actual amount of effort which you put into your work. Metaphorically speaking, this gives you the appearance of a duck - which, as we know, glides effortlessly over the surface of the water, but is actually paddling away like mad under the surface! However much you love

your job, you also need to relax and socialize, and are not as a rule a workaholic. You are, in all but shape, a well-rounded person. Women of this particular sign can become wrapped up in causes, and will be found saving the whale and banning the bomb. This could cause problems on the domestic front as there will sometimes be too little time left for the family. Being slightly bossy, a woman with the Moon in Sagittarius would need a very understanding husband, but she is wise enough to find the right one for herself, and if she didn't do so the first time, she will have another go. Both sexes love children; but spending your days looking after small children wouldn't stimulate you enough mentally. Many of you are brilliant with older children; and you may involve yourself with the scout or guide movement or something similar. Lunar Sagittarians make excellent teachers.

Your sense of adventure means that you could take up anything from hang-gliding to mountain climbing. You enjoy every experience that comes along. This is the sign of the traveller; and, the Moon being associated with travel, especially travel over water, means that you take every opportunity to travel anywhere at the drop of a hat. You are fascinated by desert and mountainous areas where you can stand tall and see for miles.

Anyone choosing to live with you would find you a happy and optimistic partner for as long as you have the freedom to do your own thing. You cannot stand people who try to dominate you or control your actions; neither could you live with a partner who whines and nags. The worst type for you to have to cope with, either at work or in your personal life, is someone who is critical of you whilst considering him- or herself to be perfect. Your intense need for freedom and independence means that you spend time away from the home, possibly travelling around in connection with your work. You would be happy to be married to someone rather like yourself, as you wouldn't seek to tie your partner down either. If you have an ambitious partner, you help him / her to get ahead in his / her career. If you are allowed freedom and trust, you will probably choose to remain faithful; but if restricted, you will show your resentment by straying from the straight and narrow. Your unpredictability can make you hard to live with.

You don't give up on a relationship at the first hurdle; you try to do all that you can to make it work. You will adapt your own nature and your own needs to that of the partner as far as you can in order to make the relationship work. There is a possibility that you could find yourself stuck with a partner who suffers from some kind of mental illness. I discovered while researching this book that lunar Sagittarians have many connections with mental illness, whether through senile parents, a schizophrenic child or a dotty spouse. There are times when you are so busy trying to adapt to their unrealistic behaviour that you begin to wonder just who is the dotty one!

You may choose a partner who is out of the traditional mould, for instance someone older or younger than yourself or of a different racial or religious background. You may strongly attract people of a type which you cannot really stand; or you may find yourself attracted to someone who pleases you in one way and repels you in another. It is hard to find someone who is right for you in every way - that is, mentally, physically and

spiritually.

As a parent, you are proud of your offspring and will do all you can to help them get on in life. You respect their need for space and a separate identity, and also their dignity.

There is a possibility that you could live apart from them for some part of their childhood, either due to work which takes you away from home or as a result of divorce.

Many of you will have parents who were born in a different country from the one in which you live. This is actually more often the case when the Ascendant is in Sagittarius, but also applies to the Moon quite often. There may be Irish connections or Jewish ones - emigration or just living away from home are equally possible. This may to some extent explain some of the splits in your personality - if, for example, you were educated in a different manner from those around you, brought up in a religion which is anachronistic in your present country, or even speaking a different language when with your parents. I asked my friend Susan about her childhood, which was spent in a variety of different countries; and she told me that it was hard always to be the child who spoke the wrong language or who had the wrong accent.

In career, your greatest need is for freedom of action and the ability to communicate with others, possibly on a rather large scale. You are a natural teacher; and if you don't work directly in education, you would still enjoy helping and guiding others and passing on the knowledge which you have accumulated over the years. Most of you are surprisingly modest about your work and your achievements, and tend not to promote yourselves very well; therefore, it is only when one gets to know you better that we learn just how knowledgeable you actually are.

You would enjoy a job in broadcasting or publishing, or even as an entertainer. Many of you are good actors and singers; but, unless you have a fair dose of Leo or Aries on your chart, you may be too shy to push yourself forward in this way. You are adaptable enough to get on with anyone and to work anywhere; but you have high standards and a strong sense of your surroundings, and therefore you couldn't do anything which was really down-market or under-handed, or which involved working in dirty, messy surroundings. You are stubborn enough to finish what you start, but you may start too many projects and then become worn out from trying to do them all at once.

The travel trade would attract you, as you love to expand your horizons in a practical sense as well as in a mental one. Some of you can work on dicey projects which involve intuition and the ability to guess right. This could be something like the futures market on the stock exchange, or any other business connected with gambling. Your being over-optimistic at times, this could occasionally run you into trouble. Whatever you do, and even if your own confidence deserts you at the wrong moment in your career, your pixilated sense of humour will always see you through. Lunar Sagittarians are excellent salespeople as long as they believe in the product they are handling.

Your relationship with your parents was good but distant in some way, possibly because they were busy or because they didn't encourage closeness. 'I just couldn't keep my parents' attention', says Joe, a salesman for an electronics company. 'My father led a busy life which took him travelling, rather like I do I suppose. My mother was always preoccupied with her church cronies.' Joe's story is typical even down to the fact that the lunar Sagittarian's experience of parenthood could turn out to be similar to his own parents' experiences.

Your parents may have come from a different country with a different culture from the one in which you are now living; possible just a different part of the country, and with a different outlook on life or a different religion.

You did well at school - if not in academic studies, then in something else such as art, dancing, music or sports. The greatest and most important part of your education will come later in life. Your pleasant appearance and friendly, open attitude will make you popular at school.

You could suffer from some of the Sagittarian ailments of leg and hip problems, varicose veins, phlebitis, rheumatism and blood disorders. Women of this lunation may have period problems followed by a hysterectomy.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

People with this placing will respond in a very positive, optimistic and enthusiastic way to circumstances (especially those that are challenging), for the sheer enjoyment and need of challenge is a quintessential Sagittarian characteristic. These people give the impression that they will not worry or bother too much with the pros and cons of a situation. In fact, that are not very good at recognizing small details or problems, and will tend to ignore them when they are pointed out by others.

The urge to move forward physically and intellectually is very strong - impatience when waiting in traffic jams, for instance, is common! These individuals will enjoy feeling that their intellect is being stretched, but can sometimes give the impression of knowing and understanding much more than is really the case.

Hope and optimism run high, until other, more sober elements of the personality take over (if they are present elsewhere in the chart). Balance is needed if the individual is not to incline towards bluster, with blind optimism clouding common sense. Nevertheless, he or she has general keenness and enthusiasm, and is the complete reverse of the 'wet blanket'!

A tendency to be off-hand is a fault that often emerges with this placing, however. 'See if I care' is the sort of statement that is characteristic of the Moon in Sagittarius, usually followed by a turn and toss of the head, with the individual already thinking of something,



or someone, else.

Sagittarian restlessness will almost inevitably be present, and must be countered, or recognized at the very least. There is marvelous potential, especially intellectually; and it is up to the individual to develop a consistency of effort by fully using other areas of her personality. She must aim to calm her reactions, even though these are positive, so that the Sagittarian sage-like qualities and the subject's own sound, possibly even unique, philosophy of life can be used to their full and best advantage.

Digestive problems and biliousness can affect the health, as those with this placing like to enjoy food which is a little too rich for their systems.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have the soul of a gypsy, but potentially a naive soul. You have the need to be having fun with Other - but this could find you being emotionally indiscreet. You have the instinct to find a positive direction - but sometimes this could amount to restlessness. Your mother is seen or expressed as being free and philosophical, and / or indulgent or sanctimonious.

You naturally respond towards Other with great enthusiasm, giving Other a boost in the process. You respond to Other in a manner that expects freedom of movement as well as allowing it; and you respond in an innocent and trusting manner that brings out the best in Other.

Your inner child reacts with offhandedness and dismissiveness when Other does not want to play your game; irresponsibly and outrageously when in any way restricted or obligated; and gullibly or opportunistically to any offer that appears to be better than what you currently have.

You gravitate towards expansive, cosmopolitan Others where travel, abundance and sophistication are the style; towards Others who are outgoing and exciting, often with strong opinions and beliefs; and Others who are easy going and fun to be with.

You can get caught up in relationships which promise far more than they deliver, showing you that indulgence or a want of ease makes for being a poor judge; in situations that have no meaning and drive you to despair until you discover what you believe in for yourself; and in a relationship with an unstable Other.

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you or Other have found your relationship too confining, or conversely too open-ended to feel secure in - and so something has had to give. But because of this inclination of yours to want both security and freedom within a relationship, it is just as likely that you find yourself stuck with Other for reason of needing the one (security) but not enjoying it at all for reason of not

getting the other (freedom) - that is, you are alone but with someone. The reason behind all this - if you have not already spotted it - is that you have been seeking a set of requirements in a partner that are contradictory at best or hypocritical at worst. In other words, don't expect or promise security when there is still some roaming to do on either of your parts. If you really are, or have been left, alone, then it is because you have to look for and find a more philosophical approach to relationship and / or a more spiritual reason for being. Until you do, you will be naively expecting Other to be more understanding than is presently possible for him / her.

## **Moon ☾ in 7th House**

(Haydn Paul)

The nature and quality of your relationships, marriage, and partnerships are important and emphasized; and your experience of these will be influenced by feelings and needs.

Feelings of security and well-being are sought from a partner; and you may believe that security comes from togetherness and companionship. This encourages your search for a fulfilling intimate relationship. There is a danger that these needs will dominate other valid concerns, such as real compatibility, or tend to unbalance a relationship through either dependency or domination. Wanting to 'belong' to someone is not a suitable attitude for an evolving relationship. Nobody is a possession; and this may make you vulnerable to abuse and exploitation by a less solicitous partner.

You need to look clearly at your deeper needs. Just what do you want in a partner? Do you even recognize what your needs actually are? What is essential for you to receive from another in order for you to feel nurtured? What can you offer to a partner; and is that what he or she needs?

Are you looking for a surrogate mother or father figure, capable of protecting your hidden child-nature and making all the important choices for you? Do you adjust your will, emotions, feelings, and desires in order to accommodate those of a partner? Is your identity dependent on a partner, or can you stand alone? Is your focus on satisfying your partner, even at the expense of your own needs?

You will be highly sensitive to others and, if unprotected, this could diminish your emotional stability. As you are liable to experience emotional fluctuation anyway - through moodiness, inconsistent feelings, and restless impulses - additional external influences can only exacerbate this tendency. Yet you will continue to look for emotional sustenance through relationships, as you believe a search is necessary to discover a suitable partner. Resolving your dependency need and learning to respect your needs as equally important in a balanced relationship may prove to be a key for future success.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Moon gives a hunger for response. The life may seem to be fated, or strongly marked by destiny. People with the Moon here, opposite the Ascendant and square the Midheaven, often seem to struggle all their lives against a tide of circumstance that forces them into the same kind of situation over and over. This is wearying, but develops emotional strength. Others do not struggle against the tide of destiny, but learn to flow with it. They may avoid much suffering in this way, but also may not develop as much emotionally and spiritually.

People with this Moon are very aware of and sensitive to public opinion. They often wish they could change themselves and be more what others seem to want them to be. Sometimes it works the other way, and they become very defensive of their individuality. They have a strong feeling for the needs and desires of the public and, given other factors, can achieve success as a public figure or a performer. Even if they do not rise to a level where they can address the public and manipulate them, they may have a sense of public destiny, an inner call to serve the public in some way. Usually they develop a strong personal style in response to the sensation of being the focus of public attention. Where other chart factors show a public career, this position gives a big push towards success. These people feel married to the public, and often have a hard time with personal relationships as their true partner is their audience or constituency.

With the Moon in Capricorn, there may be a Peter Pan complex - a rejection of the ugliness and phoniness of adult behavior, a clinging to the purity and values of childhood. These people often become teachers or counselors of children, or work with them or for them in some way. It takes them much longer to grow up than others, and they shouldn't marry young. Sometimes they never marry.

A seventh-house Moon gives a special emphasis to the relationship with the mother. In some cases, she is gone early in life (dies or deserts), so that they spend the rest of their lives seeking a substitute. Or she may acquire too much control over their lives, in some cases becoming their only true partner. Other factors will tell which variation is more likely (absence of death of the father, for example).

These people are not usually successful in attempts to choose a mate; usually they are chosen by others. There can be many strange and fateful circumstances surrounding their mating. If they feel they are being forced to marry against their will or have doubts about the marriage, they should certainly wait until they feel more positive because it is probable that marriage won't be good for them under the circumstances.

In a woman's chart, this lunar placement may be a partial testimony to homosexuality, bisexuality, or homosexual episodes, because the powerful need for feminine love and affection causes them to keep seeking it until they find it. Mothers of children with a

seventh-house Moon should be aware of the difficulties that can follow a lack of physical affection in childhood, particularly the first four years. At the same time, they must be careful not to cling to this child as he / she grows older, but give him / her the freedom he / she needs to learn through trial and error to make the right choice of his / her own companions.

(Bill Herbst)

**Mirrored awareness:** In the 7th house, the Moon reveals that relationships are the vehicle to awareness of your needs. They are not an end in themselves, but the means. If you succumb to the pitfall of believing that others are the actual source of your fulfillment, then you remain a child, seeking out only partners who reflect the real or idealized qualities of your mother. Your challenge is to let the awareness that comes through relatedness awaken sensitivity to your needs, so you can then fulfill them for yourself. Whenever you lose touch, move back into relatedness for more stimulation. Alone and together ebb and flow. Discover what you need with us, through us, then take care of yourself.

**Equal partnerships:** Unlike the Sun's meaning in the 7th, where simple existence of a relationship is often enough to fuel the self, the Moon's significance is radically different. Mere existence is not enough; here there must be regular and frequent contact with the partner, a kind of 'checking in' to reestablish the feeling of secure togetherness. The pitfall involves creating dependencies in partnership. Too much regularity or predictability may seem wonderful, but it is also a very addictive 'emotional drug'. The challenge is to create working partnerships that are both stable in structure and flowing in content. Self-protection is always a double-edged sword; keep your sword with you, but be awake - don't cut yourself with it.

**Contracts, commitments:** Your commitments are not mental experiences, but reasonable, well-thought-out decisions. This is not to say that you misunderstand commitment or enter into relationships out of faulty motives. rather, it indicates that the natural reasons for commitment are emotional, based on deep feeling. Commitments change over time as your needs for security, certainty, and support grow toward maturity. If your needs are not being met, then by all means change your commitments by altering their level or their form; but remember also that a promise is not something to be taken lightly.

**Co-operation:** What passes for co-operation is often compliance or caretaking. You are so hungry for shared experience that you sometimes are willing to give in. This is compliance, and in the extreme leads to a collapse of sharing as you gradually retreat into a defensive shell. Taking care of your partner - or vice versa - can be natural and loving, but it can also be habitual and deeply unconscious. True co-operation is the experience of willingly mutual support based on good-faith negotiations, with each person taking care of him or herself. The fact that a healthy relationship helps fulfill your

most basic emotional wishes and makes you feel good is reason enough to learn to co-operate well.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is a very emotional person, perhaps even moody. He or she gladly responds to your true needs, and expects you to do the same, but does not prey upon you by fostering dependency in either direction. Your mate willingly shows you his or her innermost softness, even if it is shown to no-one else.

A natural partnership has an emotional immediacy, a here-and-now presence. The relationship reveals something universal about emotion. Though you must guard against the tendency to become overly dependent upon the partnership for safety and support, the relationship teaches you a great deal about the validity of those needs, and the importance of creating a vehicle for their fulfillment. The image is a clear stream, surrounded by woods of lush, dense foliage.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a deep need for meaningful contacts with people at the personal level. You often make concessions to allow these relationships to develop, and you maintain a low profile to avoid being rejected. You sometimes feel that people are not interested in you, which isn't true, of course, but it would be hard to convince you otherwise. Your initial discomfort about being with others in a social environment will change as you learn to express yourself more freely. Being a good listener will give way to actively participating in conversation, which will show that you have many creative ideas to share. You might suffer some disappointment in marriage if you imagine that it will provide the key to all of your dreams and expectations. Certainly this is possible, if you and your mate have a sincere desire to understand each other and can make allowances for each other's imperfections.

You will face life and its abrasions more easily if you have a formal education. Because you are so sensitive to the highs and lows of your daily affairs, you must learn to be more objective about life. Finding a suitable career may be a problem, but you should consider an occupation that brings you into close contact with the public. Your compassion for people's problems and your willingness to offer assistance qualifies you for this type of work. You like people, and you don't hesitate to tell them so when they win your approval. You hope they feel the same way about you, because you are so anxious to have people like you.

Your greatest liability is that you are too closely tied to your family, so it is difficult for you to meet people objectively in social situations. In your desire for personal contacts, you might marry early to escape the painful prospect of remaining in your parents' limited environment. A strong mothering urge is always at work in the background of your consciousness, so that you want to take care of others; but that is not the most desirable

motive for marriage. You must gradually detach yourself from the home you grew up in and take your place in society, where you will have greater freedom to choose your destiny without being challenged. You might use your understanding and desire for personal contact in a career that allows you to help people solve their problems.

While it is admirable to help those who deserve it, you must always be on guard against people who would abuse the privilege and use you as a doormat. Don't get too deeply involved in the affairs of those you serve. The burden might be more painful than you could endure and even affect your health. If you must make sacrifices, do so for the person you share your life with as an investment in a more secure future.

You are very talented and can do many things that others can't do. This certainly wins the attention of possible suitors, who know you will do your share to make a partnership work. If your mate appreciates everything you do and the effort you put into the relationship, you can truly be on a 'high'. You need someone who just cannot do without you, so that you feel important and necessary.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with the Moon in the 7th may be over-sensitive or over-adaptive to the needs of the partner, deriving their identity too much from what the other person wants them to be.

Conversely, they may be looking for a mother in a mate. Early emotional patterning around the partner might be projected onto the partner, clouding an objective perception of the here-and-now reality. A host of problems arises if a partner (male or female) is confused with the mother in this way - not to mention the fact that even the thought of sex with the mother is taboo. Marriage may be sought for the security it offers and the promise of a cosy home and family which provide the person with a sense of belonging. The Moon is not that concerned about being a separate individual. Getting married is what most people do - so why shouldn't they follow suit? Hard aspects to the Moon from Saturn or the outer planets may render the fulfilment of these basic desires most difficult: while the Moon in the 7th is definitely inclined towards relationship, other parts of the self may not be so co-operative.

The partnership itself may need the kind of nurturing and caring that a small baby would be given. The fluctuating nature of the Moon could manifest in a number of ways. Those with this placement might experience many moods and changes of feelings in connection to the relationship. In some cases, the Moon in the 7th describes a restless, unstable or emotionally idiosyncratic partner. As with any planet in the 7th, the person is advised to reflect on why he or she has attracted those particular qualities in another person. What is the other person 'living out' for him or her?

# Mercury ♀ in ♊ Capricorn 2° 37'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

## Static

When you indulge in Capricorn fears of losing status by not knowing the answers to everything, you can develop a pretence of being the final intellectual authority in all fields. You may use every opportunity to gather knowledge and impress others, always assuming an authoritarian attitude. This can result in alienation and a breakdown of your credibility with other people. A pretentious manner when speaking may disenchant others, provoking them to withhold information. This can lead to a constant disruption of any attempted communication.

## Dynamic

When you focus on the informational needs of others, you can effortlessly share ideas relevant to the situation. When your motive in giving information is to support others, you automatically communicate true knowledge and eliminate pretence. Relinquishing the Capricorn need to maintain authority allows others to share the information necessary for further mutual advancement.

You can cease to take yourself so seriously by paying attention to the sensitivities of others. Then you can organize the situation effectively and share authority. This opens the door for others to show appreciation and respect for your abilities.

(Grant Lewi)

You never miss a trick. You can hear the grass grow, see out of the back of your head, smell garlic three blocks off, taste the faintest suggestion of flavoring, and feel the difference in the diameter of two hairs. Your sense impressions are right down to earth: you see things for what they are, without any ifs, buts or ands. You don't intrude any judgement, any moral or aesthetic or social code, between yourself and reality. Morals and judgement may exist in your life, but they have no bearing, in your mind, on things. A sofa is a sofa. A bed is a bed. The moral aspect of these pieces of useful furniture will not occur to you till someone else thinks of it. Your practical reaction to sense impressions makes your viewpoint sanest and most authentic in the world; and you can often help others to get down to cases by calling them back from irrelevant details to a contemplation of the real thing under discussion.

(Skye Alexander)

Your mind works in a logical, orderly manner. Each thought follows upon the foundation laid by its predecessor, step-by-step. Before speaking, you carefully examine and edit your words so that what you say is sensible, clear and concise. You rarely say something you don't mean or will be sorry for later. If your Sun is also in Capricorn, you won't be very talkative, speaking only when necessary or when spoken to. You prefer to communicate only with people you know well, and are shy and self-conscious when you have to speak to strangers or before a group. (If your Sun is in Aquarius or Sagittarius, however, you'll be more open, talkative and sociable.)

Mentally practical and down-to-earth, your attention is focused on the here-and-now rather than some distant horizon. Though you may not be very creative or imaginative, you are capable of deep concentration, have a good memory, and excel at planning and organization; you get things done while others are still dreaming. Determined and persevering, you are able to focus your thoughts on a single project or idea for long periods of time; and once you put your mind to something you usually accomplish it. You are ambitious, have a good head for business, and believe in the work ethic. Your pragmatic, no-nonsense attitude can help you to succeed in the corporate world or in any field that requires common sense and clear thinking.

Your ideas and attitudes are generally conservative and traditional, and you are more inclined to look to the past for answers than to try something new or different. Cautious and sceptical, you often demand 'proof' before you'll believe something.

Although you may not learn as quickly and easily as others, you retain what you learn and find ways to apply it. It is most likely that you were a good student because you worked hard at your studies and took them seriously. You are most interested in subjects that can be used in some practical way, especially those which will benefit you professionally. Abstract ideas, philosophy, metaphysics or the arts probably don't appeal to you very much; you are more comfortable with facts and figures that you can put to work in the physical world.

Serious and rather pessimistic, you are prone to negative thinking and can be terribly critical of yourself and others. You tend to be a worrier, pensive, contemplative, and at times fearful and morbid, thinking and expecting the worst of people and situations. Such negativity can block you from achieving your goals since you sometimes believe things are worse than they are and give up before you even try.

You are a bit insecure about your mental abilities. Consequently, you work very hard to develop your intellect and want to be respected for your knowledge. Perhaps you believe that others think you are intellectually inferior; and thus you are defensive and rather touchy in this area. In truth, you aren't as witty and quick as your Mercury in Sagittarius or Aquarius counterparts. However, this doesn't mean you aren't as bright as they are. As a child, you may have been stifled intellectually or denied a good education and opportunities to expand your knowledge. To compensate, you might go back to school



as an adult, work doggedly to acquire advanced degrees, or go to great lengths to demonstrate your intelligence. Or, you might attempt to prove to others (and yourself) that you don't need a degree or intelligence to succeed, and strive to become successful and wealthy despite your 'deficiency'.

If Uranus aspects your Mercury, or if your Sun is in Aquarius, you'll be more progressive, unconventional, quick and abstract in your thinking. If Jupiter or Mars aspects Mercury in your chart, or if your Sun is in Sagittarius, you'll be more outspoken, talkative, optimistic and friendly.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Mercury in the sign Capricorn indicates a mind that is ambitious, shrewd, practical, organized, and concerned with attaining status through material accomplishments. People with Mercury in Capricorn are capable of extended concentration and good organization. They are methodical in thought and procedure, possessing the ability to take things a step at a time; and their reasoning process is thorough, but not necessarily original. Their patience and discipline can result in mathematical ability, which can be used in business or science. Mercury in this sign also gives good managerial ability, and it belongs to many successful executives.

People with this sign position will go through traditional educational procedures as a means of reaching professional goals and improving their financial and social status. In political and social ideas, they are generally conservative, and uphold the established order. They respect those beliefs that have proved their usefulness through the test of time. Since Capricorn, like Virgo, is an Earth sign, Mercury in this sign regards ideas as important only if they are of practical value.

These people are realistic rather than idealistic in their approach to their goals; they see everything for what it is, and are not to be deluded or taken in by false idealism. Since they have a keen sense of awareness, little of practical consequence escapes their notice. However, there is a danger that their seriousness and mental discipline will lead to a stern manner and a lack of humor.

If Mercury is afflicted in this sign, material ambition may lead to avarice and the tendency to use people to attain material goals, without regard for human values. Material status may become an end in itself, overriding human values and all other considerations.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Although the mind usually works fairly slowly, the subject thinks in a constructive and practical way, able to form a rational and cool view of every situation. Mathematical ability is likely; but he or she will be slow when studying; and progress may be more steady than rapid. What is said is meant, and there is usually no time for idle gossip, with

the subject seeming the strong and silent type. Pessimism is likely, especially if the Moon and Saturn form negative aspects, but there is often strong ambition and achievement. The approach is very matter-of-fact, and long-term planning presents few problems. Determination and decisiveness will be present unless other natal influences make the outlook bleak and depressed, when excuses may be made to cover up procrastination or lack of self-confidence. In any case, every move is calculated and made with great caution. A liking for quality and tradition is common. Achievements are often underestimated.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, Sagittarian over-enthusiasm and blind optimism are steadied. Common sense and a practical, cautious streak are added, plus the ability to cope with details. The broad Sagittarian sense of humor is spiced with the off-beat Capricorn slant, making the subject very funny at times. Sagittarian restlessness will be less of a problem, but versatility may be reduced.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, lively ambition and often a positive outlook is added by the Mercury placement. The subject enjoys coping with rivals, and careful planning and forethought come easily. The mind works in a very calculated and careful way, with plenty of common sense and usually excellent mathematical and scientific potential. Sometimes there is also musical ability. A measured, steady yet slow pace is common, but what is learned is done so very thoroughly indeed.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, Aquarian originality and perversity are steadied by the ability to think in a practical way, and stubbornness can be less of a problem. However, some conventionality will be added to Aquarian unconventionality, so the subject's opinions may swing between the two extremes. Some caution will be a counter to the Aquarian need for individuality and independence. A flair for science is present; and imagination will be shown in all intellectual pursuits.

(Sydney Omarr)

Mercury in Capricorn can be earthy, warm, giving, trusting, and capable of seeing only the best in others. This can lead to some situations which are sad, costly and enervating.

The astrologer's job is to help the native to use his abilities, including intuitive intellect. Perhaps, on the other hand, the real task is to have the native heed the message his common sense sends rather than disregarding facts and hoping for the best. He is industrious and works toward his goal, but doesn't always know in which direction the goal lies. He must be more discriminating and suspicious, and call upon personal resources rather than trusting those who perhaps are not trustworthy.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a methodical, though potentially rigid, mind.

You see life in terms of tried and true procedures, thereby enabling you to grasp the essential facts of an issue and discuss things in a step-by-step, logical fashion that creates order. You see things as being efficient or inefficient, useful or useless - and so you put across to Other what you set out to put across, as well as achieving an objective that you always have in mind.

You tend not to see issues and factors concerning Other that fall outside your rigidly set view of things; Other will ultimately take advantage of this if you fail to listen and learn from him / her. You also tend not to see that Other may have plans that will include you only if you alter your agenda and criteria. So take time out to see someone who can help you achieve this.

(John Townley)

When it comes to sex, you are not overly verbal, but you are fairly clear and firm in your opinions about it. That is an advantage, in that one can suffer from too much uncertainty about sex. But don't let your set ideas cause you to become too conservative or unwilling to try something new. You could miss out on a lot that way. It is a good idea to ask your partner about what pleases him or her most in bed, because with your direct approach to lovemaking you could easily pass over something that is very important to your lover. Once you know your lover's tastes, you will take care to fulfil them in a thoughtful fashion. Be sure to ask again from time to time, for your lover's needs may change; and the more aware you are of them, the better.

It is very likely that you agree with the common views of what is normal and abnormal in a sexual relationship. But you can enjoy unusual sexual expression precisely because it is unusual and therefore exciting. If you avoid different experiences without question, your sex life will be less interesting.

Because of your self-assurance, it may seem natural to you to dominate your partner sexually. But you should try not to do this, even though it seems easiest and best for both of you at first. Instead, seek out your lover's thoughts and fantasies, and give them equal weight with yours. That kind of true interplay will always enrich your relationship.

(Robert Hand)

You like to think and plan very carefully, for you have a cautious mind, and you don't want to jump to conclusions. Your mind does not work very quickly, but your carefulness makes up for that. You are good at organizing yourself and others, so you can direct activities if necessary. These talents may be useful in business when you grow up. You are a practical thinker, and you want to learn skills that will be useful in life.

You do not like to study abstract subjects for their own sake. You want to know about life

as it really is; and unlike many people of your age when young, you don't spend times in dreams and fantasies. But be careful not to become too narrow. Many aspects of the world may not seem interesting to you at first, and your practical mind may reject them as unimportant. However, if you ignore these ideas, you may miss out on something.

Inwardly, you are a serious person, and your thoughts are serious. As a result, you may seem older than most people your age in youth, because adults feel they can rely on you. However, even though you are basically serious, you can be quite funny. You take the world so seriously that you have to make jokes about the things that bother you, in order to deal with them. Mercury in this sign is often associated with comedians.

(Freda Edis)

Ambitious and practical organizers, people with Mercury placed in Capricorn tend to a realistic mode of thought, and may be wary of any ideas which seem nebulous or unconcerned with achieving some materially secure status. Hard-working and with patient if somewhat plodding minds, these people think conventionally and methodically, one step at a time, often dismissing the joys of speculative thought as unproductive time-wasting. They value a disciplined and serious form of mental expression, and can seem to be of a humourless turn of mind as they struggle to achieve professional and material goals - there was nothing very humourless about Saturn devouring his own children through fear of being usurped. Steady and logical, though perhaps unoriginal thinkers, people with this placement incline to a thorough knowledge of practical affairs and established institutions. Some practical idealism and an acceptance of human inconsistency would help to counterbalance the depressing effects of the more negative qualities of this combination.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Thoughts are expressed clearly and rationally.

Symbol: A librarian arranges books according to a master plan.

Saturn-ruled Capricorn tinctures the Mercurial mind with patience, prudence, and practicality. People subject to this combination expedite their plans in a thorough and systematic manner, and can generally be counted on to carry out their stated intentions. Their ability to present well-timed and clearly reasoned ideas gives them a dignified and sensible demeanor. Even if they happen to be wrong, they command respect, for they seldom indulge in foolish or silly chatter.

Mercury and Saturn maintain their friendly relations with each other throughout the zodiac. Saturn issues orders which Mercury, the servant of the gods, willingly obeys. The heavy vibrations of Capricorn endow this quicksilver planet with the stability it inherently lacks, while Mercury contributes wit and skill to the Capricornian determination to succeed. A child of the happy marriage of Mercury and Saturn is the dictionary which

serves as a final authority on words. While this planetary union is not inherently creative, it can, like a dictionary, serve as an invaluable aid in giving proper expression to talents shown elsewhere in the chart.

Just as the cohesiveness of the body (Saturn) is co-ordinated by the nervous system (Mercury), so is the cohesiveness of a nation derived from its system of internal communications. Ancient Rome was able to achieve greatness because of the efficiency of the communications network linking the central government with the far-flung reaches of the empire. Even after the empire collapsed, Roman writings, laws, and administrative procedures endured through the centuries. Words enabled the dead to rule the living and perpetuate the power of the past. Thus, Mercury and Capricorn co-operate to form lasting structures bound together by words and ideas.

Although this combination may give a wry humor, it is not really lighthearted since pessimism is the price Mercury must pay for Saturn's mature judgement. There is too realistic an assessment of the foibles and limitations of human nature to feel particularly cheerful about the prospects for humanity in general.

When the Sun is in Sagittarius and Mercury is in Capricorn, the mind has a longer tether. There may be greater optimism and religious idealism, but less single-minded concentration on the task at hand. As a manager, supervisor, guide, or teacher this individual may do better training others in practical skills than carrying them out himself.

The person whose Sun and Mercury are both in Capricorn seldom changes his mind, and should beware of becoming stiff and opinionated. Respect for tradition can impede progress as conservative Saturn freezes the Mercurial intellect into static patterns of thought. On the positive side, these individuals have the courage of their convictions, and will struggle dauntlessly to make their ideas accepted.

If the Sun has gone ahead of Mercury into Aquarius, the mind is more original and independent. This is a helpful blend for organized research. It facilitates the translation of progressive concepts into the type of laboratory oratory sanctioned by the arbiters of scientific orthodoxy.

Mercury in Capricorn can be serious or censorious, exact or exacting, dogged or dogmatic. The mind concentrates and directs thought with deliberate intent, but the purposes for which this gift will be used are still contingent on the age of the soul.

(Isabel Hickey)

Good concentrative power. Dignity and earnestness. Good memory and attention to detail. Tendency to lack of humor; and can be 'heavy' because of it. Can be bored due to their lack of empathy. Down-to-earth type, which can be wonderful if they don't forget their branches reach to the sky. Old head on young shoulders. Tendency toward

moodiness and sulking. Apt to be 'earthbound' and need to learn joy. Fear strong where material things are concerned. Needs to cultivate faith and optimism. School-teacher type. Makes excellent teachers and excellent diplomats if they do not overdo on intolerance and sternness.

## Mercury ♀ in 8th House

(Freda Edis)

Where Mercury is in the eighth house, the house of long-term relationships, there may be a tendency to collude with or submit to partners at an intellectual level. The eighth house issues of death, sex, and the inheritance of resources can cause people with this placement to be acutely aware of unconscious interchanges between people. Often they look for the moments of change and transformation in relationships which they can use to best advantage. These people may be penetratingly aware of the nature and motives behind sexuality and hidden agendas; in dealing with these issues, they may need to keep in bounds tendencies to be tricky, controlling and secretive.

Mercury's dealings in the eighth house sometimes have far-reaching consequences. No matter how tricky and controlling Pelops was in arranging Oenomaus's and Myrtilus's deaths in order to secure the throne of Pisa and a wife, he was unable to control the fates of the kin who came after him. We see something of the interrelationship of Mercury and Pluto in Pelops's tale; more so, since the eighth house is governed by Pluto in the natural zodiac and the story concerns a mortal. Exacting retribution by killing is a divine function, not a mortal one; and Pelops had usurped both Hades's and Hermes's functions by killing Myrtilus by trickery.

Canniness and an intense drive will work in tandem with the sign on the eighth house cusp when Mercury is placed here. Mercury with Sagittarius on the cusp may actively seek out lasting resources and arrangements which will give them the intellectual freedom to pursue their visions; others might regard them as self-seeking and uncaring. Mercury with Taurus could ensure that complicated legacies are dealt with practically and with great determination of mind, perhaps unaware how much other people might be upset by such a seemingly cold approach to death or periods of great transformation.

Aspects with other planets will also influence how these people deal with eighth house issues.

People with the placement might need to develop an awareness of a tendency to control others intellectually by coming to a better understanding of the nature of the darker, plutonic forces underlying their behaviour. A rational examination of destructive issues in long-standing relationships may counterbalance the tendency to lash out verbally when

thwarted by partners. These people need greater consciousness of the benefits of self-mastery to release them from the stifling effects of repressed emotional energy.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This position of Mercury gives a deep, serious mentality; and although there may be the appearance of a breezy, easygoing nature, that is almost certainly a pose that has been adopted out of fear that the true nature, which is deeply serious, even solemn, will put others off.

These people may or may not be interested in money for its own sake; but they are usually very good at getting what they need when they need it. They generally know where to get the butter for their bread without necessarily working hard for it, and can't understand why others can't figure this out for themselves. This position often indicates an inheritance, although other factors will show if it is substantial and whether or not it will actually materialize.

These people may experience difficulty at some time during their lives over the question of their loyalty to some group. They may be put in a position where they will be asked to sell out, or choose one reality over another. They may or may not make the 'right' choice; but the facts will be fully known only to themselves. Courage will always be needed with this position, although they may or may not rise to the need. There may be knowledge of other spheres of life that can show forth as religious faith, spiritualism, creative writing of the imaginative or fantastic sort, or psychic activity.

There is a constant awareness of mortality, and either courage and faith in an afterlife or a terrible fear of death. They may face death every day in some way, either by their own chronic illness or by that of someone else who is close to them. They may have a job or career that involves risks, or working with other people who are at risk in some way; or death may haunt them simply because of their own paranoid fears.

If Mercury is under pressure from other planets, it can indicate a variety of mental problems, although great mental steadfastness under pressure is also possible. Once again, it is a question of rising to the occasion. There is also the possibility of the early death of a beloved younger person whose loss leaves them permanently changed somehow, either stronger and wiser or broken inside. Their own death is usually significant in some way, either by being dramatic, sudden, heroic or mysterious, or as the final act of a lifetime of courting death, or defying it.

This position of Mercury will contribute a certain charisma to the personality, making them attractive to others, although the nature of the attraction may be hard to define. It tends to give a pale or olive complexion, sometimes with many moles or freckles on the face. They are inclined to be thin, in youth at least.

They are drawn to extremes of style in speech, which can range from highly profane to affectionations of breeding, street argot, unusually low or high pitch, or the vernacular of some group other than their own. There may be a stammer, which comes from a self-consciousness over revealing themselves through their speech. Sometimes, without realizing it, they will take on the persona of someone they admire, changing their role models and style as their interests evolve.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: The more you communicate, the more you are on-track in your intimacy. Interactions need not be based on total agreement, however. While conflict in sharing is antithetical to many 8th house planets, here it promotes a sense of stimulation. As long as disagreements are purely mental, and not emotional, greater intimacy can result. But don't rely so much on ideas that you disregard the being-to-being connection. Also, be aware of your tendency to talk about closeness without ever surrendering into a truly united state. The challenge is to use the connection of your mind with another person's as a kind of 'radar fix' to show the path toward real merging of your spirits.

Transformation: Your thoughts lead you to the edge of what your personality can conceive; and though this may seem perverse - having a mind that leads you beyond yourself - it's actually the most natural thing in the world for you. Develop a scientist's eye; investigate all the transformations going on in the world of your relatedness. Ask people about the significance of their changes; learn their languages, and consider yourself in the same terms. Keep in mind that it's not enough to simply think about transformation. You need to put what you learn back into life, to shift gears from being the scientist to become the guinea pig. After all, you are your own best experiment. The initial challenge is easy: to learn with your rational mind the syntax of transformation. The real trick lies in your mind's ability to teach your heart.

Sexual merging: Physically, your nervous system is sensitized to sexual intimacy. It intertwines with that of your loved. Stimulation truly resides in the vast network of neurological sensors that finally coalesce in the brain. Talk is often more sexual than touch, for you wish to merge with your beloved's mind. You're quite changeable in activity and response; and while this can be delightful in a lover, it can also prevent the steady build-up of intensity necessary for release. Sexual feelings may occur quite suddenly, even in inappropriate settings. Equally, you may think of a joke just after the experience of culmination, and, needless to say, this tends to disrupt the mood. Fulfill your curiosity about going over Niagara Falls in a barrel - your mind is the barrel; sexual power is the Falls.

Focused intuition: You are not so much a highly intuitive person as you are someone who is very interested in intuitive experience. Intuition is an invisible and largely indefinable process; and though you have the tools to be psychically sensitive, you don't easily relax



into full trust of your powers. You stand back, wanting to check it out, to confirm it rationally and objectively. The pitfall is merely discussing the possibilities rather than using your intuition. The challenge is to tune your nervous system so you hear others thinking, or at least discern the pattern of their thoughts, if not the actual words themselves.

Shared assets: Your mind engages in perpetual bookkeeping, moving your resources around, reshuffling your worth. This can be energizing, a fully natural experience, in which case you enjoy the changes, or it can be enervating for your nervous system, in which case you gradually exhaust yourself with imaginary crises. The question here isn't how much you have, but what you do with what you have. Keep the money in motion - whether it is your own money or money you manage for others. Recognize that the significant time you spend thinking about resources is perfectly all right, for money and possessions are essentially a game to be played for your stimulation. Winning or losing is not the challenge; playing the game is.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your highly developed reasoning ability probably resulted from your deep desire to know as much as possible. You constantly search for answers to all questions about life and about people's motivations. Your persistent inquiry reveals more answers than are found by most people. Your exceptional skill in investigating the unknown qualifies you for such fields as detection, research, financial counselling or psychology. Your early environment allowed you to develop your creative potentials and know that you could capitalize on them later. A higher education will enhance your abilities and give you the necessary skills to achieve your goals. It is to your advantage to continue your studies, no matter how successful you are, for it will expand your influence and increase your value to those you serve professionally.

You let people know that you understand their problems and that you have the skills to help them. You expect to be well paid for your services, because you know you are worth it. You look for opportunities to demonstrate your talents, and you are gratified when your efforts yield results. With your ability to help people with their problems, you should seek a career that uses this skill. Look for a field with growth potential, because you need freedom to expand as the demands for your skills increase. Your earnings should provide all the security you need for your later years.

Your career may be delayed because of family obligations. Your enjoyment of self-indulgent pleasures may also curtail the gains you could be making in your field, if you aren't investing the time and energy necessary to become professionally competent. You must establish some priorities in your professional and personal affairs. You feel you must prove yourself to the one you love and show that you have a firm foundation on which to build your ambitions. You may wonder if you are as competent as the next person; but don't be misled by other people's resources and skills - it's what you do with

them that is important; and your ability to solve problems is a good place to start. See how your friends are achieving their objectives. Then, with good planning, you can accomplish everything you set out to do, and more.

It will be rather difficult to find the best way to put your ideas to work. There will be no shortcuts; only by persistently developing and promoting your ideas will you get the results you want. This means that if you want people to know what you can do, you must become so proficient that everyone will beat a path to your door for your services. Once you find answers to your own problems, you may then decide that you can help others with theirs. If you want to win patronage for your services, you must make some sacrifices, as every public servant must learn. If you are truly committed to your life's work, this won't be too difficult.

Trust your partner's suggestions concerning your career objectives. You probably recognize how valuable your mate is to you, and you want to live up to his or her expectations. Don't be afraid to change your mind when the evidence indicates that you should, for it is a sign that you are still growing. Maintain the highest ethical standards in everything you do. When you tell people only what they want to hear, you are not living up to your moral responsibility to them. You cannot afford to disappoint those who have come to rely on your expert judgement.

(Howard Sasportas)

The 8th house entices curious Mercury to explore and learn from what is hidden and less obvious in life - to ferret out secrets, and probe into mysteries in search of the bottom line. This is the detective-like mind, with eyes that can see in the dark. Bordering on a voyeuristic preoccupation, Mercury in the 8th watches the kinds of exchanges that go on between people - at the bank, the stock market, in the bedroom or behind any closed door. They may penetrate the world of money and finance, or turn their attention to psychology and the occult, with a fascination for the mysteries of sex and death. Although often adept at communicating and sharing with others anything which is obscure, subtle, deep or profound, they prefer to keep their own thoughts and motivations secret. For those with Mercury in the 8th, experience is not fast-food grabbed hastily between appointments, but something to be savoured and thoroughly digested.

Many astrological texts advise those with Mercury in this house (especially if difficultly aspected to Neptune) to examine all contracts for possible misunderstandings before signing. What one person believes is being said or promised may be different from how the other person reads it. The same note of caution applies to wills and inheritances - problems with Mercury in the 8th sometimes manifest as entanglements with relatives over such things. Any difficulties stemming from childhood or adolescent sexual explorations with brothers, sisters or neighbours are worth considering, as well as early encounters with the death of anyone close to them. Their own death could be related to diseases of the respiratory or nervous system, so attention should be paid to these

areas.

With Mercury in this house, the mind is suited to investigative exploits and researchwork. Those with such a placement can be cool and detached about subjects which often arouse other people's passions and fears.

## Venus ♀ in ♒ Aquarius 1° 53'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You might withhold your gift of objective understanding and loving acceptance because of a desire to create more excitement. If so, you may experience a series of shallow, chaotic and scattered encounters. You might use the pretext of universal love for mankind as an excuse for neglecting to establish personal relationships. Eventually, you may undergo the haunting realization that this detachment is simply feeling an inability and unwillingness to relate to anyone on a personal level.

### Dynamic

You experience the joy and exhilaration of coming into contact with others when you are willing to share openly your unique gift of loving in an impartial way. No matter how intimate or personal a relationship may be, you have the ability to retain your sense of individual freedom.

If you do not abuse your freedom through eccentric behavior in an attempt to guarantee your independence, you can attract people who are willing to be your equal. In doing so, you eliminate the possibility of your dependency through their independence. A firm sense of your self-worth can be established when you allow a deep personal pledge to develop within your intimate relationships.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The person with Venus in Aquarius tends to want relationships to be on a very cool and rational basis. Even more than the other Air signs, Aquarius feels uncomfortable dealing with intense emotions. Intimacy feels like alien territory to those with Venus in Aquarius; and their fear of getting close to people can make them very cool and distant. They feel much more comfortable with friendships than with one-to-one relationships.

These people cannot bear possessiveness, and will be appalled by displays of jealousy in others. It is difficult for them to accept their own darker emotions like jealousy and anger, so they often simply cut off when they feel hurt.

It is very important to them that those they associate with share the same ideals and political views; and they find it quite hard to relate to those with a different standpoint. They tend to have a belief in their absolute rightness, which can make it difficult for them to empathize with anyone who holds a different view. They will tend to draw their friends and lovers from the particular ideological groups to which they belong, and will enjoy sharing these activities with their partner.

Aquarius has strong beliefs about equality and fair play; and people with Venus here have definite principles and ideals about relationships. They believe in openness and honesty, and cannot tolerate any form of underhand behaviour. There is a strong sense of loyalty; and this person is a true friend to those he / she loves.

(Skye Alexander)

The Renaissance may have been the pinnacle of artistic achievement, but as far as you're concerned only the most modern and innovative art forms are worth considering. You might be interested in computer graphics, neon sculpture, holographs, electronic music or experimental theatre. Or, you could choose to express your creativity and inventiveness through aerospace or automotive design. Anything new, different, untried or unorthodox appeals to you. Your willingness to go where others haven't and your lack of concern for what the critics think enable you to break new ground.

In relationships, you have little regard for what society, your family or peers think. Your partner's religion, race, age, background or status isn't important to you. In fact, you enjoy pairing up with someone who is totally unlike yourself. "Vive la différence" might be your motto. You are eager to experience people and things that are new and unusual. But you also get much satisfaction from shocking more traditional people with your unorthodox behavior, and actually thrive on negative feedback. You want to do whatever 'isn't done'.

You insist on having lots of space and independence in your relationships, and can't bear possessiveness or jealousy. An open-ended arrangement that allows you to experiment freely would be more satisfactory than a conventional, monogamous partnership. You are easily bored and need plenty of excitement, stimulation and change in your love life.

Fairness and equality are most important in your relationships. Both partners must have equal say and contribute fairly to the partnership. You won't last long in a love affair with someone who is either too domineering or too submissive.

You're looking for a lover who is also a friend, someone with whom you can share ideas and experiences. Not especially romantic or affectionate, you can seem detached, unloving and overly cerebral. Often you'd rather debate an intellectual concept than

make love. You enjoy a good argument with your partner from time to time - for you, conflict adds spice to the relationship, and you grow bored if things between you are peaceful for long.

Women with Venus in Aquarius value their individuality highly, and have no intentions of letting a man tell them what to do. You consider yourself everyone's equal, and are probably a supporter of women's rights. As far as you're concerned, a woman's place is anywhere but the home. You want to be respected for your intelligence, and use your mind rather than your looks to attract others. Being independent, outspoken and avantgarde, even a little outlandish at times, reinforces your sense of yourself as a woman. You 'march to a different drummer' and love to provoke traditionalists with your progressive ideas, behavior, dress and lifestyle.

Men with this planetary position find intelligent, free-spirited, unorthodox women most attractive. You are looking for someone who is different, unpredictable and eccentric, and who stands out in a crowd. No cookie-cutter beauty queens for you - your feminine ideal is definitely one-of-a-kind, and not necessarily good-looking in the usual sense. You also like women who stand up for themselves, speak their minds and refuse to let you overpower them. In short, you enjoy a bit of a challenge and a strong partner you can consider your equal.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Venus in the sign Aquarius is reacting against the materialism and cold propriety of Venus in Capricorn. It indicates an impersonal but friendly emotional outlook. The natives want to be friendly with everyone, but not necessarily on a personal basis. They are popular and well-liked, and they generally have many friends. There is a sparkling, effervescent, unusual quality in their personal manner.

The attitudes of these people toward social and sexual morality may be unusual, departing from the standard rules laid down by society. It is not that they are devoid of principles. Rather, they have their own interpretation of what is just and meaningful. As with Venus in Gemini and in Libra, they find crude behaviour unattractive although they themselves do not always observe traditional concepts of social behavior.

Romantic attractions are often sudden and casual, not necessarily stable or lasting. The individual finds intellectual stimulation important in romance and marriage, and is attracted to ingenious or eccentric types, as well as to those who will help him expand his social outlets. The romantic partner or spouse must be a friend as well as lover, and must understand that he requires variety and mental stimulation, and dislikes boring routine. These people also dislike jealousy and possessiveness, and will shy away from romantic partners who seek to curtail their social freedom. Therefore, if one wants to remain close to Venus in Aquarius people, it is necessary to allow them freedom in their relationships with others.

The eclecticism of Venus in Aquarius inclines the natives toward unusual tastes. They are attracted to art forms that are extremely modern or extremely ancient. There is a liking for electronic forms of art, because of the Uranus rulership of Aquarius. Intuition about people's social, emotional and personal disposition can be highly developed, verging on mental telepathy of the emotional states of others.

If Venus is afflicted in Aquarius, sexual habits can be eccentric and promiscuous. These people sincerely intend to remain constant in their affections, but their emotional outlook is subject to sudden radical changes, which can result in their breaking old relationships or creating new ones - and without any apparent reason. The hidden motivation often lies in their desire for greater personal freedom or new experience. They may be unable to work within the confines of marriage or other lasting relationships. They may have stubborn emotional attitudes and so refuse to see other points of view. Because Aquarius is a fixed sign, if Venus is well aspected there can be sustained loyalty to someone they truly love and respect.

(Isabel Hickey)

Venus in this sign is cool, calm, collected and detached. How can the personal Venus feel happy in the impersonal, aloof sign of Aquarius? She isn't! She can function well in friendships, with acquaintances, and in groups. But when it comes to the personal equation she does not do very well. Venus in Aquarius often finds it very difficult to understand the emotionally oriented, for she strains her feelings through her mind stuff. She has a clear-cut mind, but icy and cold emotions. Often has a background of an early life where demonstrations of lovingness were missing. If Venus in this sign is afflicted by Saturn, Uranus, or Mars, the love life will be unfortunate until a true sense of love is inculcated. There would be a debt from a past life where love is concerned. Until that debt is paid by willing sacrifice and with love that asks nothing in return, the individuals would not have the love in their lives they would like. A person with Venus in Aquarius could be righteous, ethical and correct but lacking in lovingness and understanding.

(Donna van Toen)

In traditional astrology, this could be keyworded as 'unusual romantic needs'. These could lead to involvement with eccentrics of both positive (genius) and negative (drifter) types. It could lead to a need to remain single, or it could lead to a sudden commitment that lasts forever. On the other hand, the ruler of Aquarius being Uranus, the planet of divorce, there could be multiple marriages. The one thing any planet in Aquarius says is that anything (just about) is possible! Though it's hard to generalize on this placing, you do have some needs that must be fulfilled if you're to be happy. First of all, your mate / lover must be mentally stimulating. Secondly, he / she must allow you to keep the door to the future open. As soon as you feel trapped or locked in, romance stands a good chance of going out of the window. You need to feel there's still more to uncover in your

relationship, more truths to learn, more places to go together.

(Robert Hand)

You are friendly with people, but sometimes find it difficult to form close relationships. You are afraid that you will lose your freedom if you become too closely attached to others. You prefer friends who are somehow exciting and different; and, especially as you get older, you may become involved with people who are considered odd by the rest of society.

You enjoy being popular, as long as you don't have to give up being yourself; and you work well with other people in group projects and team efforts. You understand immediately what is good for the group, and can adjust your own goals to fit. But if your goals are too different from the group's, you will join another group.

As you get older and become involved with the opposite sex, you will look for interesting or unusual partners. You will seek out free, non-binding relationships that may be quite unusual, although not very stable. When a relationship loses its excitement, you are likely to look elsewhere.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing contributes more magnetic, film star glamor than any other. Admiration will be thoroughly enjoyed, but conflict can arise between the need for a relationship and the sacrifices that must be made accordingly. At times, these may seem too great, and sometimes a partnership is desired but a partner isn't. Conversely, there is plenty of enjoyable romance here. The individual who uses other areas of his or her chart (Sun, Moon and Ascending signs in particular) and resolves the complexities of this placing will be able to love with idealism and fidelity. Nevertheless, the feelings are coolly expressed and the emotional level must be finally judged by other planetary influences. If there is an aspect between Venus and Mars, sexual expression and enjoyment may be increased. Here is a very kind and helpful friend. He or she is usually good with money; but too much may be spent on glitzy, expensive clothes and items for the home.

If the Sun sign is Sagittarius, this Venus placement considerably increases the Sagittarian love of independence, yet cools the ardent passions of that sign. However, there is increased fidelity once the subject is committed emotionally. The Sagittarian love of the chase and its challenge is carefully disguised. This placing can also glamorize the usually very casual Sagittarian image. This is a rewarding, warm-hearted friend who will give plenty of positive encouragement. Financial risks may be enjoyed and taken erratically, without due thought.

If the Sun sign is Capricorn, this Venus placing can make the aspiring Capricorn type seem rather haughty. Budding relationships may be damaged because the subject feels

that no prospective partner is good enough. This may be an excuse to delay commitment and the full expression of emotion, which can be difficult. (The Moon's influence may help.) Here is a faithful and helpful, yet unpredictable, friend. Financially, caution may clash with a desire to live it up.

If the Sun sign is Aquarius, the subject has dynamic and magnetic powers of attraction, but may be very difficult to know really well. Independence is necessary, but love and admiration are also needed. All the traits described for Venus in Aquarius apply. Expensive items may be hard to resist.

If the Sun sign is Pisces, Piscean emotion is controlled here, and there is also a good ability to distance the self from the feeling, with the individual relying on intuition. Look, too, for indications of practical common sense. The image is spiced with originality - and too much sparkle at times. Great kindness and charity often result in personal sacrifices. This is a superb, if occasionally forgetful, friend. Professional financial advice is recommended unless business ability is shown elsewhere.

If the Sun sign is Aries, the fiery Arian passion is quenched by the cool detachment of Venus, but the Arian need for independence will be complementary. The desire for a permanent relationship may clash with the wish to be fancy-free. A compromise must be reached, helped by a sympathetic partner. Here is a very lively friend who is enthusiastic about joint interests. Financial flair may be present, but hastiness when investing could cause problems.

(Grant Lewi)

Your emotional responses are frank and heartfelt, even when they are directed toward generalizations and groups, as they often are, or toward art in some form. Your emotions serve your aesthetic sense; you are capable of a detached and spiritual form of personal love which you relate to beauty rather than to passion. You worship beauty concretely and in the abstract; and can want nothing more than to look upon the beautiful face of your beloved (who must have a beautiful face) or upon a beautiful body, which you want to do without fear of being betrayed or thought immodest. You are sensuous, but not sensual; your emotions feed on the stimuli of eye, ear and the olfactory senses; less on touch. You belong to the perpetually pure of heart, and because of this your emotional responses to individuals are high-minded and beautiful in the extreme, and can be transmuted into the pure gold of universalized love by the alchemy of your spiritual strength.

(Sydney Omarr)

Venus in Aquarius tends toward generalities rather than specifics. This includes the native's response to love, romance, emotions and inner drives. He must be taught to be an individual; he should learn to demand something in return for his efforts, affection and



trust. Otherwise, his tendency is to attract those who demand sacrifice but would not think of giving anything in return.

He attracts artistic friends and is attracted to beauty, but must learn that beauty is only skin-deep.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a liberated, though potentially indifferent, lover. Love for you is something that should never tie you down. Other has to be a friend to you just as much as anything else, be that lover, spouse, etc.. What all this amounts to is that you see love in terms of ideals and principles rather than needs or passions, although at times it can be quite confusing as to what is really motivating you. Freedom and honesty are your bywords, but they could become an excuse to say and do what you fancy.

You attract with a package of the unusual, unique and friendly that makes a light go on inside Other that he / she didn't even know was there; with an easy-going and nonpossessive attitude which is like a breath of fresh air; and with a socially progressive attitude that is open to new ideas and values.

You repel with an aloofness and lack of personal feeling towards other that in time will attract the same from Other - in earnest; with a complete disregard for loyalty towards Other, when it suits you; and with an odd and / or theoretical, as opposed to realistic, version of how one should relate.

You are attracted to Others who are people in their own right and maybe stand out from the crowd; to freedom-loving Others who have their own specially devised rules for living; and to unusual, experimental or open relationship set-ups.

You are repelled by being put into a set category or expected to behave according to the norm; but Others who toe the party line and cannot think for themselves; and by an inability to share thoughts, feelings, and even bodies.

When you are alone, it is because your insistence on the freedom to do as you or Other chooses eventually causes relationships to become dysfunctional or non-starters. Relationships run on a fuel called human emotion, whatever else you may think they ought to run on. In the name of doing what you think is your own thing, you have probably overlooked what really is. So, sooner or later, you are made to feel what it is like to be without anyone to feel for you, or you are alone with someone who is no longer able to feel that much for you. In the second case, Other probably hangs there for his / her own unique reasons, while you hang in there because a feeling is keeping you there despite what you think. Apart from this, your free and experimental style of relating is bound to experience periodic gaps, rather like being short of guinea pigs!

(John Townley)

You seek special styles and unusual varieties of love; and you look for partners with similar interests. This may be a mental exercise as much as a physical one; that is, the appearance of the unusual may be sufficient without having to explore it in depth physically.

You need a lot of action in order to be mentally stimulated in a relationship, so your affairs may become quite complicated and multifaceted. This may be very interesting and exciting, but try to avoid too much complexity, because that can lead to shallowness in some other area of the relationship.

Similarly, you may be tempted to get involved in several relationships at once. This can be a stimulating, even head-spinning experience, but it could prevent you from becoming involved with any one partner in a truly deep and lasting relationship. In any case, you should avoid jealous lovers who cramp your style or try to impose limits.

If you can overcome and rise above the problems of cross-conflicts and jealousies, however, you have the capability of openly and honestly sharing your love among several partners, which will enrich and enlarge the experience for all.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Attachments are idealistic and impersonal.

Symbol: A group of young people admires a statue of Aphrodite in a museum.

Venus in Aquarius bestows a love of the ideal and a tendency to idealize love. The person with this combination may find that ordinary marital relationships fail to satisfy his desire for romantic excitement, and he begins to cast about for something more exotic. Aquarius brings out the mental rather than the sentimental side of Venus, and stimulates a craving for novelty which often gives rise to unusual relationship.

Venusian Aquarians make better friends than lovers. Frequently, they want their lover to be a friend who understands their intellectual interests and who can provide pleasant company. Their sympathies are usually expressed in broad humanitarian terms rather than through devotion to specific individuals. Feelings are seldom passionate; but there is a need to exchange ideas with others and to participate in a community of congenial personalities.

In men, this blending of Earth and Air elements encourages unconventional love affairs and also attracts them to independent types of women. Such partners may be exciting and provocative, but they are likely to have careers and ideas of their own which militate against the establishment of permanent relationships. This may be all right with the Venusian-Aquarian male who likes to think of himself as a jet-set type with a girl in

every airport.

In the case of females, Venus in Aquarius extends the emotional scope so that the creative energies may be directed into communal and charitable endeavors. Although they may experiment with love, their romances are characterized by expediency more than by impulse. Such women have too strong a desire for physical and mental freedom to trade their freewheeling bachelor-girl existence for the life of a housewife, at least without thinking twice. Once they are married and tied down to the care of small children, however, they begin wondering how they can emancipate themselves.

The person with Venus in Aquarius may embrace the cause of free love; but his attitude grows out of a wish to feel unfettered rather than out of the conviction that this is an intrinsically better way of life. Like all Aquarians, his concern for the needs of unique individuals causes him to look beyond the roles designated by the arbiters of convention. His own interests are so universal that he prefers not to be fettered by compelling personal attachments and responsibilities. This 'love them and leave them' attitude does not imply immorality as much as a certain amorality, stemming mainly from the desire to remain autonomous. Aquarians sincerely want to gather their rosebuds while they may, and will leave others free to pick their way along the thorn-strewn path of romance if they will extend the same courtesy in return.

A Venusian Aquarian is generally as non-possessive about things as he is about people. He appreciates beauty but would as soon enjoy a lovely object in someone else's home as to have to dust and look after it himself. He respects money mainly because it provides him with the means to do as he pleases, and especially because it releases him from the restriction of a routine job and allows him to be his own boss. He enjoys getting around, whether by plane or as a hitchhiking hobo. He can be charming, happy, and original - as long as he feels untrammelled and free.

(Ronnie Dreyer)

Keywords: charitable, sociable, detached, needing to be part of a creative group

The need to be affiliated with political, social and / or religious groups or causes that reflect one's ideals is one of the hallmarks of the fixed Air sign of Aquarius. When Venus is placed in this social, eccentric and often highly-strung sign, individuals crave the excitement and creative stimulation that cannot be obtained from romantic or even sexual love alone. Their self-esteem and thus their ability to contribute to a personal and professional relationship are derived from participation in group activities, from which they develop a uniquely personal and oft-time non-traditional outlook on life.

Although they place an enormous emphasis on creative self-expression, it must always be in pursuit of a cause, even if that cause is self-promoting. A long-time client with Venus in Aquarius viewed her photography not simply as an expression of her artistic

talent but as a means to penetrate the minds of people she admired in different walks of life. Once she became a well-known photographer, she lent her services to many women's groups and other organisations whose political beliefs were either similar to or sympathetic with her own. In addition, she found that because so much time was spent away from the home on shoots or at exhibits, it was important to involve her spouse in her work either as the subject of some of her photos or as manager of her finances. In the end, her husband knew that his wife, though away quite often, was more content and loving and, by far, more interesting and exciting to be with than anyone else.

Some people with Venus in Aquarius prefer to make statements not through their creativity but through their lifestyle choices, which are sometimes non-traditional and even what might be called radical. Any choices they do make, however, whether conformist or non-conformist, are made only if they feel that they are backed up by a support system of friends, an organisation, political party, etc.. Whereas the individualism of Leo comes straight from the heart, the uniqueness of Aquarius is never expressed in isolation and can take the form of artistic group collaborations, communal living or sexual experimentation.

Like Venus in each Air sign, these people wish to be respected, and, to maintain a longlasting personal relationship, should be encouraged to participate in group activities outside their home, since the more outside stimulation they have, the more they will be able to give to the relationship. In fact, people with Venus in Aquarius are often accused of being detached when it comes to their romantic and sexual relationships; though quite verbal in their political and social beliefs, they are hopelessly unable to tap into and ultimately share their feelings. Often accused by their partners of being insensitive to their needs, those with Venus in Aquarius simply retort that their partners' needs are trivial compared to those of the community at large.

Because Aquarius is the sign representing groups and friendships, these people ultimately offer themselves to their partners, first and foremost, as friends, and seek out relationships with people who share their point of view. While Uranus-ruled Aquarius is an eccentric sign vacillating between wishing to be alone and yearning for the crowd, its co-ruler Saturn accentuates the need for structure. Although individuals with Venus in this fixed Airs sign wish to be free, they also wish to have a reliable home to which they can return to share their accomplishments with a chosen mate.

The detachment, social idealism and individuality of this placement is strong.

(Martin Schulman)

With this placement, the individual is learning the lessons of universal love. He is kind and charitable, with a generous, outgoing nature. Thus, he forms friendships easily, as he follows a humanitarian path of life. Freedom of expression and a strong sense of personal independence leads his curious nature to be attracted to all of the new and

unconventional things which make up his lifestyle. He has a unique feeling for the adventure of romance and the cosmic oneness of love. Yet, he has difficulty making the discriminative choices which keep his life balanced.

His desire for friendship can lead to unconventional relationships, often with the waifs and strays of society. His fondness for original intellectual and artistic pursuits often results in his choosing offbeat, eccentric paths, and forming strange associations, far from the mainstream of established tradition.

Venus in Aquarius is in the sign opposing the Sun's rulership of Leo. Thus, the individual experiences a cool unemotional detachment to life. His love nature can be dispassionately sensible; and his outlook is somewhat eccentric. He sees things differently from how others do, through a casual independent quality and sometimes an erratic and irresponsible attitude which can cause difficulties in his personal relationships.

He tends to break rules, often seeking the rebellious untrod path as a means of finding his unique sense of originality. His eclectic tastes glean from here and there, with loyalty towards the purpose of man's humanity to man, but having difficulty focusing his devotion in any specific area with true personal loyalty towards one specific individual. In fact, it is easier for him to love humanity as an abstract ideal than to apply the same standards of fairness, equality and kindness to another in a one-to-one relationship.

The Yod to this Venus placement is formed by the inconjuncts from Cancer and Virgo; and it is from these two signs that the individual learns his greatest lessons about love.

The inconjunct from Cancer teaches him how to contact his sensitive and sympathetic feelings for others. As he learns to be openly responsive to the emotional needs of those around him, he grows closer to others and begins to realize the kind and good-hearted feelings from which his beautiful love for humanity as a world family will unfold.

Many with the Venus in Aquarius placement have difficulty accepting their need to learn emotional responsibility. Yet, the Cancerian lessons of loyalty, devotion and faithfulness are the very cornerstones of human decency. In essence, they provide the emotional basics of care and nourishment upon which the individual's feeling of universal love is built.

The inconjunct from Virgo teaches him how to order his life. He must learn how to discriminate between passing whims, or kinky, offbeat irregular impulses, and that which truly represents the humane, kind and charitable feelings through which man serves himself and others. These lessons of differentiation and discrimination help him to establish the priorities in his life so that his natural humanitarian instincts are not wasted. Rather than dissipating his love in idealistic dreams, distant causes or remote crusades, he learns through Virgo to recognize the ordered standards of society so that his sincere

feelings for humanity can find their fertile channel in acceptable form.

The sextile from Cancer to Virgo shows how the individual can achieve the emotional refinement which helps him to understand humanity's true need. Thus, he develops a sensitive conscience through which he becomes attuned to the real human brotherhood of man.

Once the lessons of the Venus Yod are learned, the individual discovers that he has a remarkable understanding of human nature along with a great need to put his ideals into useful function. Sometimes, he reaches out singlehandedly to help enlighten a friend or acquaintance, liberating him / her from the emotional burden of spiritual darkness. Sometimes, he devotes himself to working for worthy charities, or useful organizations, or to joining sincere clubs and groups through which he participates in the social progress of mankind. Yet, whatever he does, it is always his ability to rise to the active moving flow of awakening consciousness which is forever creating man's future, through which he finds his true center of beauty.

His unique Gift of Love is for the very essence of human fulfillment - not for himself, but for the unselfish unfoldment and enlightenment of the ever-becoming nature of mankind.

(Jeff Green)

As a pre-existing pattern, Venus in Aquarius individuals are and have been rebelling against, or liberating themselves from, common value systems and relationship forms as defined by the consensus of the society in which they live. The causal factor that generates this rebellion is an emphasized feeling within the psychology of Venus in Aquarius people of being different - a sense of cultural alienation or estrangement. As a result of this archetype, these individuals learn about the nature of their individuality, the feeling of being different, through a process of elimination - an awareness of what they are not that precedes an ongoing awareness of who and what they are.

A perfect example on a collective level that illustrates this archetype was in the 1960s when Uranus was in Libra (naturally Venus-ruled). At that time there was a massive rebellion among young people against the prevailing consensus social value system and the ways that society expected intimate or marriage-type relationships to be defined - namely, as role-specific. The rebellion at a collective level created the slogan 'free love' in which many of the young people began to experiment (Uranus) with different forms of relationship specifically, and a radical reformation of social, political and economic values generally. This radical rebellion among the young people over time began to be integrated among the prevailing status quo of society in such a way that society itself began to change at a mainstream level.

Even though the archetypal intent of Venus in Aquarius is to rebel against the prevailing consensus of the existing society, there are three reactions to this intention as reflected

in the people who have it in their birth chart. The first reaction is one wherein there is an absolute rebellion against everything that the consensus symbolizes. This reaction will correlate to individuals who feel totally disconnected not only from the existing society and their parents, but also from their prevailing peer group. As a result, these individuals will stand as a group of one if necessary rather than conform to any expectation from any source. The second reaction will correlate to individuals who are also rebelling against the prevailing consensus, yet will form relationships to other individuals within the existing peer group who also feel just as alienated as they do. In this way, they join forces with this group of people who now stand apart from the consensus as a group. This estranged group now has a collective impact on the prevailing society in such a way as to change it in one way or another. Beyond the example cited above, Uranus moving through Libra in the 1960s, the 'punk rockers' of the 1980s illustrates this point. The third reaction is a paradoxical one (Uranus directly correlates with the dynamic of paradoxes). In this reaction, these individuals rebel against not only the prevailing consensus, but also against their own peer group. This rebellion takes the form of trying to resurrect value systems, and ways of being in relationship, that come from some other time in the collective past. A current example of this phenomenon, as of this writing (c. 1996) now that Saturn has transited Aquarius, is the movement among some young people of rebellion against having sex with anyone until marriage.

The causal factor that generates the necessary rebellion or liberation from the prevailing consensus of social values and the expectations that these values create in general, and the ways of being in relationship specifically, is detachment. Archetypically speaking, the evolutionary intention within the sign Aquarius is to objectify, in a non-emotional way, the nature of reality at any level on which one focuses. In order to objectify anything, the ego within consciousness must separate itself from its own subjective reality. For this to happen, detachment becomes necessary. When consciousness is in a detached and objectified state from its own egocentric reality, it is then able to understand the overall nature and structure of any dynamic in its totality: how the nature and structure of any dynamic came to be the way it is, and what is necessary for it to grow or evolve. This archetypal function within consciousness is necessary. If it did not exist, growth would not be possible. A state of absolute crystallization would occur.

The three possible ways that the Venus in Aquarius individual can react to the archetypal intent of liberation or rebellion from the prevailing consensus of social values and expectations, and the ways of being in relationship, will determine specific value associations and the meaning they generate. The specific value associations will thus determine or create the vibrational magnetism of attraction (Venus) that correlates to the types of people that the Venus in Aquarius person attracts into his / her life. This is the principle of like attracting like which leads to social groups of people.

(Jeff Green) (contd.)

For Venus in Aquarius to have a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives, it becomes

necessary for them to form relationships with people of like mind. The commonality of shared values that this creates sustains their own individual values. In many ways, then, the Venus in Aquarius person is dependent on the commonality of shared values within specific social groups of people, to have any individual sense of purpose and meaning. To be able to inwardly relate to oneself as an individual, to have individual meaning, is to be part of a larger social group. It is from this larger social group of shared values, and the meaning that these values create, that the Venus in Aquarius person will choose with whom to be in intimate relationships.

The type of Venus in Aquarius person who is in absolute rebellion against the consensus, including the peer group, will not be able to relate (Venus) to any existing groups of people. These Venus in Aquarians will only be able to relate to other people on an individual basis - other people who are as socially alienated and as iconoclastic as themselves. If they are able to relate to any kind of social group, it is to the extreme radical edge whose values are aimed at completely overthrowing the existing system, including the consensus of their immediate peer group. The vibration of rebellion is extremely intense in these people, and this vibration will permeate their entire way of being - how they dress, appear, think, and relate themselves to others. The intensity of this vibration will naturally create an insecure and defensive reaction in all other people who are not like themselves. This occurs because the vibration and values of rebellion naturally challenge the security of all others who are aligned with social groups of one kind or another, the security dynamic being linked with others of like mind. This reaction is analogous to a group of yuppies sitting around a cocktail party table becoming happily drunk and, from stage left, someone throwing a tarantula onto the cocktail party table. This type of Venus in Aquarius person is the tarantula.

This type will typically appear arrogant, superior, righteous, angry, iconoclastic, and intellectual. They will express themselves through some kind of radical or revolutionary mental constitution of one sort or another. They stand apart from all others and project, overtly or covertly, critical atom bombs at anyone or anything that supports identifying with 'the system' at any level, in any way. The very sense of meaning and value that they give to themselves is dependent on, and linked with, this almost absolute detachment from the social system. They can form friendships or alliances with other individuals who reflect this same psychological orientation to social reality. These friendships or alliances typically occur on a sporadic, moment-to-moment basis. And from this small amount of like-minded people, they can choose or form intimate connections that may be just as sporadic and short-lived as their overall pattern linked with others at a friendship or alliance level.

Such a person is intimately attracted to those that are radically different. The sense or experience of passion is linked with intimacy being ignited because of the fact of being different, which ignites the natural curiosity of Venus in Aquarius. Because Aquarius as an archetype desires to know how the whole systems are structured and put together, the curiosity function thus creates a Venus desire to know how the individual system of



someone to whom they are intimately attracted is put together in such a way as to make that person different. Inwardly resonating together in their individual differences born of rebellion thus stimulates this type of Venus in Aquarius passion for individual intimate relationships. Once the curiosity function has been satisfied, the passion may dissipate almost overnight. Thus, this type of Venus in Aquarius person typically goes through various intimate relationships that can only be sustained for small lengths of time. This type desires a fundamental freedom to explore and experiment with life as she or he sees fit. There is a rebellion against the idea of commitment in a relationship, which leads to a rebellion against the values associated with monogamy.

The second type of Venus in Aquarius people mentioned above is not quite so absolutist and isolated. They will relate to their immediate social peer group who are rebelling against the existing society, and the prevailing social values and ways of being in relationship that are expected by that society. A simple example of this dynamic, again, is the 'punk rockers' of the 1980s. From mainstream society's point of view, these individuals will appear to be social misfits - irresponsible, narcissistic, immature, and the causal factor in what used to be called the 'generation gap'. The group itself will be perceived by society as hurling the atom bombs of criticism, and the group will have the effect of creating insecurity within the consensus because of the challenge to the existing social values of the times.

Those within this group will perceive society at large as irrelevant and without meaning. Detaching from mainstream society, and the values that it promotes, thus creates a psychological perch on which this type of Venus in Aquarius person can also appear selfrighteous, arrogant, superior, iconoclastic, rebellious, alienated, and angry. Yet this type needs and desires to be part of the immediacy of the peer group who, as a social grouping, is rebelling against mainstream society. Their sense of meaning and purpose is dependent on belonging to this type of social group. Each individual within the group can represent the group as an individual, yet that 'individual' is a function and reflection of the group. What this means is that the individual who appears to be so different as perceived from the point of view of the consensus would not even exist unless there was a social grouping of these 'individuals' in the first place. This is because their individual 'rebellion' is dependent on other people who are also rebelling. If not for their supportive peer group, this type of Venus in Aquarius person would not have the inner courage to stand as a group of one if necessary (unlike the first type described above).

This is a very critical point to understand - that so many who identify in this way with their immediate peer group do not embody or reflect the archetype of rebellion or liberation in the sense that it actually defines their Souls as individuals. It can and does reflect their Souls on an immediate social grouping level relative to their peers. This type of social group at a peer level has occurred throughout time in all social systems, and is always embodied in the youth of the generation. And necessarily so, because this social grouping has the effect of changing, in some way, the existing consensus. In this sense, it is an evolutionary determinant that is part of the overall Creation from an intrinsic or

natural point of view, operating from generation to generation. Because the majority of these individuals are not defined at an individual Soul level through the desire of individual liberation or rebellion from the consensus, this social group becomes assimilated or absorbed into the mainstream as they become older. The social causes or issues that were reflected in their youthful rebellion also become assimilated by the consensus. Inevitably, some change in the consensus occurs because of it. Thus, as this group becomes older, they begin to rebel against their own rebellion! Another Uranian paradox. A modern example of this point is reflected in the 'hippies' of the 1960s and early 1970s who became 'yuppies' in the 1980s. Only a small few in this original group sustained the original rebellion reflected in the hippies as a whole.

This point is important to grasp for another reason, one that concerns the nature of the friendships that we form, and the values we define that create how we are in our intimate relationships. All of us go through the initial rebellion of youth in one way or another; rebelling against our parents' reactivity, and through extension the larger society in which we are born. Uranus changes signs every eight years. Each sign that Uranus is in correlates to what, why, and how each generation of youth rebels. For those who have Venus in Aquarius, this peer group bonding is especially emphasized, important, and necessary.

This is because they have an essential evolutionary lesson that concerns the nature of friendship, and the need to define their own sense of meaning and purpose. Through extension, this correlates to the need to define their own unique way of being in an intimate relationship. Thus, as this type of Venus in Aquarius becomes older, and begins to assimilate into the existing social system, they effectively rebel against the very rebellion that motivated them in youth as an extension of their immediate peer group. The friendships that were formed through the shared values of youth not become rebelled against unless those friends also begin to assimilate into the existing society. And the ones that do not rebel against the initial rebellion will rebel against those who do. The lesson of friendship is thus learned through what can be called 'situational values'. If the values (and the meaning associated with those values) are relatively the same, then friendships are formed. Once they change, for whatever reasons, the existing friendships can be lost or broken in some way. The real issue here, and the lesson, becomes this: a true friend will always be a friend no matter what, and everyone else is an acquaintance.

By experiencing the disillusionment of broken or lost friendships, and by rebelling against the initial rebellion of youth defined through peer group association, this type of Venus in Aquarius person is learning to define their own unique value system, which is a function of their individual sense of meaning and purpose in life. They will learn to define their intimate relationship requirements, their essential needs, as a reflection of their overall sense of purpose and meaning in life. At best, this will create a relationship dynamic in which both individuals reflect an attitude of uniquely defining the relationship as an extension of each of their individualities.

The third type of Venus in Aquarius person mentioned above is also very much a rebel, in the sense of rebelling against not only their peer group, but all people who live a contemporary lifestyle. They identify with value systems associated with another time - the past. They will appear very conservative, traditional, and iconoclastic as a result of this, and will only form social or intimate relationships with those of like mind. This type is dependent on forming these small social alliances in order to have any individual sense of meaning, value or purpose. Thus, they will form a relatively small sub-stratum within their own generation, and an even smaller one within the existing society. They will also advocate social causes or revolution linked with challenging the existing value system of society at large. They can seem or appear just as superior, arrogant, judgemental, and angry as the other two types of Venus in Aquarius people. The value system that they orientate to is generally very limited and rigid, and their attitude is typically one of a righteous authoritarian who has the self-created right to impose those values on all others.

In their intimate relationships, the Venus in Aquarius people are generally good friends above all else. Most have the intrinsic ability to understand objectively the reality and individuality of their partner - to understand how and why their partner is the way that he / she is. As a result, they typically understand what their partner needs for his / her life to keep growing and evolving. And most can give their partner what he / she needs in this sense. They are good listeners, and can reflect back to their partner exactly what they are hearing as the partner intends it. Thus, they can be exceptional at keeping the conversation moving forward in an ever-evolving way that leads to sudden insights and resolutions. They can also be very adept at posing questions, and leaving it at a question level in such a way that the one receiving the question creates a gestation within his / her own consciousness leading to the answer from within him- / herself.

By nature, the Venus in Aquarius person is not monogamous. As stated before, these people need a basic freedom in order to manifest their cyclic or perpetual changes. There is an inherent rebellion against restriction in any form. Restrictions imply conditions. In love, the Venus in Aquarius person rebels against conditions that will restrict love and its expression. It can be just as easy for these people to find deep, sudden, and intense love with someone overnight as with someone for a lifetime. Thus, their attraction function (Venus) can occur suddenly and unexpectedly. Again, they are attracted to that which stirs their curiosity, to that which appears different and unique. Others who vibrate in this way will stimulate the Venus in Aquarius individuals. This can create real problems in their relationships if they are not honest about this, and if their partner cannot live in this way. The Venus in Aquarius person needs freedom to engage and create many different kinds of social networks with different kinds of people.

Because of this, the Venus in Aquarius people need a partner who is very secure within him- / herself. They require a partner who is willing to challenge the existing consensus of what life means in general, and how to be in relationships specifically. They need a

partner who is willing to cyclically change the dynamics in the relationship, or to change as necessary. They require a partner who is intellectually sophisticated, and who can match or keep up with their own thinking process. This thinking process is typically eclectic in some way, and fast-moving.

## Venus ♀ in 9th House

(Ronnie Dreyer)

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

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

Because the ninth house symbolises the search for freedom of expression, it is not unusual for this position to promote people with highly individual, creative and even flamboyant behaviour that is reflected in their wardrobe, hairstyles, cultural interests and friends. By the same token, personal and professional relationships require independence, the exploration of broader horizons, and a need for constant intellectual

stimulation. It is not uncommon for these people to marry foreigners and relocate to their spouse's homeland either temporarily or permanently, since this breeds a situation in which the two are continually teaching each other about their respective cultures.

Although Venus enjoys luxury and economic prosperity, its position in the ninth house is one of the planet's least materialistic locations. In their search for love and creative selfexpression, those with Venus in this house are not motivated by personal gain, but seek an outlet for their knowledge and fervent convictions. Extremely passionate, arrogant and, at times, fanatical in their need to instruct others and share their points of view, these people often feel compelled to convert others to their religious, political or philosophical beliefs. Their magnetism and judiciousness make them excellent spokespeople, advocates and lobbyists - positions that demand the patience, determination and diplomacy of Venus as well as the brutal honesty, directness and idealism for which the ninth house and its corresponding sign, Sagittarius, are best known.

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

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

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

of persuasion and the facility for expressing their strong opinions and points of view both passionately and convincingly.

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

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

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

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

They may also find happiness through travel, another mind-expanding activity. As

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

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

(Martin Schulman)

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

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

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

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

The Ninth House is symbolically ruled by Sagittarius (the archer-centaur) - half man and half horse. Thus, the experiences of Venus in this House are leading the individual to

make peace with the wildness of his animal nature; for it is only through a sincere love for the beauty of human wisdom in tune with divine law that he can learn how to raise his consciousness above the restless 'horse of desire'.

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

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

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

(Howard Sasportas)

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

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



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

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, Venus reveals the pleasures of mentality. You love philosophy and formal concepts. You love knowing what the rules are, and searching for more aesthetic ways of understanding. Not necessarily a great intellect yourself, you are drawn to the charismatic personalities of great thinkers. You love to be in the flow of mentality, to have it wash over you like a cascading waterfall. This is not the love of conversation, nor mere mental cleverness; you quickly tire of those. No, this is the love of ideas, of understanding based on sweeping patterns of creative thought. The pitfall lies in the difference between simply learning philosophy, and the more disciplined effort of living a truly ethical life. The challenge is to fill your world with aesthetic ideas, to make it sing with the beauty of an expanded mind, and to share those pleasures with everyone.

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

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

The search for truth: For you, truth must not be ugly. A good-looking lie is more attractive than a homely truth. You want to warm it, to polish it until it shines, to bring out the beauty inherent in any truth. The challenge is to reveal the aesthetic goodness in what is true, to show yourself and us the way to appreciate the truth. Telling the truth must

reflect this task. Communicate with grace, and you move toward greater harmony with nature and the universe. Truth is beauty; truth is love.

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

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

You should pursue your goals with the same determination you showed when your early

conditioning taught you that nothing in life is free. Fulfill your family obligations first, and then you can devote yourself to exploiting your creative potentials in your career. Any sacrifice you made to gain a formal education was the most worthwhile investment of your life.

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

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Venus in the 9th or 10th house

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Mars in Capricorn 0° 9'

(Donna van Toen)

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

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

You have a strong - but often well-hidden - sex drive, and can be an excellent lover once you finally trust your partner and yourself. You tend to have very specific sexual wants, and sometimes aren't terribly comfortable with these. You're also very demanding of

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

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

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

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

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

#### Dynamic

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

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

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

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

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

People with Mars in Capricorn will be ambitious, and might choose a sexual partner who helps them get on in life or who enhances their status in some way. They may choose someone who opens doors that might otherwise remain closed, or who has money. This is not as calculated as it sounds, for a Mars in Capricorn person may literally get turned on by money or authority. Alternatively, a Mars in Capricorn person may start up in

business with his / her lover. The dividing line between business partnerships and sexual relationships can easily blur. This is in many ways an ideal placement for a working sexual relationship.

(Syke Alexander)

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

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

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

Although your natural vitality is not great, you have tremendous endurance and strength of will that enable you to overcome illnesses. As a child, you might have been rather sickly or limited in some way, but your energy and health usually improve as you mature. Your self-reliance, stubbornness and tendency to dig in your heels in the face of adversity could result in a long, independent life.

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

amaze younger partners with your vitality.

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

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

## Mars in 8th House

(Donna van Toen)

Lusty, blunt, and an independent thinker, you do things with a great deal of intensity. You tend to live for today, and aren't especially good at saving, so it's possible that there'll be a great deal of fighting over joint finances in your life. You have strong sex drives, and will try to be the dominant sexual partner. In the career area, you may be attracted to surgery, psychology, or psychiatry. Your death is apt to be connected with some sort of accident. Although your psychic ability is good, if there are stress aspects between Mars and Neptune you should avoid involvement with psychic phenomena due to a tendency to become fanatical about it.

With Mars here, you want sexual activity. Without it, you become very tense and start to feel empty or lethargic. But casual sex isn't apt to be completely satisfying; you want understanding as well.

Your motivation can be very material or very metaphysical. Your lucky breaks can be either very big or very small, depending on how ambitious you are and what you choose to do with your life. Conflicts very often actually turn out to be opportunities in that they force you to reexamine your wants and bring them more in line with your needs and abilities.

The 8th house is sometimes called the house of death, sometimes called the house of transformation. It's another of the 'use it or lose it' houses. Planets here demonstrate the occult principle that thoughts are things. If you have planets here, be careful what you wish for. You might just get it, and if you do, it'll be might hard to get rid of it if it's not to



your liking after all. If Mars is here in the Equal House system, it could be a sign that you've misused your psychic powers in a past life and are now having to pay the piper. This can mean there'll be almost an obsession with obtaining some sort of psychic information or becoming skilled in some metaphysical discipline, or it could mean there'll be a strong fear or dislike of the occult and its practitioners. Either way, there'll be a blockage of your psychic powers - you'll be able to go so far and no further. As a routine precaution, you should stay away from the more intense quasi-religious groups, avoid techniques that require you to go into trance, and take advice from non-traditional healers with a grain of salt. If Mars is here in the Koch system, you're at the 'use it' end of the spectrum, and therefore may well become active in metaphysical groups or involved in one or more occult disciplines. (Alchemy, magic, and esoteric astrology seem to hold particular appeal for those with this placing.) In either case, there's a good chance that others will seek you out for advice, and this is how you'll work out your debts.

(Babs Kirby and Janey Stubbs)

The people with Mars in the eighth crave intensity and depth in their sexual relationships. Direct and uncompromising, this is a primitive instinctual urge. They want sex for its own sake, and seek a death and rebirth experience. They want something so intense that they go right out of themselves and emerge transformed by the intensity of the experience. They tend to see potential partners only in terms of sexual desire, leaving their partner feeling used. They can be very ruthless in this respect. There is an urgency to their desires, and when they feel like sex they will just go out and look for it - sex will be a very strong motivator for them.

Because of the intensity of their desires, these people are extremely jealous and possessive, and will not tolerate infidelity. They can be quite brutal about cutting someone out of their life if they feel that this person is untrustworthy. On the other hand, they may find it quite unreasonable if their partner has the temerity to question their behaviour or try to restrict them. So their sexual relationships tend to be filled with power struggles, with jealousy being a big issue. People with Mars in the eighth will know instinctively if their partner is even slightly attracted to someone else, and may attack him or her mercilessly, even if his or her behaviour has been exemplary. This can lead to many crises in their relationships, but they thrive on this intensity, feeling more alive and drawing energy from it.

People with Mars in the eighth tend to be either on or off. They desire someone either intensely or not at all. They cannot be casual or light about sex, because it is so important to them and they are looking for such a powerful expression of feeling. Because of this, they tend to have obsessive attractions which make an enormous impact on them whether or not they actually have a relationship. They have a powerful sexual presence, although they may not be consciously aware of the impact they have on people, and can be surprised by the strong passions they arouse.

They have a deep interest in whatever is hidden, so they dig around to find out what people are hiding. They feel a need to know what people are feeling and what their underlying motivations are, and can be quite unrelenting in their determination to extract information. Natural detectives, they enjoy any form of investigation and throw themselves into uncovering every last detail. They tend to have obsessive interests and do everything with total effort, while the passion lasts. This applies to sexual relationships too, so that as long as the attraction lasts they will be totally committed but once it dies down they will leave.

With Mars in the eighth, there are a lot of unspoken undercurrents concerning sex. People with this placement may have grown up in a home where there was a powerful sexual energy which was not expressed openly. As a result of this, sex may be a taboo subject, and there can be a lot of fear attached to sexual feelings. Hence the eighth house Mars person may try to avoid close relationships altogether, fearing the power of sexual desire. These people have to come to terms with their own vulnerability before they can benefit from their deeply transforming sexual nature; and they may have to experience the intense pain of being rejected by the person they most desire before they can unearth the treasure that is buried deep within them.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Still waters run deep - and strong. These people have a charisma that attracts others to them, but they are reserved and hard to know. There is a restlessness of the soul that will lead them far from the native soil and the native values on at least one farflung excursion. Many venture so far from home that there is no return. They march to a different drummer from that of their community of origin. Their drive is towards different goals from those of family and early friends. Often misunderstood in youth, they seek a distant ideal that rarely or never materializes and, even if it does, often does so only briefly.

They are inclined to sacrifice too much in relationships at least once, which may cause them to become fearful of the emotional demands of relationships. Escape from a relationship can be the motivating force behind big changes in their lives, moving far from home, taking a job in a foreign country.

They are highly sexual, which brings problems. They may repress their sexuality, resulting in psychological problems of various kinds. With Mars in a fixed sign, there may be homosexual desires; other placements will show if these will be expressed, or denied and repressed. Frequently, in Air or mutable signs, homosexual experiences are brief and occur in youth as part of sexual development. Their sexual development is so important to them that it may rule their lives.

Even their death is often related to sex in some way, with links to the loss, failure, or frustration of a sexual relationship. They will often have a close brush with death at some

point in their lives. Mars in the eighth is partial testimony to a sudden death.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: You sense the value that resides in your beloved. It fills you with desire, and you are eager to push through the outer personality to reach the treasures stored in the queen's chamber of the inner pyramid. But you often ignore your partner's boundaries. In fact, the higher the boundaries, the more you may try storming them. This is a deadly pitfall, for the treasures of union are gained only when both individuals feel safe to surrender. If you insist on smashing people's walls, they will simply fortify their defences against you. The result is constant warfare, argument rather than intimacy. Recognize the impact of your male force, the power of your thrust. Let the warmth of your desire arouse the other's receptivity. The challenge is to be ardent rather than combative, and thus gain entry to the inner sanctum.

Transformation: You can be a consummate spiritual warrior, a crusading knight who walks out alone to confront the dragon of ego-death. The pitfalls involve the concoluted meanings of victory and defeat. If you slay the dragon, but your ego survives, you've suffered a spiritual defeat. The question to be asked is this: what is the dragon? You're a heat-seeking missile looking for an external target. But often, the only heat is coming from you. As in Pogo's famous remark, 'We have met the enemy, and they is us'. Transformation comes not from conquest, but from interpenetration. The challenge is to keep it simple, to go after what you want, and to know that desire itself will change in the process.

Sexual merging: You are charged with sexual passion. The wish for union glows constantly in the lower chakras. When you are aroused, desire burns white-hot. You often blot out every other consideration. This can express itself as 'going for the goal line' of orgasm without sufficient concern for sharing, but it may also mean obsession with closeness. In either case, the pitfall lies in assuming that the obstacles to union reside somehow outside yourself, in your beloved. That leads to explosive conflagrations around the issue of sex. Remember that it is self-defeating to turn your lover into your enemy. The challenge is to learn correct penetration. Passion and heat are your arrows; desire is your bow.

Focused intuition: Never one to wait, you thrust yourself out of your body, pushing for intuitive contact with others. Anyone you desire becomes a target for the sharp edge of your radr. The pitfall involves trespassing. People's inner thoughts, feelings, and desires are often dangerous, often not an accurate reflection of their truest selves, and thus necessarily private. Learn to intuitively enter only those chambers that are open or unlocked. When you push towards someone's inner sanctum, you could tumble instead into the cesspool of their darker selves, and what you find there may not be pleasant. The challenge is to hone your psychic sensitivities to a razor's edge. Use these tools as a surgeon migh, to cut away blockage, or as a lover would, to fill the beloved with

goodness.

Shared assets: You are sensitive to money, and probably want more than you have. Rather than building your fortune through simple and direct effort, you're drawn toward those who already have money, or obviously desire wealth. But be careful: money, property, and possessions can easily become heated topics, both in your family, and later in your social or romantic relationship. Play down the conflicts, or you may destroy the love that exists. The challenge is to work with others to create shared goals your partnerships can achieve, and to extend your mutual fires into a single flame of togetherness.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with Mars in the 8th come alive in joint enterprises where they can give and receive all they can. Usually there is a shade more subtlety to Mars in this house than in his other domains, although the clumsy Greek Ares may evince his characteristic impetuosity by rushing into hastily conceived financial deals. Some people with Mars in the 8th will gain a sense of honour and virtue by standing up for their deeply felt beliefs, and will try to challenge and convert others who don't share the same values. Others with Mars in the 8th find the prospect of appropriating the values and possessions of another person much more rewarding and enticing. A difficultly aspected Mars could indicate fights with the marriage partner over joint resources, battles over legacies and inheritances, trouble with a belligerent tax-inspector, and conflicts with get-rich-quick business partners, so some degree of caution is advised in these areas.

But it is in the most intimate arena of the bedroom that an 8th house Mars most clearly exposes itself. These people's passions are strong, but sexual expression may be more than just a means of relieving built-up physical tension: for many, sex is a contest and Mars is determined to be the victor. Again, we can understand these people better if we realize that in acting this way they are attempting to affirm and define their identity and power. The principle of the Sun distinguishes us from others, but we need Mars to prove our point; and whether, in the 8th house, the point is given or taken, Mars here likes to be in charge. With a little bit of thought, it's not hard to appreciate that there is more to a person's sexual taste than meets the eye; and fortunately or unfortunately for some, Mars in the 8th people may take out their aggression in the bedroom. Or due to guilt and ambivalence, Mars in the 8th people may resort to its second-favourite battle-cry: 'They made me do it', blaming others for forcing them into situations they somehow help to contrive.

By meeting them in others or through their own selves, those with Mars in the 8th often discover and have to grapple with the darker emotions of blind lust, envy, greed, jealousy, etc.. The need or ability to transmute these seething feelings into a more constructive expression depends, to a large degree, on the aspects to Mars. If Mars is difficultly aspected by the outer planets, it is usually most pressing that the raw,

primordial side of Mars be rechannelled in other ways.

Sometimes there is a burning interest in the esoteric or the occult. Caution should be taken when exploring or experimenting in anything mediumistic in nature: there is the danger of projecting their own anger and aggression onto something 'out there' and then experiencing the disowned quantity as turning around and pursuing them. Although Mars can hardly be defined as covert, in the 8th he does have a kind of detective-like ability to probe subtly and persistently into what is hidden or secret. If those with this placement sense something wrong or askew in a relevant person or situation, they are not easily able to let it rest.

The Scorpio Dylan Thomas wrote, 'Do not go gentle into that good night'. In deaths and transformations of a physical or psychological nature, Mars in the 8th will usually follow that advice.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are demanding in your relationships, and you feel bitter if rejected. You may bide your time when your wishes are not granted immediately, as long as you know that eventually you will get what you want. You want to become self-sufficient, because you dislike being obligated to anyone, which limits your plans and ambitions. You aren't afraid to work hard to get what you want out of life, and you know that any investment of time and energy will be rewarded when you start getting results from your efforts. You are important to those for whom you provide necessary services, and you consider this part of your social obligation. When your efforts are appreciated, you are stimulated to take more responsibility and to make even greater achievements.

Probably you will choose a career that gives you an opportunity to grow and develop, because you are reasonably sure of yourself and of what you can accomplish with your talents. You believe you can demonstrate greater competence in your chosen field, so you don't hesitate to promote your skills whenever possible. People are convinced that you can serve them better than your competitors, so they turn to you and demand your services.

If maintaining a high income is your main motivation, your success may be limited and you may suffer some setbacks. It would be better to develop your skills to the highest level of competence and know that you give the best value for what you earn. This will gain you the patronage you need and assure you of consistently high earnings. Working with the public will allow you to serve a large number of people and be recognized for your efforts. The main stumbling block to success in your career will come from your inability to resist indulging in personal pleasures. You must determine your priorities and accept the need to make some sacrifices as an investment in your career and the status you hope to achieve in realizing your ambitions. Family obligations may temporarily frustrate your desires, or romantic entanglements may distract you from your main

objectives. You will have to develop self-control and learn to manage your personal affairs more prudently.

Your wealth of ideas means little unless you act on them or cultivate them so they can be of some value to you. The best way to get people to notice your competence is to work at promoting your ideas and skills. Such an investment of time and energy is essential if you are to derive the most from your potentials. You owe it to yourself and to the public to make your skills available. Dedicating at least some of your talents to serve important needs of the public will enrich your later years with contentment in the knowledge that you were willing to get involved.

Your partner probably admires your driving ambition to succeed and to do whatever is required to sustain the relationship for the benefit of you both. What you accomplish is important, but even more significant is how you do it and the moral responsibility you take for your actions. If you are motivated by a desire to help people in need, then there is no problem. but if you take liberties with what is considered ethical behavior, then you will have to expect major losses in earnings and prestige. This is a decision you have to make; and the outcome is yours to determine.

## **Jupiter ♃ in ♐ Sagittarius 19° 27'**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

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

Dynamic

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

(Marilyn Waram)

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

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

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

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

He may personify the arrogance, inflated expectations and demands, and self-justifying realizations to which the Jupiter side of human nature is prone. He could consider that he fully deserves whatever he wishes, and fly into an unbridled and possibly even violent rage if thwarted, wherein he believes anything he says or does is completely warranted. Afterwards, he rarely feels any remorse for the damage he has done. Instead, he points his finger sanctimoniously at his supposed enemy and blames him for the dispute. It is entirely the other's fault. The whole situation can be proven to his satisfaction, and is enough to exonerate the Jupiterian, in his own mind. A person who has given himself up to such a degree of self-justification is a terrifying spectacle to others with more balanced perspectives, because he so adamantly refuses to accept responsibility for either his behavior or its consequences. If society punishes such an individual because

he has broken laws, he merely feels badly mistreated and may become murderously vengeful. He cannot be reached on the basis of reason. He has abdicated this very talent of his Jupiterian nature and given all the power to his own sense of his rights.

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

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

Jupiter in Sagittarius is a signal that problems to do with faith, morals, beliefs, and the search for truth might be due to gross overemphasis on rights as opposed to responsibilities, on being right instead of discovering the truth, and on underdevelopment of personal values due to too strong a focus on the transpersonal values and on society.

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

(Skye Alexander)

You believe that you are here to learn and experience everything life has to offer, and



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

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Robert Hand)

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

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

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

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

(Sydney Omarr)

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

Jupiter in Sagittarius gives an interest in foreign cultures, religions, races, and social systems, often expressed both through study and through long trips to foreign countries -

especially if the natives can afford it. There is also a deep interest in the social and philosophic ideas that have shaped history. This breadth of understanding produces a farsighted outlook on life and often prophetic insights into the future.

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

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Jupiter rules Sagittarius, so the planet will be a very powerful element of the chart when it is in this sign. You are very likely to see some of the Sun sign characteristics of Sagittarius in the individual with this placement. In addition, he or she will have some superb intellectual potential, although this may not emerge in early life, for this placing also contributes a very happy-go-lucky attitude, and one which, when the individual is adventurous, encourages him or her to take risks and be rather careless. The outlook is optimistic and there will be abundant enthusiasm - both extremely positive traits unless they are overexpressed and become blind optimism. This is most likely if Jupiter is afflicted by opposition or square aspects from the Sun, Mercury or Mars. This is certainly a placing that needs countering by some steady influence from Saturn, or perhaps a personal planet in an Earth sign.

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

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an expansive, though potentially hollow, giver. You have the goodness to create good vibrations, yet should do so without becoming smug or complacent. You have the morality to practise and promote ethical behaviour - yet should do so without being

sanctimonious. You have reverence for some Higher Power guiding us all - and preventing you going astray.

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

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

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

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

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

(John Townley)

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

A new affair starts robustly without artful technique or subtlety. You require plenty of

good spirit and the assurance of warmth and friendship between you and your lover. Later you can develop different approaches to physical love, which you both may enjoy, but first you want to commit yourself to comradeship.

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

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

## **Jupiter ♃ in 7th House**

(Stephen Arroyo)

Keywords: Action on the social and intellectual level.

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

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

One should not lose sight of the fact that, as the keywords indicate, there is a strong urge toward various sorts of intellectual activity, often focused toward key issues in society and one's culture. There is also often a strong desire to promote ideas that they believe in, whether through communications media or through politics.

Moore and Douglas use the keywords 'profitable partnerships' for this placement; and it is an accurate designation in more ways than merely the narrow traditional notion that one will gain wealth through the partner. Those with Jupiter here have an enthusiasm for sharing life and concepts with others. They gain from close associations not only

materially but also intellectually, philosophically, and in character development. These folks seek mutual understanding in human associations, and they are often adept at encouraging others to express themselves and to grow from self-discovery. The nobility of Jupiter shines through in many cases, often expressed as dependable honesty in relationships, and as an ever-expanding broadmindedness as the understanding of human nature develops. As Moore and Douglas wrote, 'these people tend to give people the benefit of the doubt'.

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

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

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

(Marilyn Waram)

When Jupiter is in the seventh house, the person may search for ultimate fulfillment in the love relationship or from close friends. He may expect that love will make him feel whole, fulfilled and complete. He may hope that love (or at least companionship, being with other people) will help him cope with an inner restlessness, an inner expectation that something great is about to happen, soon! He may find someone to love and put her up on a pedestal, thinking that she is absolutely perfect. Or he may find someone who thinks he is perfect and adores him for that. After a while, however, the imperfections begin to show, and the disappointment sets in. They begin to tell each other that they should be better; and each feels criticized, unaccepted, and let down.

With Jupiter in the seventh, it is possible to hold marriage and close friendships as ultimate values, to hold them with a sense of great reverence and importance. This can

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

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

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

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

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

(Eve Jackson)

The notion that this is a fortunate position for marriage does not in my experience hold very much water; Jupiter here seems if anything less stable than Uranus; the institution of marriage is ill-equipped to satisfy Jupiter's insatiable appetite for new experience. How a person handles this placement will depend greatly on whether the implied restlessness is acknowledged as a part of him- or herself, or whether it is always seen as an attribute of the partner.

Expectations are usually high regarding long-term relationships, but can be rather



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

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

(Bill Herbst)

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

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

Contracts, commitments: You are fascinated by contracts, eager to discover the ethical principles that govern their success or failure. Your own commitments in partnership are a laboratory for experimentation with ideal principles. This abstract interest is so high that you commit yourself on many levels and in many relationships, often

simultaneously. Your sense of opportunism is so strong, however, that while you recognize the importance of commitments, you may fail to see the necessity of fulfilling them. Partnerships for you are more in the mind than in the heart, so remember that others of a less philosophical bent may be seduced by your enthusiasm. The challenge is to balance commitment and freedom, in order that you fulfill your spirit as well as your mind.

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

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

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

## **Saturn ♄ in ♑ Capricorn 24° 26'**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### **Static**

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

### **Dynamic**

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

## General

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

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

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Capricorn is, of course, a repetition of the same principle. Its house placement and aspects provide the keys to where and how the individual will face the rules of the game and learn to use power wisely. Normally, this combination indicates a strong ambition and need for control; but until a successful role has been attained, the power will be experienced in the world, usually in the hands of authority figures. Harmony aspects may bring protection by these others, but for full satisfaction the individual has to do something which provides a sense of personal accomplishment. Conflict aspects can indicate a very difficult early life, often with the need to work and assume adult responsibilities while still a child. However, in the end, the individual who develops practical skills and learns early to cope with the material world may be light years ahead of the protected child who remains dependent on the power of others. As always with Saturn, we need to avoid the extremes of playing Atlas when we cannot allow ourselves any dependency and the failure to develop our share of the world's power and to carry our share of the responsibility.

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

Because you respect the past, you may be interested in history, geology, archaeology or anthropology. You want to be able to explain, order and quantify your life and everything

in it; and before you can make sense of something you must make it tangible. Through studying the past, you are able to understand the present better and your place in the natural order of things.

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

This position requires success in the materialistic, financial or fame sense of the word, and will not long be satisfied with unrecognized worth. Some subtlety attaches to your mentality; you may work long and hard for your little pay and little acclaim, but your aim is to get more, and you never forget it. In this way, you are hardheaded, if not hardhearted, and can very well be both. Your deep ego urge is to defend yourself against the world by conquering it and by forcing it to recognize you; and since this urge is deeply ingrained in the subconscious and demands recognition, you are never likely to lose sight of it. This leads to heights of success or to embittered failure if it operates in its simple form. Your aim should be to become less materialistic, to discover wells of power within yourself. You can have no control over the world till you have control over yourself; and in gaining this essential to your success, you should discover also that 'your mind to you a kingdom is' in which it is as gratifying to rule as in any temporal empire. It is possible for you to learn that there are all kinds of power over the world, and that wealth and fame are not the only ways of achieving it. There is the sense of power you get from giving, from serving, from helping. To transmute the power urge from its

primitive, materialistic, strong-arm form to its more esoteric and refined uses is to ensure that your powerful subconscious drive to success shall succeed along the most civilized lines, which are in the end most gratifying.

## Saturn ♄ in 8th House

(Liz Greene)

The first sign or house belonging to each element is generally the clearest and most direct in meaning, and relates to the development of the individual personality and its integration. The second sign of that element denotes a point of crisis, for here the individual must take his own experience and integrate it into the group of which he is a part. This is rarely done without struggle, for this too is an expansion of consciousness from the personal to the universal. The third and last sign or house refers to the larger unit of the group and infers the final purpose of the particular level of consciousness symbolised by that element.

The watery signs and houses do not contradict this. In the fourth house a man is subjected to an isolated unit to emotional forces and pressures from the environment which shape his future growth as a personality. He has the opportunity of building a base within himself so that the projection into circumstance is withdrawn and inner security on the feeling level becomes a permanent possession of his character. In the eighth house, the man must take his feeling nature as a channel of expression and contact and begin to function in personal relationships with others. The flow of feeling is not between him and another. Finally, in the twelfth house he has the opportunity of taking the wisdom he has acquired from his experiences and offering it to the group in service for the group development. He is no longer an isolated unit but part of a larger evolving life. This is a helpful way of viewing things which is useful to remember in considering Saturn in the eighth house, for this house is probably the most misunderstood and maligned of all the houses in the horoscope.

This house is primarily described as either the house of physical death - which suggests that it has no value or activity outside that brief moment when we take leave of the physical sheath - or as 'money received from others', a description which is an insult to the complexity and power of the sign and planet associated with the house. Both interpretations are valid as far as they go, but they do not help in an understanding of Saturn placed in the eighth beyond the reading of a death in old age and the denial of inheritance; and both of these readings are frequently mistaken. The interchange of finances between two people in partnership may be one of the by-products of the house; but it is only when the meaning of money as a symbol of emotional values is understood that the more complex meaning of 'money received from others' becomes clear. Death itself does indeed come under this house; but there are many kinds of death, and most

of them are not physical; and every death is followed inevitably by a rebirth because it is only the form, and not the life which inherits the form, that dies.

As a watery house, the eighth deals primarily with emotional exchange. As opposite from the second house, that which has physical value and meaning and which constitutes stability and self-sustenance becomes that which has emotional value and which constitutes stability of feeling. It is in the eighth sign, Scorpio, that we may find a clue to the significance of this house in matters of sex, emotional crises, and the death and rebirth of the instincts as purified desire.

This is primarily a house of crisis, and refers to those points in life where the emotional ties to others force a man to the realisation of some vital area of his own feeling nature which must be recognised, examined, and purified. Here money becomes a symbol of emotional dependence or freedom, for in our society it buys freedom or bondage in marriage, and our sexual values are largely coloured by our finances. So often in the eighth house there exists the enactment of a struggle which appears purely material and which is really emotional in origin. It is no wonder that Freud attributed such significance to money in dreams and why psychology continues to recognise the relationship between monetary and emotional generosity or tightness.

It is common to find the individual with afflicted planets here tied to a difficult financial situation following upon a broken marriage or to chronic problems with partners who take advantage of him financially. This is particularly characteristic of an eighth house Saturn. When investigated, it will often be found that on the sexual and emotional levels there was difficulty in expression; and there is no sweeter revenge for many people than to air their disappointment and frustration in the face of an unresponsive Saturnian partner through material demands.

The area into which this discussion takes us is a prickly one; and this is usual for Scorpio and the eighth house; however, although the previous statement may seem inordinately hard, it is ironic that in our society the prostitute, who is at least honest about the wares that she sells, is despised and generally ends up in jail, while the wife who fundamentally plays the same role and buys her security with her body is glorified because society condones this mask. There are a great many women who trade their sexual favours for a legal tie which promises them financial security; and a great many men who buy these favours in exchange for what have been euphemistically termed 'a husband's rights'.

There is much rubble which must be dug through where our present attitudes toward sex in relation to money are concerned, for we are still following the feudal concepts of family financial structure. In spite of the efforts of more enlightened souls, it will take another generation (as of 1976!) before we can begin to understand that the real nature of sex has nothing to do with the physical world at all but is the reflection of emotional and mental energies - which are in turn the reflection of still more complex energies. Money and sex are still too complex for the average man to understand except in a



literal way; and consequently, we have a tremendous amount of confusion to wade through before the alchemical union of two people into one is understood.

The three watery houses and signs represent three aspects of the feeling nature of man. The fourth house symbolises the nurturing forces which shape his early life. The eighth symbolises the creative and procreative forces which he wields and through which he contacts others. The twelfth symbolises the dissipating forces which eventually break down his sense of separateness and release him into group life.

The eighth house is a battleground, the primary purpose of which is self-understanding and self-mastery through constant crises. There is no greater battleground or stimulus to crisis than the energies which are released through the apparently wholly physical act of sex. The union which occurs on the level of the feeling nature produces a flow of energy which takes a man, for a brief moment, 'out of himself' - it is virtually the only time that he can feel himself to be at one with another human being. It is this intimate emotional oneness to which the sexual aspect of the eighth house refers; there is a death of the individual awareness and the birth of a mutual awareness for which reason the Elizabethans called the sexual act 'the little death'. Unfortunately there are many people who are as frightened of the apparent emotional vulnerability inherent in this as they are of death itself. What they do not recognise is that the union takes place whether it is recognised or not, and that on the feeling level it is not possible to totally shut out the partner; it is only possible to believe that he has been shut out.

To consider this point of view is to recognise the real responsibility in a sexual union. This has nothing to do with morality. We have had many centuries of moral teachings which have done absolutely nothing to help us understand the real nature of the mystery. The currents of this great creative force or 'serpent power' - whose cousins we may see as the serpent in the garden, the ouroboros of alchemy, and the plumed serpent of the Aztecs - may be released in other ways, but these belong to the sphere of the occultist and the magician, and the average individual knows only one - physical sex. Once set in motion, these currents bind and alter both souls involved. All states of consciousness which involve the 'death' of the personality - ranging from those induced by drugs to certain kinds of religious ecstasy and trances of varying sorts - come under the rulership of the eighth house, for they all refer to this same energy which can separate the self from its vehicles. Physical death is only the last in a series of deaths which begin with birth.

We understand very little about both sex and death at the present time; and this ignorance is more than slightly owed to the confusion of the Piscean era with its pronouncement of sex as evil and of death as the gateway to never-ending heaven or hell. This kind of conditioning runs deep, as it has been with us for two thousand years; and even the more liberal-minded and scientifically-inclined have the same collective heritage of fear, superstition, and fascination about this area of human experience. The individual with Saturn in the eighth house has a double burden on his hands, for he must

not only come to terms with Saturn - who is evasive enough on his own - but he must also be willing to make the descent into Pluto's realm if he is to find the treasure hard to attain. It may be said, however, and with no attempt at poetry, that the person who accomplishes this possesses the key to his own immortality.

In a great many cases with Saturn in Scorpio or in the eighth house, the individual's fears or feelings of inadequacy are in the area of sexual expression. This is undoubtedly a symbol for an even deeper fear; but here the symbol is powerful enough in its own right to create great pain in the person's life. The average man who has to deal with this situation will not, however, take kindly to being told this fact bluntly by an astrological consultant. People are as prickly about sex now, when it comes to overt discussion, as they were during Victoria's time. Moreover, the man's inadequacy is not a physical one but rather an emotional one; this is a watery, not an earthy, house. Saturn in the eighth is often linked with impotence or frigidity; but these are also not physical problems, and the physician who attempts to cure these problems through hormones alone is committing a grave error. The difficulty here lies in the fear of submission, or violation, of the control of the partner, and of emotional rejection, for it is the psychic rather than the physical exchange which contains the threat.

It is fairly common to find an individual with Saturn in the eighth who may be affectionate and loving but who, when the last output of separateness is passed in the bedroom, shies like a frightened horse and cannot perform. Or he may overcompensate for his inner fears by becoming the 'perfect lover' on a purely physical level; and he may try to block the flow of energy and emotion to his partner so that he is, somehow, not really there. However subtle this mechanism is, it can be deeply frustrating and disturbing to the partner although it may not be recognised on a conscious level by either person. The individual may not be aware that anything is wrong except that somehow it is always faintly disappointing; and he is never able to achieve the satisfaction his fantasies tell him is possible. It takes an unusual degree of honesty to look directly at the subtle patterns which surround an eighth house Saturn, for there is, at the same time as fear, the overcompensation of great value placed on performance, in our present era. No wonder that these people have such trouble with money during and after marriage; they may easily find themselves under financial obligations concurrent with the amount of frustration they have unconsciously inflicted on their partners.

As with all Saturn positions, two extremes of behaviour are possible. The effects of overcompensation can help to produce the overtly promiscuous person who is not truly motivated by physical pleasure but who is truly particularly hard to be 'sexy' because he or she is dimly aware of a fundamental problem in relating emotionally to another person. Here Saturn again tries to make an emotional value into a physical one with little success. This kind of behaviour is prevalent now because there is great emphasis on sexual freedom as the reaction to too much restriction in the past. Both are extremes which are part of the natural process of evolution, but which are unpleasant in themselves, for fear permeates them both.

It is naturally wise for the consultant astrologer to express diplomacy when dealing with eighth house matters, for he may be inviting a punch in the mouth otherwise. But with this kind of eighth house Saturn, we are reminded of that wonderful Shakespearean line, 'Methinks thou dost protest too much!' This is reminiscent of the fourth house Saturn who 'adores' his family, who had a 'wonderful' childhood, who had 'no problems whatsoever' with either parent.

On the other hand, the person with Saturn in the eighth may cloak his fears with the garment of strong religious or moral convictions of a particularly intolerant sort, thereby declaring as sinful that of which he is essentially afraid. In these cases Saturn is a prompter toward celibacy, but for all the wrong reasons. The devil, unfortunately, is not vanquished by being told to go away; it is the light of consciousness that he cannot endure.

We may also find that rare individual who is honest enough with himself to understand that there is something within himself that needs development - as there is in everyone - and who makes the effort not only to discipline but to comprehend his sexual nature as well so that he can express it in the most positive way. In all cases, however, the fascination with death and with sex is very great although there may be fear or disgust at the same time.

It seems that a characteristic pattern of the person with an eighth house Saturn is to be let down emotionally by others and often in the most intimate and painful way; and it is in this pattern that a clue to the larger purpose of the placement may be found. There is frequently a denial of deep emotional contact in childhood; and as Saturn has some connection with the father, this placement often occurs where the father dies or is emotionally cold. Often the individual grows up in an environment where very little physical expression occurs or where the sexual problems existent between the parents have filled the atmosphere with hostility and fear. There is some link between the father and the sexual energies although this may be very subtle. Often it is not subtle; and beatings or assault occur. The effect, whatever the actual circumstance, is a feeling of isolation and loneliness that no-one can share and whose scars no-one can alleviate. For Saturn in the eighth house carries deeper emotional scars than any other Saturnian placement; and the wounds are slower to heal.

People with Saturn in the eighth have a deep insight into nature and human nature and a fascination with death and other states of being. They often have a strong desire to save humanity, or at least some part of it. This position attracts effective advisors. It also tends to be politically conservative.

They can have a certain blindness about themselves and the things or people they believe in, with a set of fixed ideas that can sometimes get in their way. Their usual refusal to see their own stubbornness brings them many losses in life, until they face

themselves and can accept the truth about themselves.

They tend to wear well and often gain in attractiveness as they age. They usually have a brush with death at some point that changes their lives - either their own death or that of someone else. They may deal with death, or after-death states, in their work in some way, if there are other factors that confirm it.

These people are often very concerned with money, security, and position, due to a great lack of one or all of these in youth, and will probably gain a great deal of the first two at least, though possibly never enough to satisfy. They are capable of giving gracefully, effectively, and thoroughly, when needed, whether of time, services, or material things. The sorrows of their lives can be transformed into humor; they are usually very amusing people. In youth they are often very attractive to older people who can be helpful to them. With other factors, this guarantees charisma; yet in spite of it they are often lonely. They attract others, but often not the ones they'd like to attract.

(Howard Sasportas)

Saturn in the 8th gives apprehensions and difficulties in the area of intimacy, sharing and joint resources. They may feel insecure about what they have to give or experience some difficulty receiving what another is offering. More generally, there is the fear of letting go, of merging and blending with another person. To truly merge with someone else means the death of the self as a separate individual. This is a frightening prospect for those with Saturn in the 8th who want to hold onto what they value and possess. In addition, letting themselves go in a relationship entails the possibility of being overtaken by feelings that they have attempted to keep under rigid control - rage, jealousy, envy and passions of a primitive and instinctive nature. They desperately crave a close union and yet withdraw from it for fear of being overwhelmed by such eruptions. Subsequently they may have difficulty relaxing and being open and trusting with others, all of which could give rise to sexual problems. (In mythology, Eros and Thanatos were brothers, and the sexual union is a kind of death of one's individuality.) Investigating the root causes of inhibitions in this area deepens and enriches their self-knowledge and understanding.

Besides possible sexual hang-ups, there are conflicts pooling resources and making personal adjustments in relationships. The partner's beliefs or values may differ from and contradict their or they may choose a mate who is a burden in some way. And yet, helping out with the welfare of others may be precisely what Saturn in the 8th needs for his or her own personal development. There can be trouble over inheritance, taxation and business contracts, and the possibility of drawn-out divorce proceedings. Some will make a career dealing with other people's money - bankers, investment consultants, stockbrokers and accountants may have this position of Saturn.

Generally, they hesitate to probe beneath the surface of life and yet this is what is needed for greater depth and maturity. Obviously, people who attempt to maintain rigid

controls over themselves are likely to be very frightened by the prospect of physical death and what looms in the hereafter. These apprehensions could provoke them to a serious pursuit of more knowledge in these areas.

(Robert Pelletier)

In the struggle to gain control over your life circumstances, you are forced to be obligated to and dependent upon others, although it bothers you. When you compare your accomplishments and resources with those of your contemporaries, your self-image suffers needlessly. Gaining personal security is so important that it has forced you to work with others as the one way to become more financially independent. Secretly, though, you aren't always sure that you measure up to the public's expectations, so you extend yourself to remove that doubt. You would be better off working for yourself in your own business, which would eliminate that problem. You are better equipped to deal with the public's needs than you realize, as should be proved by what you get for your services.

After repeatedly hearing how competent you are from those who appreciate your skills, you will finally realize that they are right. Perhaps then you will place a higher premium on your talents, thus letting the public know that you will do what they require but that your services are costly. They also know that they will get all or more than they expect. Once established in your occupation, you invest heavily in time and energy to achieve your goals and objectives. You learn to mobilize your skills and resources efficiently to derive the most benefit with the least effort. Luckily, when you need favors, you can always turn to those whom you have helped in the past.

You might neglect developing the kind of human values that are so essential in your career, especially since you will probably deal with the general public. Don't put all your values in material considerations, because if you do, many people cannot relate to you on a personal level. While you have greater sexual self-discipline than most people, the reason you are conservative in indulging your appetite is because of the cost involved. The chances are you will prefer having a small family that you can manage without being under enormous demands. You are willing to do without some of life's pleasures and direct your efforts toward your career. Because you are easily intimidated by your competitors' high performance, you strive to increase your skills and improve your position in relation to them. You want a career that allows you to grow and expand so you can increase your earnings and public status.

Your wealth of valuable ideas amounts to little unless you work at developing them so they can be utilized in the marketplace. This means that you will have to invest a lot of time and energy to increase your value to the buying public or, if you work for someone else, to achieve greater recognition from your superiors. With your organizational ability, you should be able to mobilize your resources so effectively that you won't have to be concerned about how to earn a living.

Look around for people whose needs or situations require your skills to improve them. You are definitely tied to working with and for the general public. Your partner admires and respects your efforts, although you may think that you can be accepted only to the extent that you provide every possible material benefit. Keep a sharp eye out for clever individuals who try to con you into schemes that aren't within the bounds of legality. You are sufficiently afraid of the consequences that you are unlikely to resort to lax moral behavior or questionable ethical standards.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: Saturn in the 8th indicates a strong sense of responsibility surrounding intimacy. This can indicate a working dedication to achieve lasting intimacy. But it may also reveal anxieties. You could fear being held responsible for every failure in sharing, not only blame for the shortcomings of your partnerships, but for any problems your partners have in their personalities. You may mistrust others' motives, believing that they will reject you once they're close enough to expose your flaws. These worries are not groundless - it's necessary to approach with caution. Make a long-term commitment to union, and move one step at a time. Even when you feel the onrush of intimacy, remind yourself to slow down. The pitfall is wanting from others what you have not given yourself. The challenge is careful selection of partners followed by persevering effort.

Transformation: Temper your sensitivity to others' reactions, your fears that you will be criticized or humiliated for not changing fast or well enough. You know very well not only what must change, but how those changes must be expressed. Do not adhere to schedules or rules imposed from outside; forcing change out of fear of rejection achieves nothing. At the same time, do not refuse to work on changing simply because others seem to be pushing you. The challenge is to take responsibility for where you are, not where you feel you should be. Do so calmly, without protest, while you continue gaining strength through measured steps forward. Your fears of ego death have only the power you give them, so celebrate even tiny victories over inertia. Most of all, be gentle and forgiving with yourself. You can change; time is on your side.

Sexual merging: You want sex to be tangible, not ethereal, but this focus is so demanding that you may overwhelm your own capacity for the experience. You fear that if you truly let go, you will obliterate yourself, so you hold back. The closer you come, the more your own gravity holds you down. Sometimes you can't achieve release, and you regard this as a personal failure. It's not. It's the result of pushing too hard, of carrying too much seriousness. You regard your beloved's desires toward you with suspicion. This is protection against your rejection anxieties. The challenge is to patiently develop sexual relaxation. Remember, the trek up the mountain is long, to be achieved slowly. Only then will you appreciate the view from the summit.

Focused intuition: You feel it's not enough to merely have intuition; you often demand

perfect knowing. This is too much to expect. Also, you fear the repercussions of intuition, believing that others will kill the messenger. Finally, you fear that you may actually be crazy, that intuition is not real, and that you are succumbing to a form of self-delusion. Each pitfall warrants real concern, but none is true. Your challenge is to work persistently to develop your intuitive faculties, constantly checking and double-checking the accuracy of your perceptions, and slowly developing faith that invisible worlds do indeed exist, and can be of great pragmatic value.

Shared assets: Money means responsibility, whether there is too little or too much. There is often delay or disappointment - your reward for patience is not as high as you hoped it would be. Happily, Saturn improves with age, like fine wine, and maturity can bring great common sense. But this is achieved only if you carefully manage the resources available through relationships. Easy money is counterfeit for you, and you must reject it. The challenge is to be like the little piggy who built his house out of bricks.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the eighth house is, like Saturn in the seventh, usually working on issues of power versus equality. As part of our desire for deep lasting peer relationships, but with the added intensity of water, the eighth house can be more challenging than the seventh, where we are usually more consciously aware of both sides of situations and more willing to compromise. Water instinctively seeks fusion, but in the eighth house, as with Scorpio and Pluto, we also want control. It is not easy to be passionately involved with a mate but able to release to allow equality, to control ourselves but not anyone else, to realize we cannot possess another person. Complicating the situation is the Water need for dependence and the Letter Eight fear of loss of control. The prize for success is shared power and shared pleasure with possessions and appetites. We learn self-knowledge partly through the mirror of the mate and self-mastery partly out of respect for the rights of the mate.

In an interview with a female client who had Saturn in the eighth house I was delicately trying to get across the issue of sharing power with her husband without suggesting that there was something 'wrong' with her. She just looked at me and said "Yes, my husband and I do fight a lot. We enjoy it. Then we kiss and make up." So I said "Fine". Usually I advise competing with members of the other team rather than our own. But if you are doing it consciously as a game, it is not a problem. When something is happening in our lives which disturbs us and we are not sure why it is there or how to deal with it, then we need to do some analysis.

An eighth house father may be possessive and dominating if his family is his main or only place where he can feel in control. Or he may be so busy seeking security in the material world that he is rarely home. This combination can also indicate the death of a parent or other important authority figure in the early life, teaching us how to let go. Unless the father is unusually secure, he may feel deeply but seldom express his

emotions.

Emotional manipulation is a sign of too much insecurity to seek what we want openly. There may be sexual issues, especially if the relationship between the parents is poor. If the father tends to repress his emotions, they may periodically come out explosively or they may lead to illness. He is likely to be trying to learn moderation, when is enough, and how to let go. If the child can learn from the father's example, he or she will be ahead of the game.

We can direct the saturn drive for power in the world into a career with teamwork. It could deal with joint resources in banking, investment, taxes, insurance, or public funds in government work. Or it could deal with the search for hidden answers through depth psychology, archaeology, detective work, or any type of research. Saturn and the eighth house bring together two of the 'obsessive-compulsive' sides of life, so individuals with this combination are often very good at detail and organization, with phenomenal memories and a strong will. If they possibly can, such people keep on going until they get there.

## Uranus ♅ in ♐ Sagittarius 27° 9'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

(Joan Negus)

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

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



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

Exploitation of their employees was also part of the lack of concern of these captains of industry. Although deplorable conditions existed long before 1904, it was not until that year, with Uranus moving into the Earth sign of Capricorn, that something concrete was done about it. Textile workers in Fall River, Massachusetts waged a long and bitter strike. This brought to light the mistreatment of employees, including children, which led to a Child Labor Committee being formed in Congress and, eventually, to the protection of all children through Child Labor Laws.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

Around the turn of the century, when Uranus was previously in Sagittarius, unconventional religions whose belief systems diverged from the prevailing Judeo-

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

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

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

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

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

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

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

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

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

(Grant Lewi)

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

(Julia and Derek Parker)

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

Generally speaking, the splendid influence of this placing alone will make these children intellectually and physically adventurous. They will be humanitarian and be able to

contribute fully to the greening of the Earth, for they will be entirely aware of world ecological problems yet have a very different approach from those of the previous generation of Uranus in Scorpio. Parents of children with this placing should try to always increase their awareness of the beauty of the world. These traits will be particularly pronounced if Sagittarius is prominent or Uranus is personalized.

(John Townley)

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

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

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

(Robert Hand)

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

## Uranus ☿ in 7th House

(Joan Negus)

The seventh house represents both what you need in close one-to-one relationships and what you have to give in them. Sometimes we try to project our seventh house

requirements solely onto others, and sometimes we look only to ourselves to provide these necessary qualities. But neither of these alternatives is completely satisfactory. You could go from one relationship to another, and from one extreme to the other, until you realise that you must share the requirements in that area with a mate, a best friend, or anyone else with whom you are intimately involved.

If you have Uranus in the seventh house and you try to express all the qualities described therein yourself, you will probably insist on showing your individuality and maintaining your independence in close relationships. Because there needs to be some stability to maintain a relationship, you will probably attach yourself to someone who is responsible and steady. Also, if you are being nonconforming, your partner will undoubtedly be assigned the task of defining your parameters. Since you are placing the emphasis on responsibility and stability, this person may lack the excitement you need in a partner. Then eventually you could end the relationship because you are bored or feel limited; or your partner might terminate it because you are so unreliable.

If the relationship ends, then very possibly your next relationship will be with someone who is exciting and needs a great deal of freedom. You will be attracted to the independent nature that was lacking in your last partner. But before long you could discover that this independence brings with it a lack of dependability. So you become the one burdened with responsibility in the relationship. When this occurs, you begin to feel trapped because you no longer have the freedom you need. If the feeling of being restricted becomes very strong, you could abruptly end the association. Then you might go back to a partnership in which you are the independent one and keep alternating these two scenarios.

A possible third script is to decide not to form any intimate associations. Having been exposed to both extremes (or even without experiencing either extreme), you may begin to feel that your freedom is more important than any relationship. You believe you will be happiest if you avoid intimacy. You could try to stay away from people altogether, but this will not work for long because you need intellectual stimulation, and with Uranus in the seventh house that stimulation comes with and from others. So you interact, find yourself attracted to some exciting, intelligent person with whom you are sharing ideas, and start alternating all three scenarios again.

Eventually you might come to the conclusion that you can never have a lasting relationship. Some people with Uranus in the seventh house say that; and some astrology textbooks state this as well. It may be a self-fulfilling prophecy, but it need not be true. In fact, I can give you a number of examples of people with this placement who have been able to maintain enduring relationships. One couple I know very well have, at this writing, been married for over forty years. He has Uranus in the seventh house, and she has Aquarius there. There were adjustments along the way, but they have learned to share the qualities they require in relationships.

Knowing that there are alternatives, understanding what they are, and consciously developing the desirable ones, are the secrets to making a relationship work. With Uranus in the seventh house, remember that defining your boundaries is the first step in expressing your freedom. You might make a list (either in your mind or on paper) of what your requirements are in relationships. You can do this with or without astrology; but astrology makes the job easier. Note what you want and do not want in terms of the signs, planets and points in your seventh house, and remember that you and your partner both need to express some facet of these qualities.

You should also be aware that with Uranus in the seventh house, you probably do not want the kind of relationship your parents had, no matter what it was like. Even if you consciously believed your parents were the ideal couple, you would possibly be attracted to people who were unlike your parents. The differences might be in ethnic, religious and / or socio-economic background. If your parents had a traditional or conservative marriage, you could find the hippie type appealing in partnership; but if they were free-thinkers, you might want a partner (at least initially) who is conservative. The principle here is that you will break with tradition whatever it might be.

Let's look at specific issues that could be prevalent with Uranus in the seventh house, and some ways of dealing with them. As we examine the alternatives, it should not be difficult to sort out the desirable and undesirable qualities.

Freedom is one theme that will have prominence in partnerships. As already stated, you might be attracted to the independent nature of your partner (especially if stability was an integral part of your parents' relationship). You do not, however, want a partner who is so independent that there is no need for you. Therefore, as you begin to develop intimacy, look for mutual interests that can be shared, particularly those that entail excitement and mental stimulation. You might join forces in a challenging project or unite behind some cause. However, you do not want to share everything. Twenty-four hour a day togetherness can be limiting. But having some common interests can create a mutual bond to keep you together without making you feel confused.

It can also be satisfying to find a partner who is spontaneous and exciting. But with these qualities there may be no thought given to consequences and responsibilities. Unless you establish certain ground rules you could find that all the responsibility is heaped on your shoulders and you feel fettered rather than free. You do not need too many regulations, only a definition of the outer limits. For example, your spouse might walk in and announce that the two of you are going to take a romantic cruise. That could be an exciting prospect, and how nice to have a spouse who would think of such a trip. But if you are left with the details, such as how it will be paid for, who is going to take care of the children, etc., it could take away all the pleasure. If, however, you determine long in advance that any details must be jointly handled when last minute plans are made, you will not feel burdened by the responsibility. And because your partner is sharing the responsibility, you can more easily share the fun.

Another characteristic that can come with the need for freedom is the desire for periodic time alone. If you have to be with others constantly, you can feel oppressed, restless and / or exhausted. You want to break away, be by yourself, and replenish your energy (or perhaps your tolerance). Therefore, you want a partner who will at least be understanding of your need for occasional solitude. But chances are that you will be drawn to those who also want some time alone. If you are attracted to someone for other reasons, and then you discover that this person has to be with you constantly, you probably will not stay in the relationship too long.

The two main problems that could arise in connection with the need for solitude are: 1. you and your mate want to be alone at different times; and 2. concern with what your spouse is doing with his or her free time. If you want to be alone at different times, and do not make an effort to remedy this, you may never get to see each other and then there wouldn't be any relationship. If you are concerned with what your spouse is doing, you could get obsessed with this thought and defeat the purpose of your free time. Therefore, it would be a good idea to jointly schedule times alone (remaining as flexible as possible so that changes can be made), and to share information about your individual activities. You do not want the relationship to become too regimented; but total lack of consideration for the partner (which could occur if you made no adjustment to each other) is just as bad. Once you have developed a loose pattern, which has room to accommodate exceptions, it can become an automatic part of the partnership, and you will not feel restricted.

Another possibility for Uranus in the seventh house is to find a partner from a different background from your own, either ethnically, psychologically, or socioeconomically. You might select such a partner in order to be a rebel, or to emphatically state your individuality. Or you might be attracted to this person because he or she offers qualities that have been lacking in your life. For example, your partner could come from an emotionally demonstrative family, whereas yours was cool and reserved and, through your partner, you might learn to express your feelings more readily. You, in return, might help your partner to exercise more control. Or if your spouse or dear friend is from a foreign country, you could expand your knowledge of the language, customs and culture of that country because of the association. And you could share these facets of your own country with the significant other.

The differences between you, however, could also create problems. If each of you is accustomed to behaving in a particular manner that is unlike your partner, conflict can arise. In using one of the illustrations mentioned above, you could handle critical situations in your cool reserved way, by logically evaluating what is going on. While your partner, in his / her typical demonstrative fashion, at least from your point of view, will rant and rave. Or if you are an American 'women's libber' married to a man from a Near Eastern country who considers women second class citizens, you can reasonably expect that the two of you will have to make compromises or problems will most



assuredly arise.

Compromise is not easy with Uranus, but the objectivity attached to the planet may help to resolve difficulties. As different situations arise, evaluate circumstances and determine together the best course of action. Discuss the situation objectively, as though it were happening to two other people. That could help you arrive at a fair compromise.

So look for a partner who is creative, unusual, intelligent, exciting, and / or from a different familial background from your own. Avoid those who are completely unreliable, totally self-centered and extremely erratic in behaviour. You may think that this sounds too difficult; but if you apply your objectivity you will find that it is simpler than you believe. With Uranus in the seventh house, you have the ability to view the relationship as though you were not involved. Then, before you allow yourself to be drawn in, you can eliminate those who exhibit a number of the qualities you want to avoid.

(Haydn Paul)

Uranus in this natal house will be active in the sphere of personal relationships, where it is most unlikely that you will experience smooth-running, tranquil partnerships.

Often, this becomes a struggle over the issue of relatedness, and what that actually involves and demands from people. Everyone has to undergo some kind of adjustment and modification of his / her behaviour within all social relationships, perhaps more intensely within intimate partnerships or marriage when people live together. You may find such changes difficult to make, or resent having to do so; and this reflects that Uranian tendency to be highly individual and rebellious. With that stubborn obstinacy and belief in being right, you may fail to even see why you have to adjust in order for a relationship to continue and prosper. Certainly the question of freedom will rise; and your insistence on this and having your own way is likely to create conflict. At times, an insensitivity to the parallel 'rights' of others can stand out in stark relief to some of your progressive social ideas.

Commitment is another problem area. You probably have severe mood changes; attitudes and interests can rise and fall with surprising rapidity; often your demand for freedom and individual expression is but a cover for this inner fluctuation, as you know how erratic and unpredictable you can be. Coupled with this is that urge for new stimulation, perhaps new partners; and the thought of willingly tying yourself to one person can frighten you through fear of restriction and limitation. Running away from relationships of any depth can indeed restrict you to experiencing only superficial affairs.

Many changes in your life will be triggered by the nature and outcome of your social and intimate relationships. There may be sudden affairs, marriages, divorces, due to unpredictable behaviour by either yourself or others. Your life can be turned upside down in such situations; and even your demands for freedom in a relationship could

suddenly become freedom without any partner! These relationships will probably have an element of the unorthodox about them, with unconventional and unusual experiences likely, especially if you are inclined to cross the lines of social taboos.

You may need to discover, and clarify for yourself, the function of relationship in society, to look at how you handle your relationships and how you regard their purpose. Uranus is attempting to lead you towards a new understanding of relationship in life, so that you can find real freedom within the relationship web instead of always being tempted to break out and stand alone. You need to transcend that aspect of destructiveness that you often bring into a relationship, which makes you respond to the pressure of growth by deciding that the tensions are unresolvable and looking for ways to shatter the bonds. In fact, a new approach to this sphere of life could open doors to entirely new forms of relationship, where each lives together in relative harmony, yet they are free enough to follow their own independent paths in a spirit of conscious partnership, instead of any antagonistic self-seeking demands which are exclusive of the partner, and which ignore his or her needs and sensitivities. If you can successfully modify your natural tendencies, relationships of valuable depth can be possible, which as you mature would really fulfil your needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

In your desire to enjoy life without limitations, you seek progressive people who lead exciting lives. You apply the same philosophy in searching for a partner with whom you can have room to grow and develop. You are easily accepted in any social environment, because you don't follow any hard and fast rules that make it impossible for others to welcome you. You tend to avoid responsibility, however, which could create some problems in your career. Until you are established in your own right, you may have to rely on social contacts to open doors. This might be painful, because you don't like being obligated to others. You need to plan your moves carefully and realise that success is the product of a well-thought-out program with specific objectives.

Though you think you know what's best for your children, giving them unlimited freedom may cause more harm than you know. Luckily you have good communication with them, so they may not criticise you for your lack of discipline. You know how to make contacts with important persons who can help you exploit your creative ideas. They will support you in your endeavours because you are careful not to force yourself on them. Get an education and learn how others accept full responsibility for their actions. You may then realise that you have freedom only if you earn it. With your talent for innovation, your goals are nearly limitless when you apply yourself.

You are uncomfortable when forced to adhere to rules laid down by someone else, which was even more difficult while you were growing up, when your parents tried to control you. A rebel at heart, you needed to let them know that you had to make your own way and fail, if necessary, on your own terms. You aren't as self-confident as you

appear; and working with the public will show you how much experience you need to succeed. Time is in your favour if you learn to forego some of your personal indulgences when your career demands require it.

It may be annoying, but you must deal with the financial facts of life if you want to earn a decent income. Learn to capitalise on your social contacts and use these opportunities to demonstrate your talents. You will eventually succeed on your own and gain the freedom to be more selective about whom you are obligated to. You do owe something to your public, from whom you are willing to accept certain rewards for the services you render. Don't forget those who do favours for you. Helping them can be a wise investment in your future, when you may need them again.

You are ingenious in finding ways to gain acceptance by the general public for your contributions, which may not be spectacular compared with others'. But you fascinate people with your special brand of charm, which disarms them without their knowing it. You easily arouse people's interest in your programs, which you say are in their best interests; and for the most part you succeed. Examine your motives in all your actions. If your purpose is to get as much as possible at others' expense, your victory will be bittersweet; but if you sincerely work for their best interests, you will deserve and win their appreciation. Your partner is your most ardent supporter, and will honestly appraise your accomplishments.

(Bill Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: Uranus in the 7th house indicates that your reflection in others electrifies or awakens you. The experience can be both enlivening and upsetting, and encompasses both in the long run. One-to-one relatedness is where you discover your true uniqueness, that which separates you from the crowd and defines you as a special being. The pitfall lies in defiant refusal to look at what needs to change within you. The challenge is to see yourself with fresh eyes, letting old masks fall away.

Equal partnerships: You are likely to jump into - and out of - partnerships, for not only is their appearance an unexpected surprise, but their disappearance can be equally sudden. The function of personal relationships in your life is to disturb ordinary unconsciousness. If you're 'sleeping' lightly, then their appearance is a delight. If you're stuck in habit, or using unconsciousness as an escape from your life, they may well jolt you like an electric cattle prod. If you want relationships to last, you'll need to come and go often. The willingness to establish instant connection, to break that connection when necessary, and then re-establish it later is a hallmark of maturity. Do not cling, nor allow others to cling to you. The challenge is to let go of expectations and live in the here and now.

Contracts, commitments: Commitment is hardly the tenor of this placement. Instead, you leap into contracts - and later break them, often on very short notice. The polarity is

sufficiently extreme that when you're in one state, you can't conceive of ever being in the other. Commitment touches directly on the issue of personal freedom, especially in the arena of spiritual growth. Ordinary commitments too often limit our freedom; and you are very aware of these limitations, determined not to be bound by them. Your challenge is to find a better way, to experience the linking of your higher will with the mundane experience of making a promise. That's no easy task to master; but even the contradictions can teach you about the extraordinary freedom that comes from true commitment.

**Co-operation** When you flow calmly, you are a joy to be with, since your boundaries are so clear, and yet your natural willingness and interest in interaction causes others to feel completely safe with you. When resistant, however, there is no-one more rigid and defiant. In those moments, you would cut off your nose to spite your own face rather than engage in a substantive co-operation. What makes this placement fascinating is the switch from one posture to the other. It can take even you very much by surprise. Your challenge is to flow with the changes. When you are unco-operative, go away - you need separateness and a sense of freedom. When you again feel co-operative, return to sharing.

**Natural partner or partnership:** Your natural partner is different from other people you've met in your life, an individual who stands apart in your mind, distinguished by independence and a distinctly revolutionary bent, a crusader for change. His or her personality should also be more than a little unpredictable, keeping you on your toes.

A natural partnership awakens you to new possibilities within yourself, and leads to uncharted territory. Your partnership causes you to want to throw off the shackles of false security, to reach for true freedom through the discoveries sharing can provide. The image is an electrical generator.

## Neptune ♆ in ♑ Capricorn 18° 58'

(Skye Alexander)

Neptune entered Capricorn in January 1984 and remained there until November 1998 (except for brief periods between June and November 1984, and February to August 1998). Capricorn is connected with conservatism, traditions, the past, business, materialism, work and career success, banking, government, stability, realism and practicality. Therefore, these are the issues that become important and fashionable during Neptune's passage through this sign. They are also the areas, however, where illusions, confusion, disintegration, disillusionment and deception are likely to occur.

As Neptune moved into Capricorn, the collective unconscious became attuned to

conservatism and materialism. This mass response resulted in a return to traditional values and attitudes, and a renewed emphasis on financial growth and material success. Conservative politicians gained control, liberal social programs and issues were pushed aside, and laws and policies that benefitted big businesses were implemented. International banks expanded their power. In the United States, making money was more desirable than ever; and how much you were paid for your work became more important than what you did. Investment plans and tax shelters proliferated, 'networking' parties to make business contacts became chic, and finances, real estate profits, stocks, etc. were popular topics of conversation. Greed was fashionable, being poor became a disgrace, and the Reagan administration epitomized this attitude.

This trend toward traditionalism also brought about a resurgence of fundamental religions; and a renewed interest in the past was reflected in historical movies and books. Antique furniture and even traditional, classic clothes became fashionable again.

Neptune was last in Capricorn from about 1820 to 1834. This coincided with the Classic Revival period in architecture and furniture, when ancient Greek, Italian and Egyptian motifs were incorporated into current designs. Historical novels became popular, too; and in the United States there was increased interest in preserving and edifying the nation's historic buildings and sites. This also coincided with the founding of F.C. Lowell's textile mills in Massachusetts and the beginning of America's Industrial Revolution. Materialism was rampant and fashionable, leading Washington Irving to coin the phrase 'the Almighty Dollar'.

However, unseen and insidious ills were obscured by the rosy haze of Neptunian fantasies and flattery. Unchecked capitalism destroyed small businesses and undermined the free enterprise system itself. Relaxed regulations allowed corporations to damage the health of their employees and the environment. Tax breaks for businesses and the rich forced greater burdens on the poor and middle classes. Unsound economic policies created financial instability in many wealthy and developing countries, and produced a dangerously inflated national debt in America.

Those of you who have this planetary placement in your birth charts idealize all things associated with Capricorn. Your generation dreams of great wealth, success, social status and stability, but although you desire these things very much, they seem to elude you and are, perhaps, the most difficult things for you to achieve. Or, if you do achieve success you may find it's not all that you'd expected. When those of you who have Neptune in Capricorn reach adulthood, you may be confronted with financial burdens and a worldwide shortage of natural resources that are the legacy of earlier, wasteful generations. Because of declining birthrates in the developed countries, there will be fewer working people in the future to support a larger number of elderly, and maintaining social services might require individual monetary sacrifices. Economic stability - personal and / or national - could become an unattainable dream.

Neptune always involves some sort of sacrifice and signifies a conflict between ideals and reality. Those of you with Neptune in Capricorn might have to sacrifice your ideals and illusions of wealth and accept more conservative, practical and realistic lifestyles in a time of material scarcity. Or, you may come to an understanding that the physical world is just an illusion, that money doesn't bring happiness, and find contentment through relinquishing your desire for material things.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune in Capricorn indicates a period in which world government was in chaos and economic and political structures were brought to their knees. Out of this chaos and suffering came true spiritual responsibility and discipline, which is expressed in practical dealings.

People no longer have the luxury of abstract Sagittarian spirituality. In order to survive, they are forced to incorporate spirituality into their practical lives. Through these experiences of the karmic summing-up of the Piscean age, many of those who survived reached new heights of spiritual attainment.

New forms of government and political concepts were brought into being out of necessity. The end of this period produced the beginning of world government.

(Grant Lewi) - Note: this entry was expanded by Dr. Gordon Melton, editor of the 1990 edition

This combination resembles footprints in the sand: visible until the tide washes the beach clean. Strong intuition in business matters, even real genius, is qualified by possible miserliness and a penchant for fuzzy-headed schemes (the motives of which are always mixed). A barrage of LBOs sent the corporate world into a dither, and there was generally an attraction to conspiring against institution, fraudulently if necessary. There was heightened perception of opportunity, and the wherewithal to take advantage of it.

Neptune always has a strong Pisces side, regardless of what sign it is in, and connotes integration of the life function, a translation of consciousness from what is possible to what is real. Pisces is also the sign of boundaries. All too easily, with Neptune in Capricorn, you lose yourself in pursuit of opportunity. There is a nagging warning not to sell out or bargain with alien needs. You evince a subtle martyrdom to mass prerogatives. Too easily you may be tempted by peers to veer from your course. Neptune in Capricorn warns against a lack of self-determination which challenges all people embarked on the quest of self-knowledge. Be careful you don't end up with agendas and priorities you don't understand, much less can't execute. Regularly assess the nature of your needs. To what extent have you taken on dependencies or distasteful customs, having let your convictions be manipulated by the forces of 'a foolish

consistency'? Do not confuse usefulness with bondage or enslavement.

Neptune in Capricorn is characteristically revealed in drugs, both trafficking and addition, small- and large-scale. Being out of touch with the Self fuels a need to anesthetize pain. You compare yourself to others: athletes who think they cannot compete without steroids, teachers who loath learning because they cannot admit any capacity for error. There is a battle of learning versus suppression. Consider the People's insurrections against repressive government throughout the world in 1989, most successfully in Europe, horribly in China and Tiananmen Square, dramatically in Romania with the execution of Nicolai Ceausescu. And consider the flip-side of Neptune in Capricorn relative to these events: entrepreneurs buying up the tumbled Berlin Wall and selling it as souvenirs at \$10 / pound in retail stores (complete with certificate of departure). There were face-offs between the ruthless pragmatism and ambition of narrow-visioned political entities and every individual's genuine need for right and freedom. The Chinese students became Neptune in Capricorn martyrs by throwing themselves at a cause with such conviction and passion. Ask yourself if there are any people whom you permit rulership, anyone who justifies atrocities with a pretence of inalienability - for world events occur in microcosmic form within individuals. Neptune in Capricorn supports the survival of the clever and ambitious; and where it might seem that compassion would mitigate such Darwinian mechanics, beware how quickly kindness is diffused by the paralyzing loneliness which results from seeking salvation in others.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Here Neptune is in an Earth sign, and so the vital issue of the Earth's resources, of the harm that has been done by their exploitation, is powerfully focused. We hope we can save the planet, but it will be up to the children of the 1970s and early 1980s to do so - to right the wrong of many earlier, less caring generations.

We can only assume what the personal implications will be, but it would seem that for someone with Capricorn prominent in his / her chart, the sign's rather strident, severe qualities will be softened, and its rather low emotional level will be heightened.

There may be flair for the creative use of natural materials. Here are people who will be determined but cautious, able to control the negative elements of Neptune so that they will be less vulnerable to escapism, self-deception and taking the easy way out of difficult situations.

(John Townley)

In general, your contemporaries have a rather negative view of love and personal involvement, a certain expectation that disappointment and loss are necessarily involved in any commitment.

Naturally, that does not have to be the case, but it is certainly more likely if you go into an affair with a defeatist attitude. Love can certainly restrict your personal freedom in certain respects, particularly a permanent relationship. However, that restriction should be taken on joyfully and willingly, not as a sacrifice that will be regretted later.

You may find that your attitude toward love is quite different from this negative approach. In that case, you should follow your own direction and take on love without hesitation or worry that it will somehow turn out badly. However the affair proceeds, it does not happen because of the nature of love itself but because of the problems and joys you and your lover develop on your own.

You should thoroughly investigate your peers' preconceptions about love and sex, for they will certainly color and perhaps distort your own attitude. If you understand this, you can be true to yourself and can develop relationships in your own way, unhindered by others' prejudices.

(Robert Hand)

This generation should represent quite a reaction against the previous one. These children will probably idealize work, thrift, practicality and duty rather than the abstract spiritual ideals of the preceding generation. However, they may not be very effective in dealing with practical principles, which may decline considerably, simply because this generation does not deal with them in its daily lives.

Natal Neptune in Aquarius

Note: the books used for the other Neptune sign placements were all published so long before Neptune entered Aquarius that none of them bothered to cover it. Sakoian and Acker's speculations date back some thirty years and I have adapted them a little! Grant Lewi's were presumably courtesy of editorial intervention by the editor to the 1990 edition. Lewi himself died over 50 years ago, and Neptune was last left Aquarius before 1850, over 50 years before he was born!

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Neptune entered the sign Aquarius in 1998, and its tenancy of this sign significantly coincides with that of Uranus here. A new civilization is being born, based on enlightened humanitarianism and on a science using new technology and new forms of energy. The intuitive, clairvoyant faculties of humanity will be highly developed, and universal brotherhood will be established in practical reality.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The gentle characteristics of Neptune should marry well with the humanitarian elements



of Aquarius, but the detached, independent, loving Aquarian traits are poles apart from the sensitive, intuitive emotion of Neptune. Those with the planet wellplaced should be able to get the best of both entirely different worlds.

(Grant Lewi)

Neptune's entrance into Aquarius brings deep interest in humanitarian causes. There is a tendency to messianic feelings of social and economic reconstruction, perhaps an inclination toward dubious methods of accomplishing worthwhile goals (an 'end justifies the means' attitude).

There will be a challenge to understand your true friends apart from manipulative and deceptive acquaintances. Watch yourself that you choose your friends carefully and plan around what you know to be ethically compromising situations. Creative originality will experience a heyday during Neptune's transit of Aquarius. On the personal level, eccentricity will accompany a dynamic of breakthroughs.

Your private life will take on new significance. Neptune in Capricorn fostered a need to insulate yourself against harmful influences. Neptune in Aquarius will ask that we confront dangers more directly. The question will be 'Are we ready for the reality of a greater human fraternity?' Vision will need the ballast of compassion. We will not be able to afford hating those with whom we disagree.

## Neptune ♆ in 8th House

(Marilyn Waram)

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

On the positive side, Neptune in the seventh is another of the artistic combinations. This one may lean particularly toward graphic arts, but any revenue of artistic expression is possible. It is especially positive if spouses can both be artistic, and particularly if they can share this without letting competitiveness spoil it. However, it is most important for the person with Neptune in the seventh to find an artistic outlet for otherwise it is easy to

project and expect the spouse to be wonderfully artistic and creative, whether she wishes to be so or not.

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

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

Another positive expression of Neptune in the seventh or eighth is when spouses share a spiritual quest. They may read and study together, meditate together or support each other in exploration of occult concepts or in deep inner seeking. At any time, one may be more heavily involved, but the other is willing to give sincere support and to share and perhaps to contribute to discoveries. This is one case where a single spouse is not likely to be able to do it all. As one learns and grows and changes, the dynamics of the relationship will change. The partner who is not involved in the growth will be terribly threatened by this and usually seeks to stop the changes, which means undermining or blocking the growth. This rarely works, however, since most people, having once seen a richer way to live, cannot go back. Unless both partners have some say in how the dynamics change, or both agree to keep it the same, the relationship usually grinds to a halt.

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

Such blind faith in the ability of the partner to be the embodiment of all that is beautiful

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

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

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

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

With Neptune in the seventh or eighth, there are all sorts of possibilities for the victim / saviour game to be played. The Neptunian with a strong chart will usually try the saviour role, which means a victim is required. This is a semiconscious procedure; few people

deliberately saddle themselves with a frustrating burden. The saviour usually simply falls in love with someone who seems so deliciously vulnerable and needy, someone who just needs a little propping up here and there in order to be perfect. Only when the illusion begins to crack does the saviour see that the struggling actress wrecks her chances for success with her addiction to drugs; that the talented singer blows his auditions by refusing to co-operate with managers; that the inspired writer won't stick to deadlines; that the sweet, vulnerable creature who is too gentle and loving to hurt anyone is a walking time bomb of repressed anger just waiting to get into another accident; that the charming, childlike waif is determined to remain helpless and actually manages to avoid a great deal of unpleasant responsibility.

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

The Neptunian with a less strong chart will often choose the victim role. Again, the choice is unconscious. Usually the chosen role looks romantic or spiritually worthwhile to the Neptunian, who only wants to create a loving and perfect world. The pitfalls are not apparent ahead of time. The choice which looks like one of sweetness and Christian generosity of spirit may lead to dangerous repression of personal needs and the resultant illnesses, lack of energy, or accidents. The repressed energy is bottled up and the god or goddess is angered - the energy turns inward. The choice which looks like one of loving sacrifice for a troubled partner may well lead to an abusive relationship. The choice which looks like dedication to an ideal may well turn out to be an evasion of worldly responsibilities which is motivated by fear.

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

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

fury directed at them, as the 'victims' lash out in fear and agony at the people who are 'forcing' them to change.

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

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

Neptune in the eighth house is more deeply unconscious than Neptune in the seventh. Again this is a water planet in a water house. With water comes the strong possibility of strange behaviours designed to help the individual cope with needs so uncomfortable they cannot be permitted to become conscious. In the eighth house, planetary urges often have the feel of being 'taboo' in some way which is deeply buried. That is, the individual feels the behaviour is forbidden, feels guilty for considering it, and usually pushes it away from conscious awareness, yet when questioned cannot say why. It is not that the answers, when uncovered, are really all that dreadful, but that they feel dreadful to the individual, and therefore avoidance and evasion seem to be the only safe ways to cope.

The individual with Neptune in the eighth house will need to carefully explore her attitudes towards sexuality, shared money and shared possessions, and emotional power. Carefully, because in the eighth house issues are nearly always buried in layers, and many of the layers are 'red herrings', false hints designed to lead the explorer away from tender areas. It may take professional help to dig into some of the issues, because an objective outsider can often ask important questions which the explorer's mind prefers to hide from. She may discover she expects too much from eighth house issues, or that she gives too much away. She may avoid them due to feeling overwhelmed, an indication that far too much value is placed there. She will need to learn how to continually bring into consciousness her inner values in order to gain freedom from their domination.

(Haydn Paul)

The issue of sexual identity and activity is one which Neptune will confront you with in this position; and this is probably related to that impulse to transcend separatist boundaries of self and body that connects to the realm of the mystic and occultist which is also highlighted here.

If Neptune has challenging planetary aspects, squares or oppositions, and perhaps the conjunction to some degree, then there may be a fear of losing control in sexual intimacy, a blockage prohibiting any abandonment of self to passion and physical sexual activity. Because of an inner inhibition, there can be disappointments in this form of adult sexual behaviour, where the social fascination and emphasis on sex creates an expectation that is rarely fulfilled. Or there may be some confusion related to your own sexual nature, a lack of confidence or experience, a lack of knowing and understanding your own sexual preferences and choices, or of integrating that powerful aspect of your nature into your self-image.

Many individuals keep their sexuality at arm's length, only allowing it to be present in restrictedly allowable circumstances, and not openly acknowledging that dimension of their being; this often occurs when heavy psychological conditioning has influenced their earlier development, such as religious or moral teachings, or feelings that 'sex is dirty and animal-like'. Neptune certainly does not make a definition of sexual feelings and attractions easier to make; it is too fluid and changeable, capable of a variety of different expressions and adaptations; and how one is with one partner can be entirely different with another. Intimacy touches in different 'inner spots', evoking quite varied reactions, often to the surprise of the participants. Part of the challenge facing anyone with this position is to begin to understand what it is they really want from sexual relationships.

This can be further complicated by the activation of Neptunian imagination in themes of sexuality, death, occult mysteries or mystic devotions that can add deep undercurrents to sexual intimacy. A search for peak experiences and total intensity (if they are allowed) can lead to a lack of contentment, as you believe that there are always greater experiences waiting if only the right partner could be found. This can create sexual promiscuity or the impulse to be sexually sacrificial and giving in an unrestrained manner, which can also merge with the need to lose the self in an ecstatic moment, and in so doing to forget the mundane limitations of everyday life.

Human sexuality is a complex theme reflecting a variety of possible psychological patterns; where Neptune is involved, it is virtually impossible to accurately predict the particular way in which it will manifest itself; also patterns can be transformed over time, shifting from one being dominant to another being so, depending on what is evoked by any sexual partner. Desires of being possessed and absorbed in self-abandonment may persist or the desire to possess and control another may be dominant. That overshadowing by a 'greater force' and overlaying of a mystical dimension may be the

operative fascination, where sex is perceived in terms of a mystical quest for union, as in the Tantric traditions, or in aspects of the Western Grail and Arthurian Mysteries. Another extreme could be conscious renunciation of sexual activity, as in celibacy or monastic attitudes, where personal sexual intimacy is offered as a sacrifice to an ideal, given for the reward of purification and redemption to be received as a transformation. Certainly a degree of understanding and integration of Neptune in this house is essential for personal well-being and psychological health.

Occult interests are likely to be attractive to you; there is probably a powerful psychic nature that you can access, and you may receive information from inner guidance. You may be very psychically open, and this can cause certain problems of absorption of energies and impressions from your environment, but these can be filtered out by means of psychic protective actions. Loss of separative boundaries may occur as the individual consciousness merges with the universal one, especially if you are following a path of conscious development through meditation and occult experimentation. At least, glimpses of something other than and beyond the material world will become common, although you may have to be wary of occult glammers and illusions leading you into a fool's paradise and inflated sense of ego. Discrimination is vital in such inner enquiry, as is a sense of humour which is deflating and a lack of pomposity and tendencies towards self-aggrandisement!

Death may exert a peculiar fascination, as can the more taboo areas of life; and there can be self-destructive tendencies too, although these are often common in the strange inner worlds of mystics and occultists as part of the impulse to transcend and live intensely through the rush to experience 'as many lifetimes' worth of experience into one life as possible'. The taboo attraction can be summed up as 'if anyone tells me not to look at something, then I'll be first in the queue, and will not leave until I have satiated my thirst for the forbidden'.

Money and legacies may also be reflected by this position of natal Neptune; and there may be distortions, contentious issues, deceptions associated with this, or simply an inability to become clear as to your own personal values regarding money and the material level of existence. Greater clarity may be required; and care must be taken to maintain good family relationships if inheritances become a disputed issue.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people are often good with money, capable of gaining it through gambling, investing in the stock market, or luck or intuition, though they are usually better at making it than keeping it, being inclined to lose it through neglect, ignorance, or being taken advantage of, rather than through overspending. They are inclined to be very tight with money, and then lose it through peculiar circumstances. This position can promise inheritance, but aspects must be very good for it to come through. The money may be less than expected, or take so long to materialise that it isn't worth it in the long run.

Early loss of a loved one or a brush with death can cause them to develop a sober philosophy of life. Sometimes this Neptune position indicates an early death, or an unusual death, or both; through, again, there must be other factors that reinforce this for it to be a serious consideration. It is dangerous for these people to drink or take drugs, as it could prove fatal.

The father often has a heavy influence on the life. Either he dies young or leaves the home, or he may be an embarrassment in some way. Sometimes he is too much of a hero, making it difficult to follow in his footsteps or, for those seeking a male partner, to find someone who can live up to his standard.

There is generally a fascination with politics or religion. Politics is not usually fruitful unless other political aspects are very good. It is hard for them to muster sufficient support to create a solid political base. If it is there for a while, it may fluctuate or erode. There is a shyness, an inability to reveal the true self here that makes the self-exposure of politics difficult.

Religion interests them, but they generally have their own personal philosophy and find it hard to join a group. Although they would like to do so for the social aspect, doctrinal differences get in the way. There is a loneliness to this position. There is a craving for community and family life, things that unfortunately often elude them. There is an element of self-sacrifice here as well. They may give up money for love, or love for money. Somewhere along the line, painful sacrifice will be required.

Dreams are real to them. They get important messages through dreams. They may see ghosts, see things on the astral plane, or experience ESP in some way.

(Howard Sasportas)

If Neptune can't be at home in the 12th, his next favourite house is that of his close brother Pluto, the 8th. Neptune's main thrust is the loss of boundaries and separateness: what better place to do this than in the house of sex, sharing and intimacy. And as a means of alleviating Neptune's perennial divine homesickness, the 8th house's association with death does the job quite well.

Freud made us aware that many seemingly innocent things can be symbolic of our sexual drive and interests. For instance, if you dream of smoking a cigar, is that really a cigar you are thinking of? However, it is also the case that sex itself may be symbolic. With Neptune in the 8th, sex, rather than just simply being enjoyed for its own sake, is often the means to alleviate other very pressing psychological concerns.

For those with Neptune in this house, sex is a way of merging with other people, and hence transcending the limits of the isolated self. Either through losing their own



boundaries or through engulfing those of another, they relieve much more than just a physiological tension. Reminiscent of the rites of Dionysus, in the throes of physical love, they satisfy the need to abandon and forget themselves. Sex is also a way of loosening the reins of personal control and responsibility for the self. They are captured and captivated by another; they are carried away by a force more powerful than themselves. It is a form of worship and reverence, a kind of divine seduction, which brings home to them that something exists which is even bigger and greater than they are.

With Neptune in the 8th, physical intimacy is also a respite from loneliness; and much of the promiscuity and indiscretion associated with this placement may stem from this motive. Some may also feel that giving themselves sexually is a way of serving, pleasing or even healing others. It can also be a very convenient way of escaping from problems in other areas of the life.

I have seen many cases of people with this placement who are confused about their sexual identities. Neptune is so diffuse, so adaptable, so fluid and so shaped by its container, that they have difficulty knowing exactly what it is they do want. Conversely, problematical aspects to Neptune (from Saturn, for instance) also suggest a fear of letting go - a tension between holding on to boundaries and losing them. Some may even feel the need to transcend their libidinal desires altogether for the sake of channelling these energies in other directions. For others, sex may seem like a disappointment, and not quite as wonderful as it looks in the movies or what they read in books or hear from friends about it. And still others may feel their way of purification and redemption is through sacrificing a sexual relationship with someone to whom they are strongly attracted. In some instances I have seen, they seemed to always desire and fantasise about people they were not involved with, rather than the person with whom they were engaged in a relationship. Neptune is never that content with what he already has. Besides, if we know a person too well, his or her alien magnetism eventually wears thin.

Many of the same processes apply to the exchange of values between people. Often they hope to gain many material benefits from a partner, but ultimately what is acquired is usually of a much less tangible nature. Strange complications and deceptive circumstances can affect the whole area of the partner's money and joint finances. At times they may be too influenced or even deceived by other people's values, or envious about what others own which they don't. In the end, their greatest satisfaction will come not from accruing other people's possessions but rather by helping another person to develop his or her own values and resources.

It is advisable that they are as straightforward as possible in business dealings; and care should be taken in the selection of business partners. Neptune often brings confusion; and when signing contracts, the two parties should clarify exactly what the agreement is. Economic losses and gains will have an important psychological impact, and ultimately could impel them to find their security and salvation inwardly in values other than the

material. In any case, they are well-advised to seek advice before making financial investments and in all issues concerning inheritance and taxation.)

When Neptune is in any of the Water houses, the person is extremely sensitive to and influenced by undercurrents and feelings in the atmosphere. Depending on the aspects to Neptune, the experience of intangible and non-material forces can operate constructively or destructively. In positive cases, the person will receive guidance and inspiration as if out of nowhere or may be open to valuable instruction through dreams. It is as if they tap into an invisible realm where expanded vision and understanding becomes available just at the times when such broadened awareness is most necessary. For this reason, they can also serve as sources of comfort and inspiration for others who are experiencing crises. However, the psychic openness of this position can manifest in less desirable ways. In a few instances, they may feel 'possessed' - as if they have been taken over by something powerful outside themselves. Sometimes they may receive deceptive or misleading guidance from some other dimension.

## Pluto ♇ in ♋ Cancer 26° 52'

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

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

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

(Steven Forrest)

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

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

We've entered modern territory at this point. As I write, lots of people with Pluto in Cancer are still living quite vigorously. Even though I made the point earlier, I want to re-

emphasize that in speaking of Pluto's sign placement in a given chart, we're really getting information about an entire generation - the social context in which the person's life is unfolding. The Pluto-in-Cancer qualities, for instance, stand out most starkly in people in whom the Plutonian energy is very strong - the planet is conjunct their Suns or Ascendants, for example - or in people for whom the rest of their natal chart suggests a strong natural resonance with those Plutonian sign qualities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'helping' him despite the protests of her friends.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

human spirit, the ancient beast was plotting... and in this case, it was against the very creatures who needed nurture.

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

(Skye Alexander)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Pluto ♅ in 2nd House

(Ginger Chalford)

As a child, but more often as an adolescent, people can be very self-critical about their own worth and value. 'Am I good enough?' is a common anxiety to teens, as they compare themselves with other popular, good-looking and successful young people. Well remembered by every adult, this time is fraught with concern over one's selfimage and how others are responding to it. Even though insecure, most adolescents will try to cover it up, pretending to be strong. This 'show' or game can go into adulthood as a habit, leaving adults at the mercy of their peer group's values. Emotions that may betray feelings of insignificance or low self-esteem are repressed or simply denied. Asking for affection can display weakness, and so affection may be hard to come by, too.

Usually, to compensate for feelings of inferiority or unworthiness, people strive to get self-validation from outside, from others. This includes getting possessions that are 'in' (be the first on your block!), or dating a popular person. A teenage boy gets a car and shows it to his friends, getting more social status. A girl may dress in the latest fashions, evoking an envious response from the other girls, and inviting male interest. Beauty and popularity are foremost; and those who have it flaunt it. Others without such natural assets have to accumulate some of their own in order to establish their self-worth and a positive self-image. Second house Pluto people may acquire possessions that can be shown off to advantage, or display talents that inspire the admiration of others. Possessions mean power. They mean validation, as in 'you're okay, since you have such neat things'. This is an elementary form of influencing and controlling others through money or things, of impressing others with a show.

This pattern shows up in adulthood as individuals strive for success, not for the pleasure of it, but for the rewards that justify and validate them. The rewards indicate that they are 'okay'. This motivation to struggle to the top CAN draw out natural talents and resources of the individual (which are plentiful given this Pluto position, as we'll see later), but that still does nothing to raise this person's level of self-esteem. Insecure, these people can be really slick and slimey business-wise, willing to go to whatever extremes are necessary just to pull a buck or a reward out of something or someone.

These people, not trusting themselves, will seldom trust others; but when they do, they will be victimised by them! There is a show of generosity to impress others, who may then turn around and steal from the Pluto individual, or retaliate in some way. There is often no recourse for the Pluto person, as there may be an 'inside' or possibly even illegal aspect to the transaction. Victimised and isolated, the Pluto second house sufferer has justification for not trusting anyone ever again.

The reflections of a poor self-image can be extreme. On the one hand, these natives can be broke frequently, struggling to pull together their inner resources and turn around those financial landslides. These second house Pluto people may even turn down job offers out of insecurity, a fear of incapability, or out of an inflated sense of what type of work they must have in order to get the validation they need to prove to themselves they are worthy. This person gives the appearance of being very picky, without being able to afford that attitude, being virtually destitute. Also, they will balk at the idea of commitment to a job or work program, since they do not have the necessary self-knowledge to clearly make a good decision for themselves. Their insecurity and lack of self-trust can make it difficult to attract good opportunities. Generally, these people are the chronic complainers who are always in the midst of financial crisis or breakdown. Yes, they DO survive, but anything beyond that - such as a luxury, for example - is denied them. Indeed, they often have financial losses just before their anticipated successes. This is a result of a failure of self-confidence and self-trust.

The other extreme of this Pluto placement involves the struggle for domination over money. If self-worth is such an issue, those people with large amounts of energy are going to work and struggle really hard in order to make a lot of money, which will enable them to not have to think about money ever again. This sends them on a work pace that is never-ending, for they may not be able to judge when they have enough money to be secure and happy, and thus keep on working. That stopping point, if there can indeed be one, can only be recognised when the person has sufficient selfworth. Then she / he knows when to stop! But the Pluto second house struggler misses that grand finish, and one million dollars just doesn't become enough. Neither does the second million dollars. Neither do the summer vacation houses, or the four Mercedes cars, the servants, the private beach. None of the glitter will fill up that inner hole in the psyche, or cause the person to say "I am worthy, and I am unique, significant, and important to myself - and my knowing this is all that truly matters". Although the behaviour of people driven by insecurity can look terrific - they can be superachievers, super-manipulators, etc. - the motivation will still trip them up at some point, especially when they begin to realise that they are not really fulfilled with owning impressive things (this includes spouses too) and knowing famous people. Then they will be faced with a self-image crisis, and will have to re-evaluate their feelings of worthiness. Those who never come to realise this discrepancy between motivation and results will drive themselves into the financial ground, and will burn out their energy, their resources and / or their bodies by literally working themselves or their spouses to disease and death. The disease of cancer is often a companion to mischanneled Pluto energy, as it is one of degeneration - a Plutonian principle.

Fortunately, a positive use of Plutonian principles and power will bring in great results much more easily. The incredible amount of resources available to second house Pluto people is simply staggering. They can utilise things which others have given up as useless. They have ingenious abilities to revitalise a dying company or concern, to turn it around and make a sizeable profit out of it. They are able to turn financial tides around, in their own sphere as well as in their extended environment (which includes family and friends). They are not possessive, as the negative Plutousers are, for they are basically secure in themselves. They are selective with their trust, and seldom get 'burned' by others, since they have a clear head and reliable intuition upon which to base their decision whether to trust or not. They have what is known in common lingo as 'street smarts'. They have extraordinary talents with their hands, and can indeed do well at anything that interests them.

The amount of money they make, and the amount of prestige and power they get in society, reflects rather than validates their own inner sense of worth and self-trust. This appreciation of their own identity enables them to make money easily, without struggle. Their investments will tend to bring high returns and work for them (instead of them having to work for their money). Even when beset with legal difficulties, the final outcome is all right, and doesn't shock the self-worth. If all their possessions are taken away from them, such as in a divorce case, etc., they know that they can rely on themselves to



build their resources back up again. They know they have the power and strength to do that, so the loss is one of possessions, not of self-image. They are not crushed, but pick up their power and ability to act and go on.

Later in life, their interests will turn from mundane financial concerns to higher values. They may become interested in inner growth, with metaphysical values and attitudes becoming more important than material ones. However, if this metaphysical interest comes too early in life, before a comfortable financial position is attained, there tends to be a reluctance or resistance towards financial success, for they will often get involved with the personal negative ego and thereby fall back into negative personality patterns (see above). Pluto here must be grounded by financial success and self-worth in the natural house of Taurus, a foundation house, so that spiritual values will not be warped by material concerns. Individuals who have this placement will experience unexpected financial shifts that tend towards the positive end of the spectrum, rather than the negative, disastrous end. Still, at times these individuals, whether they are thinking negatively or positively, will understand and know that resources, money, etc. can be had easily, without struggle or pain. It's only the attitude that makes the difference in the results! Most of the obvious events experienced by the Pluto second house person are covered in the previous paragraphs. Briefly speaking, the negative possibilities include: sudden financial losses just before an anticipated success; financial breakdowns and landslides; denial of resources and money; inability to develop their natural talents for some reason; risks brought on by greed; being bilked by a shyster; possessiveness; and legal difficulties, particularly if underground activities are occurring. These problems reflect the restriction of resources in one way or another, and they often come about from the attitude that the struggle involved in getting something gives it value. Without struggle, there is no value, no importance, no significance. This attitude stems from a lack of inner self-trust and self-worth. On the positive side, Pluto second house experiences include: the appearance of financial partners when they are needed; an ability to revive faltering financial ventures; control of large investments, great talent and the power to develop it; high returns on investments; and the discovery of higher metaphysical values.

Many of the above patterns can be seen during a Pluto transit of the second house. For some people, Pluto moving through this house can create a conflict between the value systems of the individual and his or her parents. Throughout this transit, values will be overhauled, and the individual to whom this is happening should be prepared to change willingly. Pluto, just as importantly, will bring in the new values which are destined to create more power through the use of natural resources (such as inner talents). As this transit takes several years, the metamorphosis can proceed slowly and thoroughly - it would be hoped to be completed by the time Pluto moves on. Yet, this completion will always be subject to re-evaluation and change, since the process of examining and shifting principles and values is an evolving one. Any events in the life during this time will hinge upon the individual's estimation of his or her self-worth. A good self-review and positive self-image will create pleasing, exciting, and dynamically powerful changes and

events.

Clarity of one's inner values and sense of self-worth will save many an individual from the onslaughts of Pluto power in the second house. If you have this placement, you'll need to develop self-trust and self-esteem. Start by making a list of your natural abilities. What are you good at doing? What natural talents did you have as a child or adolescent, but never developed? If you had to borrow a thousand dollars tomorrow, from how many sources could you get it? How many people support you in what you want to do? Answer all these questions to the best of your ability. Reflect on them. How can you incorporate any undeveloped talents into your life now? How can you expand the number of people who make up your resource group? How do you feel about using people as a resource.

Now look at your self-trust and self-confidence. Monitor each Tuesday for seven Tuesdays in a row, to see how and when you are confident and self-trusting, as well as how and when you aren't. Write down at least six examples of each, at the end of the day. Notice the areas of your life in which you are usually confident, and those in which you aren't. You cannot have zero self-confidence - if you did, you wouldn't have survived to this point! Recognise that your self-worth, self-trust and self-confidence are selective, working positively in some areas and negatively in others.

Examine your self-confident areas, and the talents that you know you have. Tune into the feeling of what it's like to be self-trusting. When you can really feel it, transfer this feeling over to the areas in which you don't think of yourself as worthy or confident. Imagine now that you are confident in these areas. How does it feel? Write this down, so you can refer to it later. Now imagine yourself in the future, say two or three years from now. Imagine that you're confident in those areas where you previously didn't trust yourself. Feel how great this is! Enjoy yourself in this visualisation. Write down anything that you have seen in this imagined scenario, or any emotions you felt. Keep this for reference; and whenever you feel discouraged about this area of your life in the future, pull out what you have written and let it remind you what it feels like to be free of your anxieties. Get those good feelings going again! With a little practice, you will be able to more easily turn on your confidence when you feel the need for it. You will trust yourself more; and important things will start working out better for you. To reinforce this technique, you can (once a week is good) imagine being your confident, successful self - feeling good, feeling on top of things, etc.. Step out of it back into your current image. Step into the more pleasant image once more. Step back out of it again, back into your present self-image. Now drain all the colour out of your present image, turning it into a black-and-white picture. Imagine your current scenario with a chorus line of dancing elephants or something else silly in it. This can take away some of the seriousness of the situation. Now return to the more confident image, and fill it with colour. Make it more realistic than the other image. Touch it, smell it, taste it and hear it, as well as seeing it. This will reprogram your mind to accept the more confident and favourable self-image as the truer one. And as this happens, the circumstances around you will come to reflect the new image, creating for you a more positive reality!

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Sex is the force that individualises these people. It brings experiences that enable them to grow. It will be the road to power for some, and for some the road to despair and ruin - aspects will help to indicate which. They know this instinctively and therefore may fear sex and attempt to repress it. Almost always, they are very cautious with it, attempting to conceal its effect on them. They possess a compelling sexual charisma that does not always attract the ones they want. They may attract dangerous types or people who are not good for them, or who take advantage of them. They are apt to be sensualists and love good food, wine, and comfortable, active surroundings, including attractive companions. They are compelled into situations by their sexuality. Yet, at the same time, they are afraid of it, so they are liable to ignore, frustrate, or repress it, and this can cause them to take odd turns. They may turn to alcohol or drugs to relieve the pressure. If the sex drive is heavily repressed (as indicated by hard aspects to Saturn), their natural sensuality can turn to obsession, S. & M., cruelty, or hysterics. This is a good aspect for artists and writers, since these activities give a creative outlet for a sensuality that can be dangerous if given free rein, and equally destructive if repressed. They make good generals, as control of sexuality is a necessity of army life, and sexual repression a source of power; and they instinctively know how to channel their own repressed urges and those of others. They are often sexually attracted to those who are forbidden in some way, those of a different race, much younger, much older, married to someone else, or who come from a more primitive, less-educated or less-cultured background, or who gamble or are violent. They crave the excitement of the unknown at the same time as they fear it. They will be much happier if they can accept their sexuality and allow it some freedom. They will be healthier and less liable to personality and emotional problems. Unfortunately they are inclined to go to extremes, and so if they don't repress it, they may flaunt it. It is best if they channel it into art, painting, sculpture, music, or writing. They can get involved with illegal, immoral, or dangerous methods of obtaining income, or become involved with someone who does. Although in general they are not highly acquisitive, pretty much taking what life has to offer without asking for more, they are capable of conceiving a passion for some object (or person) and going to great lengths to acquire it. It is wise for anyone with Pluto in the second to be cautious about maintaining accurate records, because these people are vulnerable to tax audit.

(Robert Pelletier)

You place much emphasis on accumulating possessions, because they give you an artificial sense of power. Regardless of your motives for acquiring these resources, you risk incurring other people's resentment if you use your assets to enforce your will. It is natural for people to fear and resent someone who uses this kind of advantage. You generally get what you want by impressing people in important positions that you can accomplish almost anything if given the opportunity. You should have little difficulty with superiors, for they will delegate to you the necessary authority to satisfy their objectives.

You have the savoir-faire to use your skills effectively and attain the limits of your potentials. You will probably succeed because you are not afraid to take chances in demonstrating your abilities, which you do with dramatic flair. You realise the importance of making some contribution to fulfil your social obligations. Perhaps you are motivated by a feeling of guilt for having prospered at the expense of the public, or perhaps you understand and want to help solve the awesome problems of society. You doubtless will have everything you need to enjoy a fairly early retirement; and your free time will allow you to become involved in the needs of the public.

You have a powerful urge to be secure and totally independent of others. You will probably make investments or invest in a retirement plan that will assure you of this goal. But you will attract hangers-on who will try to talk you into sharing your bounty with them. The only way this could be a problem is if you've accepted favours in the past that you must repay. You know your abilities and your limits. However, the important factor is love, which may have inspired you to succeed. The need to serve your children's best interests will certainly be a major consideration as you exploit your creative talents to the fullest.

It will take a lot of moral fortitude to resist the temptation to get what you want through collusion or by issuing ultimatums. But with some religious training or spiritual awareness, you can easily achieve your goals without resorting to those methods. You've probably had to work hard to learn as much as you have; and you pride yourself on being a self-made person. You understand the power associated with money, and you also recognise the social responsibility this entail. Your intuition will help you make wise investments, both for yourself and in counselling others. You put a high premium on your services because you know you can get the results people want. When the price is right, you don't deny yourself whatever you can get, either in acquiring worldly goods or in satisfying physical desires.

Try to communicate with people in terms that they can understand. Learn to relate to others and encourage them to trust you. You can be a positive force, helping people gain confidence to seek their own destinies. A little sharing can pay big dividends when you observe the fruits of your efforts to help people who need your stimulating encouragement. You cannot fail to win their appreciation. Don't be afraid to ask how you can help, for the chances are you can do much more than you realise. (Steven Forrest) In the tradition, the second house is often called the 'House of Money'. In practice, that's a valid association, provided we keep the idea in perspective. Here, as in many other areas of astrological interest, I find it helpful to recall that astrology is far older than human culture. I'm not speaking of the knowledge of astrology, but rather of the astrological mechanism itself. Primitive hominids nuzzling around the Olduvai Gorge a couple of million years ago had birth charts and responded to astrological stimuli. They didn't know it, of course, any more than does a modern Senator or physics professor. What did 'money' mean to that hominid, ages before the first VISA card? The best answer is probably food, rocks to throw, perhaps a warm animal hide to wear on a

cold night. And how did that hominid feel if he had those resources in abundance? Probably pretty good. Confident. And if he lacked them? Insecure.

That's the core logic of the second house. To feel self-assured, we must feel that we are prepared and equipped to face the requirements of life. We need resources, both materially and in terms of skills, connections, and knowledge. Money is certainly one such resource, but far from the only one. With any planet in the second house, the skills, connections, and knowledge most naturally associated with that planet are at the heart of the matter for us when it comes to maintaining a pleasant feeling of legitimacy, self-respect and capability.

Pluto in the second house? Let's have a look....Your high destiny: Every Age has its folk wisdom. Some if it is truly eternal and precious; some is hooked uniquely to the transitory blind spots of time and culture. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' - that, I think, is in the former category: eternal and precious. 'A woman's place is in the home.' 'Bpys don't cry.' Those nostrums seem less compelling today than they did a couple of generations ago. Here's another nostrum: 'You're good enough just the way you are'. We hear a lot of sentiments along those lines nowadays. How eternal are they? That's hard to say. Certainly exhortations toward loving selfacceptance can serve useful, healing purposes. But they don't help us understand the logic of the second house. Here we face the human need not so much to accept oneself as to prove oneself. How? Each planet has its own story, but with Pluto in the second house, you must prove yourself to yourself in distinctly Plutonian ways. And Pluto, as we have seen, thrives on extremity and intensity. With Pluto in this position, the realisation of your high destiny involves going to your emotional limits. It might literally mean facing the risk of physical death - as for example when a person attains self-respect and self-realisation through climbing a mountain or fighting back against a violent attack or virulent disease. Very often, there is a Plutonian Rite of Passage in which some powerful taboo must be broken - a man or women, for example, marries across a race line or 'comes out' as a gay person in conservative society. And thereby attains dignity.

Earlier in the book, quoting Robert Bly, we spoke of a 'witch' who guards the gate to higher states of energy, keeping out 'wimps' with all her treachery and ferocity. If you have Pluto in the second house, in realising your own high destiny that metaphor has particular relevance for you. Often, for people such as yourself, there is one critical fear-facing, taboo-breaking test that arises, often unexpectedly, like a crossroads in your biography. A friend says, "Let's quit our stinking jobs and move to Europe". If you do, you've crossed the Rubicon. A month later you're making ends meet by serving pizza in Zurich. Everyone you know back at the Insurance Agency thinks you're crazy. Some days you do too. But in that dramatic, taboo-breaking action you've proven something to yourself: that you have inside you the basic resources of survival, that your life did not depend on your job, and that you are far more autonomous than you ever imagined

.Your Distorting Wound: Zen Buddhists say that being born is like setting to sea in a

leaky boat. Unless either you're very young or your Pluto is very weakly placed, you probably don't need me to explain that proverb to you. Life is full of perils; and sooner or later we die. None of that makes anybody very comfortable, and so there is an unspoken collective agreement not to emphasise such Plutonian perspectives in normal conversation. We designate a priestly class to handle those realities for us. We dress them in black, encourage them to wear long faces, and generally don't invite them to our parties.

Ever since you were small, you've had an instinctual sense of the fragility of our circumstances. Second house energy is concerned with arming ourselves against threats; and Pluto is particularly skilled at recognising even the most dreadful of those threats. The linkage of planet and house is very natural here; they reinforce each other. Thus, Pluto in the second house often represents a cautious quality. Caution is a virtue in many ways, but taken to extremes it can cripple a person. And if it is taken to extremes unconsciously, its effects can be devastating. How much fear was in the air in your family home? What was the nature of that fear? These are critical questions. Because your natural awareness of life's fragility was like a vacuum into which your mother's fear and your father's fear rushed. Unprocessed and left unconscious, that fear can profoundly affect your view of life, leaving you hesitant to extend yourself toward your most interesting potentials.

In the state of grace, a child with Pluto in the second house wants experiences of the 'edge'. He or she wants to climb high in a tree, wants to see the scary movie - wants to forge a basis for self-confidence, in other words. But all children are busily forming a view of world based in large part upon parental and communal descriptions of 'what's out there'. The more the child perceives parents motivated by fear, the more he or she internalises a sense of being inadequate and powerless. "If they are scared, I guess I should be too." Complicating this dynamic, we also observe a tendency for any form of abuse, deception or betrayal to immediately lodge as a kind of poison in your second house circuitry - that is, in your self-confidence. Earlier in the book, we raised the question of 'where we carry the Wound', observing that not everyone who suffers the same hurt will bleed from the same place. For you, your self-esteem is the Plutonian lightning rod. The psychological wiring diagram looks something like this: 'There must have been something bad about me or I wouldn't have been hit, lied to, dismissed, ignored, abandoned, and so forth'. Your Navigational Error: The 'beer can' near your existential compass can manifest as a systematic underestimation of your ability to deal with whatever life hurls at you, leading you toward an unnecessary emphasis upon safety, guarantees, and certainty as you navigate through life.

In our culture, money is generally heralded as the ultimate guarantee. Certainly having money does solve a lot of problems - it would be naive to pretend otherwise. But one point is sure: people who make weak responses to their second house Plutos tend to give money too much power in their thinking. They pay too much for money. They squander their lives in safe work that bores them. They fear trading the money they've

earned for joy, experience, and adventure. They imagine that a lack of money prevents them from doing what, in their hearts, they hunger to do. Money becomes a substitute for the inner security that this Plutonian configuration ideally signifies. Often a person going down that money-road will acquire a lot of financial clout. But will these people ever feel secure? Probably not. Furthermore, tawdry circumstances often surround money bought at that price and for that reason: the hint of crime, or shame, or of something that couldn't stand the light of day. Money is only part of the picture. Think of the vast array of factors that help you feel safer in the world. There's a good chance that none of them is an inherently 'bad' thing; and blindly dumping all life's safety nets is certainly not the ideal path for many people. Maybe you come from a traditional extended family, and living near your relatives gives you a sense of wellbeing and security. If so, those people are part of your second house net. Since you have Pluto there, you need to consider whether you are leaning too heavily on that family solidarity. How can you tell? Ask yourself what your dependency on those people is costing you in terms of intensity and fulfilment. Have you avoided looking for work in other states? Are you thinking too much about what the relatives will think when you choose friends, hobbies, belief-systems, clothing? These questions are not always easy to sort out, but there's one sure test: if your Pluto is unhealthy, no matter what house it's in, you'll feel a kind of dull, passionless emptiness in your daily life. If you do, and you have Pluto in the second, you're paying too much for safety somewhere in your life. And it may have nothing to do with money.

The Healing Method: Pluto in the second house must prove itself to itself in extreme, intense circumstances. It demands a Rite of Passage. Earlier, we used the colorful example of a person quitting a boring job and moving to Europe: a scary experience, but she comes back home with a sense of being able to do anything, anywhere.

Pluto laughs at nickel and dime bets. It wants to see big bills on the table. It wants winning to be life-transforming... and the price is that losses are potentially catastrophic. To realise the best that's in your second house, you need to hurl yourself into frightening tests. Many times those tests involve facing your greatest fears. A young man might tell his domineering, shaming father to go to hell... and risk a beating or disinheritance. A woman might confront her boss about his sexual innuendoes, and risk losing her job. These two examples involve the classic Plutonian strategy of speaking the hard truth, eyeball to eyeball, with a person who might not want to hear it.

A man with severely limited eyesight might swallow his fear and travel abroad for an experimental corrective operation. He faces grave risks, but the potential reward is the inestimable resource of sight.

A fifty-year-old woman might take her life savings and use the money to finance going back to school to become a computer programmer. She's scared; and 'voices of reason' are telling her to hang onto that money as a hedge against whatever in her old age. Instead, she invests in herself now... and her old age promises to be vastly happier and

more interesting, and probably more prosperous as well. She trades the resource of money for the greater resources of marketable skills and the kind of selfconfidence that comes from challenges accepted, met, and conquered.

The Energising Vision: Security is an inner state, not an outward one. That's one of the genuinely ultimate truths, so easily lost in a web of lesser truths. Certainly having money in the bank, a good job, credit, and so forth are not to be despised; and you'll not read anything here about holy poverty. Poverty is merely an outward state, and as such is not inherently holier than any other visible condition. But true security is a confident attitude one has toward one's capacity for survival in this universe: an attitude that, come what may, there's an excellent chance I'll be able to land on my feet.

Some of that security derives from practical sources: knowing that we possess an array of skills that make us valuable to others or knowing that we are linked to supportive human networks. Some of it comes from our own history: remembering that we have often managed to improvise methods of survival in dicey circumstances. Some of it comes from possessing the right tools and the knowledge of how to use them. Some small part of this confidence derives from money.

But the lion's share is an internal sense that we are wise enough, cunning enough, fierce enough, creative enough, to deal with whatever comes along. And that confidence can only be forged in a spirit of Plutonian venture and risk.

(Jeff Green)

Pluto in the Second House indicates a prior evolutionary desire and need to develop self-reliance and self-sufficiency. In the broadest sense, the Second House correlates to physical and biological survival of the human species. Just as the species has learned to survive physically by identifying the resources necessary to accomplish this, such as learning to make fire, so have these individuals learned how to identify their own personal resources to sustain themselves. Those with Pluto in the Second House have an extra strong survival instinct as a result. From a biological standpoint, they have a very strong sexual nature because a function of survival is to reproduce the species.

These individuals come into life with an emphasised need to survive and sustain themselves on the physical and, therefore, emotional plane. They will come into this life with a natural self-reliance and natural self-sufficiency. In prior lives they have been learning how to identify their own personal values and needs in order to develop these qualities. Whereas the First House Pluto had to initiate action and experience in order for self-discovery to occur, the Second House Pluto individual has needed to withdraw into him- or herself in past lives and will naturally gravitate to experiences of withdrawal in this life. By withdrawing, these individuals have internalised their conscious focus in order to discover their own values and needs from within.



By remaining rotted (fixed) in themselves, these individuals have experienced, sensed, or discovered their own essence as contrasted with the changing flux of circumstances around them. As a result of this process, these individuals commonly come into this life with what I have called 'frog in the well karma'. In other words, the frog in the well has identified a small piece of the sky - that which it can see from the bottom of the well. Furthermore, the frog has identified this small piece of the sky as the entire universe. The frog, of course, is quite secure and safe in the bottom of the well. In the same way, these individuals come into this life with a limited vision or knowledge about themselves and life in general. This limited vision is known, familiar and secure. Thus, there is a reliance upon this limited vision because it 'works'. This reliance upon the past can create an inertia or laziness, and a resistance to jumping out of the well. The degree of resistance and limited vision is relative to the mitigating factors determined by the signature of the main karmic / evolutionary dynamic in each birth chart. As an example, if the South Node is in Gemini the degree of resistance and limited vision would be less severe as contrasted with the South Node in Capricorn.

Relative to physical survival, those individuals in a herd state evolutionary condition tend to identify material values as a vehicle to self-sustainment. We can see the implied limitation here. Others in the individuated evolutionary condition have learned to identify themselves as the resource creating the means to self-sustainment. Those in the spiritual or universal evolutionary condition have learned that the Source or Universe provides that which they need in order to sustain themselves when one is receptive to that provision. They commonly isolate themselves from the environment and others in order to concentrate upon their relationship to the Source.

In all cases, limitation is implied. For those who have related to material values as a means for self-preservation or self-sustainment, the limitations are the values themselves. The material needs and desires for these individuals can be a bottomless pit because they believe that physical security brings emotional security. Relative to the fear of loss intrinsic to Pluto, there is a subconscious fear of losing (or not having enough) material goods. Possessions and money equal power because of the status that is implied in material wealth. Some of these people are not beyond manipulating the possessions, resources, or money of others in order to gain them for themselves. Others are not beyond forming vicarious relationships to situations or people who represent, or are the embodiment of, this kind of power and status. In other words, some of these people have identified that they have these needs and desires, yet are too lazy to make the necessary effort to create the resources for themselves. It is easier not to do so. Instead they form vicarious relationships to others who have such resources, and become extensions of their identities and values.

A small percentage of those that manipulate the resources of others to gain those resources for themselves have used very devious or underhanded tactics to do so. A small percentage of those who have made minimal or no efforts to actualise their material needs may live beyond their means; driving the fancy sports car they cannot

afford, charging the limit of their credit cards, going into debt. Individuals who have made the necessary effort to actualise their material needs can accumulate vast sums of money and possessions due to the concentration (Pluto) upon the desire and effort.

With the polarity point being the Eighth House, the evolutionary intent will lead these individuals into intense internal and external confrontations. Such confrontations will reveal the limitations implied in their value systems, in how they have learned to relate to themselves, and how they have identified the nature of their personal reality - the frog in the well.

For those who have amassed wealth, the shock of confrontation will involve the realisation that material abundance does not equal happiness or emotional security. The Eighth House, and Pluto itself, evokes or symbolises the awareness of deeper levels of reality; that there is more to life than material values.

Those who used devious means to obtain wealth will be haunted to their graves by a gnawing sense of guilt. Guilt would serve to shine a light upon the internal motivations leading to this situation. This in turn can lead to deep internal shocks of self-knowledge because these individuals have been typically 'unconscious' of these deeper motivational forces. In other cases, the wealth may be taken from the individual in order to enforce a re-evaluation of their value system. The issue of selfreliance is then experienced in a new way.

Under some evolutionary and karmic conditions, individuals with a second-house Pluto are born into difficult material conditions of lack in order to enforce lessons of self-reliance. In other cases, some individuals will be born into life situations in which there is wealth linked to the parents but they are denied the material resources because they are not able to relate to their parents' values, or cannot conform to the dictates of the parents' desires. In a few rare cases, the individual experience the shock of imprisonment if criminal means were used to acquire the material wealth. In other cases the individual will be made to struggle throughout the entire lifetime for material security. No matter how much effort they put into sustaining themselves, prior karmic causes will dictate that they live or survive on a marginal basis. An overall evaluation of the entire evolutionary / karmic issues pertaining to the individual's past must be made in order to understand the reasons why any or all of these conditions exist in this life.

For those who have been living beyond their means, the Eighth House polarity will at some point produce shocks of repossession because of the compulsive spending patterns. If material goods are repossessed, or if the individual experiences the increasing pressure to keep making money to pay for these material goods (which are a form of bondage), then at some point the internal or external shocks experienced may produce the necessary awareness as to why they are operating in this way. Again, the frog is forced from the well.

For those who have identified themselves as the resource for self-sustainment, i.e. some talent, capacity, or ability, then the Eighth House polarity enforces the lesson of merging with another or others. These individuals must open up to other people or situations through ways in which their own personal limitations and ways of relating to reality are exposed. They will have a deep sense of who they are, and they will relate to themselves and others from this more or less fixed sense of self-definition. This attitude not only produces self-limitation, but also produces personal isolation. These individuals may have identified their essence, their capabilities, their personal values; but if they do not know how to implement or apply them to 'forces' outside themselves, i.e. society and other people, then the Eighth House confrontation of limitation, denial or isolation will occur. It may be wonderful to have natural talent as a potter, yet if the effort is not made to integrate, apply, or link the ability to societal needs in ways that are compatible with others' value systems, it will not be possible to sustain oneself with that ability. Evolutionary and karmic necessity will create the effect of denying the individual's ability to sustain him- or herself relative to the intrinsic capability that they possess in order to do so.

Individuals with a spiritual focus must learn to open up to new rituals, techniques or methods that allow for a further deepening of their spiritual commitment. They must also learn to share their spiritual resources with others in some way, rather than living in isolation and nurturing only themselves. By their opening up and sharing themselves, a metamorphosis occurs due to the implied limitations from the past. If they do not learn to open up and share, then the Source or Universal will cease to provide the material needs necessary to sustain themselves. In addition, the small piece of the Universal sky that they have identified from their wells will progressively become filled with the clouds of stagnation. As a result, the deep inner core of spiritual sustenance will dry up. The resulting inner confrontation can produce the necessary metamorphosis through which these individuals open themselves up to their karmic and evolutionary requirements.

In all cases the Eighth House polarity point demands a confrontation with personal limitations. The frog must be forced from the well to expose it to the full light of day. This process occurs by forcing the individual in upon itself in some way to examine the internal dynamics that are creating these life situations. Thus, they are being forced out from the well to examine the larger and deeper forces at work within them: the motivational patterns and the reasons for those motivational patterns, their desires and the reasons for those desires, how they have been relating to themselves and why they have been relating to themselves in that way, what resources they have identified with in order to sustain themselves and why those resources, and what personal values they have identified with and why those particular values. By doing so, these individuals create the potential for a total metamorphosis: to bring about a totally new way of relating to themselves, others, and reality in general. In this way, these individuals can adopt redefined value systems that allow for the necessary growth to occur. This natural evolutionary process occurs in such a way that these individuals subconsciously draw or attract life situations in which they experience the limitations associated with their value

systems, needs, self-image, and the ways that they have been relating to themselves and others. The personal implosion that this produces forces the individual to examine all of these dynamics in order to find out why they have identified themselves in a particular manner.

Progressively these individuals will learn to unite their own resources and lives with others so that a personal transformation can occur; a transformation of limitations. Because of the implied inertia of the evolutionary past, changes occur slowly. Most of these individuals need to know 'why the change' prior to making the change. This fixity creates the potential for internal or external 'atom bombs' or cataclysmic upheavals through which the landscape is utterly transformed. Because of the evolutionary intent of the Eighth House polarity point, those with Pluto in the Second House will attract, at key points in life, intense and powerful people. These people will be timely messengers that deliver or create the necessary encounters and confrontations of personal limitations.

# Object Aspects

- 1) ► **Ascendant ASC Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°54')    ♀1 | ♃7
- 2) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (1°33')    ♃7 | ♃7
- 3) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°59')    ♀9 | ♀9
- 4) ► **Sun ☉ Parallel** ♄ **South-Node** - (0°43')    ♀9 | ♄11
- 5) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°50')    ♃7 | ♀9
- 6) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°08')    ♃7 | ♄8
- 7) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (0°02')    ♃7 | ♄8
- 8) ► **Moon ☾ Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (0°27')    ♃7 | ♇2
- 9) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°36')    ♄8 | ♀9
- 10) ► **Mercury ☿ Parallel** ♄ **South-Node** - (1°06')    ♄8 | ♄11
- 11) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°52')    ♀9 | ♄8
- 12) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°23')    ♀9 | ♇2
- 13) ► **Jupiter ♃ Contra-Parallel** ♅ **Uranus** - (0°21')    ♃7 | ♃7
- 14) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel** ♆ **Neptune** - (1°06')    ♄8 | ♄8
- 15) ► **Saturn ♄ Parallel** ♇ **Pluto** - (1°35')    ♄8 | ♇2
- 16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ☾ **Moon** - (7°50' S)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 17) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (7°29' A)    ♃7 | ♄8
- 18) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (3°13' S)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 19) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (4°29' A)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 20) ► **Imum-Coeli IC Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (9°16' A)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 21) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (1°25' A)    ♀9 | ♀9
- 22) ► **Sun ☉ Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (8°52' S)    ♀9 | ♄8
- 23) ► **Moon ☾ Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°37' A)    ♃7 | ♃7
- 24) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (2°28' S)    ♄8 | ♄8
- 25) ► **Mercury ☿ Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (5°28' S)    ♄8 | ♃7
- 26) ► **Venus ♀ Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°27' S)    ♀9 | ♄8
- 27) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (10°42' S)    ♄8 | ♃7
- 28) ► **Mars ♂ Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (3°00' S)    ♄8 | ♃7
- 29) ► **Saturn ♄ Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°28' S)    ♄8 | ♄8
- 30) ► **Sun ☉ Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (6°26' S)    ♀9 | ♇2
- 31) ► **Venus ♀ Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (5°01' S)    ♀9 | ♇2
- 32) ► **Saturn ♄ Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°26' A)    ♄8 | ♇2
- 33) ► **Jupiter ♃ Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (4°01' A)    ♃7 | ♄5
- 34) ► **Saturn ♄ Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (0°58' S)    ♄8 | ♄5

- 35) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (4°30' A) ♄8 | ♅5  
 36) ► **Pluto** ♇ **Square** ♄ **North-Node** - (3°24' S) ♇2 | ♅5  
 37) ► **Midheaven** MC **Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (8°18' A) ♀1 | ♁9  
 38) ► **Venus** ♀ **Semi-Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (1°44' S) ♁9 | ♄8  
 39) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Quincunx** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°46' A) ♄1 | ♄8

- 1) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Parallel** ♃ **Jupiter** - (1°54') ♄1 | ♃7

(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) ► **Descendant DC Parallel** ☿ **Uranus** - (1°33') ♊7 | ♊7

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus opposition the Ascendant shows that relationships stand in the way of achieving the freedom you want. You attract people who demand their own freedom, even though it means you must curtail yours, and this annoys you. Attracted to people who are defiant of authority, you'd like to share the enthusiasm of their independence. You feel uncomfortable when anyone asks you to make a commitment, for you consider contracts and related obligations as too limiting and frustrating. Marriage in the traditional sense is not for you. You prefer a more liberal association in which the only binding agent is your emotional attraction to your partner. You enjoy a wide circle of friends who share your views and with whom you feel safe and secure.

Your contemporaries admire your ingenuity in using your creative talents. You are drawn to occupations that give you freedom to work in your own way, unconfined by rules and regulations. You don't like to be told when and how you should do something or to receive an ultimatum if you don't submit.

Rebellious by nature, you probably left home at an early age to seek your own goals. Although you have a mind of your own, you probably are not fully prepared to accept responsibility for your actions. You tend to avoid competition on the excuse that it is the trap of a regulated society.

Although you secretly hope to make a substantial contribution to improve society, you may lack the motivation to actually do something to prove your concern. Your resentment of authority may cause problems in reaching your goals. You make your own rules to serve as guidelines, but they are not very demanding. Part of your role in life is to help others gain their freedom by urging them to get an education and to learn about the social and political issues that can affect them.

Uranus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With a tense aspect from Uranus to the Ascendant, we give the impression of being restless, changeable and capricious: a pretty good description of our behavior toward everything encountered in the outside world. We shift from one thing to another and, in spite of longing to develop along lines compatible with freedom, we are not clear how to



shape desires or know quite what they involve. We are liable to do the wrong thing, or to be fiercer, more impulsive, more tactless, and often more provocative than is really justified. There is no doubt that these aspects can cause ruptures through thoughtlessness, restlessness and a hot temper.

Ingenuity is a marked feature, but often we are too impatient to exploit or perfect an invention. We are easily distracted by novelties, and the next thing that comes along may capture our attention for no better reason than that it is original or quaint (usefulness is not high on our list of desirable qualities). And then something even more intriguing catches our eye, and we go running after that. Real progress is out of the question when this happens, and the usual restlessness is compounded by nerviness.

With Uranus / Ascendant conflicts, we need an outlet for tension. If, for example, the Ascendant has few other aspects, it is hard to be openly impulsive, and the tension can build up inside. When we finally let off steam, the effect is startling and possibly destructive.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square or opposition brings in conflict, for the behavioral attitudes of these individuals were probably not accepted as a part of their persona. When putting their best foot forward, they may not be comfortable.

When the opposition takes place, the behavioral attitudes are compromised with every new beginning: the approach to life may not reflect the behavioral attitudes.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Uranus squaring the Ascendant are usually not reinforced for their 'differentness' by the family. They often themselves feel different or think that others may find them odd. This usually feels rather uncomfortable, and the individual often finds it difficult to integrate his / her unconventionality into the rest of his / her personality or life-style.

People with Uranus on the Descendant tend to look to others to bring out the more unconventional or original aspects of their personality. It usually takes someone else to awaken the Uranus-Descendant person to the possibility of leading a more exciting or exhilarating life. It is through interaction with someone else that it dawns upon the person that they needn't conform to the whims of society but can express themselves as they would honestly wish to.

Instead of making a statement 'I am unique', as might be expected with Uranus conjunct Ascendant, those with this placement might make a life-statement which says: 'We are different. Our relationship is exciting, radical, unconventional' - or a whole host of other

Uranian words. The relationships of Uranus conjunct Descendant will often involve 'shocks'. Quite unexpected happenings, unexpected choices of partner, instant marriage proposals, speedy and sudden exits from relationships and so on. And all of this is usually in the service of some personal awakening, some personal radical change.

It is also through relationship that the Uranus conjunct Descendant person can rebel. The choice of partner may itself be an act of rebellion, as may the way the relationship is pursued. With this placement, the individual will insist on the freedom to pursue whatever kind of relationship he / she wants, and with whomever he / she chooses. With Uranus at either end of the Ascendant / Descendant axis, freedom within a relationship will also usually be insisted upon, and thus this combination might be associated with 'open' marriages and partnerships; and, in particular, with relationships which are essentially based on friendship. Individuals look to their partners and their relationships for excitement, stimulation and personal awakening. If such exhilarating interchange becomes no longer possible, the individual will usually feel the need to look elsewhere for it.

3) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°59') ♍9 | ♍9

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Venus represents a strongly developed love nature. Although it may not be apparent to a casual observer, you are extremely eager for people to like you. In fact, you make subtle adjustments in your urge for recognition so that they will be warmly disposed toward you. But you may not always compromise, simply because you don't want to give an impression of being weak in character. In more intimate contacts with persons you know well, you are not afraid they will misjudge you this way, so you behave more naturally.

You especially want people to recognize you as a substantial individual who offers many important values to those who are willing to share them. You are open to communication with others and will listen enthusiastically in conversation with them. You enjoy people and are generally cheerful and sociable in large or small gatherings. On the chance of meeting someone who can be useful at another time, you take care to circulate freely and 'touch base' with everyone. You know how to make lasting impressions by dramatizing yourself, for you don't want to be overlooked merely because you didn't take the time to make your presence known.

Your greatest problem is that you assume people will think well of you even if you do nothing to deserve it. You can become pompously presumptuous that your presence alone is enough to merit everyone's attention. You are a romanticist at heart and can be swayed by a display of affection. Appreciative of the finer things in life, you get a sense of fulfillment when you indulge in them, in addition to the comfort and pleasure they give you.

(Haydn Paul)

Only the conjunction, semi=sextile and semi-square aspects are astronomically possible between the Sun and Venus, as the maximum distance between these planets is 48 degrees.

This conjunction conveys an optimistic and cheerful spirit, where you will greatly enjoy social company and the pleasures of life, so that easthetic and hedonistic activities are indulged to stimulate your sensual nature. Love and social relationships are highlighted, and you will be attracted to participate in the social whirl, circulating around your collection of friends, family and acquaintances.

You feel it important to be liked by others, and this need may make you act in certain ways which gain the approval of people, so care may be required to ensure that you do not overly compromise your own feelings and thoughts in order to remain socially acceptable. There can be a dramatic quality to your style of self-presentation, perhaps emerging out of an artistic and creative sensitivity, and this will be employed to gain the attention of people; you prefer to leave your mark and need to feel recognised.

While some may see you in a superficial light, this is not how you desire to be socially acknowledged. The recognition you are looking for is of your whole personality, your talents and qualities, and as you grow older you will prefer to enjoy the company of those who can appreciate you more fully. This may be through mutual interests in art, culture or the beauty of nature, because lying beneath any socialite veneer is your real appreciation of the harmony of life and nature which evokes that romantic and poetic spirit that inspires your perception of life and infuses a hidden desire for inner peace and integration. You enjoy quality in life, and will try to create a pleasing home environment which allows relaxation into domestic comforts and pleasures.

You will attract others to your potent magnetic personality, and you are likely to experience a variety of relationships as a consequence of your romantic attitudes. You open easily to demonstrations of love and affection, and your heart can quickly melt. As a lover of life, a certain intensity will be present, as will the tides of love's joys and pains, but never attempt to turn off your developed love nature, or you may find that life rapidly loses its lustre and becomes grey, mundane and lifeless. Part of your role is to spread life-appreciation, enlivening others so that they too can become sincere lovers of life, and isn't that a task well worth pursuing?

Some may find you 'too alive' or narcissistic, so you may need to be aware of others' reactions, and if they are correct in their evaluation of your self-centredness then some modification may be advised, so that you equally acknowledge their natures, qualities and personalities too. In conversations, the art of listening is as important as the art of communication, and your enthusiasms may require occasional toning down.

You can bring positive benefits to those who become intimately close, through sharing your vitality, love and affections, and even if your relationships do not persist, you hope that those involved with you do not regret the time that has been shared. Changes will come through the expression of your heart and life enjoyment, and these may reshape your conscious identity and self-image over time, so that more depth and insight begins to be unfolded. Others may turn to you for support and advice, wanting your flame to relight their own. Your path of solar development is through the unifying love energies of Venus, so let these radiate outwards into the world, touching and igniting the hearts of others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When conscious behavior (Sun) is attended by the need for emotional and material safety and comfort and the desire for beauty and harmony (Venus), the behavior is generally friendly and accommodating. Friends are easily made and the native also finds it easy to move in society. The feeling for harmony in relationships gives diplomatic ability.

On the other hand, the native finds it difficult to air problems or to talk them through, since he or she loves to be surrounded by a pleasant atmosphere. The danger is that this attitude will result in a false bonhomie and in superficiality. And so the conjunction will deny depth to the personality if the native is content to smooth things over on the surface.

Yet, as we have seen, this conjunction does have its good side. Generally, the native is very agreeable and has no difficulty in being friendly and sympathetic to others. There is also a need for shared experiences, preferably with the life partner. Showing affection is an essential mode of expression for the native and he or she is extremely romantic.

The feeling for art is often well developed, although the background of the signs will have a say in this. The individual with the Sun conjunct Venus is fond of pleasure and the good things of life, and may sometimes overindulge in them. By and large, the aspect is an enjoyable one to have, even though it may make the native a trifle lazy.

(Betty Lundsted)

Venus is similar to Mercury in that it is never far from the Sun. Venus is usually in the same sign as the sun or one behind or ahead of it. Venus represents what we want in life: the finer pleasures, the things we want around us, the person we want to be, the way we appreciate art, the way we appreciate love. It helps to define how we receive loving as well as our intellectual concept of what we think love is. The Venus position in relation to the Sun sign give a clue to what people are (Sun) and how this relates to what they want to be (Venus). When people talk about what they want to be, it is usually

Venus talking.

People with Venus in the same sign as the Sun usually are quite satisfied to be themselves, whatever that is. They have the potential to like themselves if the conjunction is not afflicted by another planet. It can make them very smug and selfsatisfied, for they like being the person they are. When we try to work out our ties to our parents, or when we try to understand our life, Venus conjunct the Sun can be difficult; for, we tend to stay in our rut rather than try to get out of it. Venus in the same sign as the Sun may indicate that a conscious decision has to be made before we can look at the motivation for what we do in some serious manner.

When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the father either overaffects the child or the child subconsciously plays the role of the mother in order to gain Daddy's approval (Venus indicates a tie to the mother; Sun indicates the physical father.) This closeness to the father may be difficult to understand or to become conscious of, and the only time it becomes important is when the person is in the process of self-examination regarding relationships. A woman with Venus conjunct the Sun is tied to her father from a subconscious psychological point. She may marry a man who has the same attributes as her father. If she has Venus conjunct the Sun and no other emotional blocks (by aspect) in her chart, this problem is relatively easy to work with if she wants to be free of the influence. But if her Moon, Venus and the Sun are afflicted her chart becomes more obscure to work through; the struggle for consciousness becomes more complex. If she is interested in developing relationships that do not include the father image, she must find a way to understand the conflict.

A man with Venus conjunct his Sun is emotionally close to his father, and the aspects to the Sun-Venus conjunction will indicate how this closeness will take place. When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the psychological influence of the mother (Venus) is very close to the father image on a physical level (Sun). The child sees the parents' roles jumbled together and this can confuse him. A boy child may use his mother's 'role' games to get close to his Dad.

This aspect depicts a relationship that is not uncommon among parents. The power parent is determined by the Sun sign; yet, when Venus conjuncts the Sun, the mother has a close rapport with the father, which may not be confirmed by the rest of the chart, by the power parent, or by what she says about her husband. In other words, not matter what she says about her husband to the contrary, she really likes the way he is. This confuses the child. In adult relationships it causes the following problems: a mother-dominated male may use his mother's tactics to get on with men as an adult; a father-dominated male feels that there should be some mystical-bond between his lady and himself, and is disappointed when he doesn't feel it; anotherdominateed female will feel a closeness to her dad that she can't understand, so it's a combination of love and resentment; the father-dominated female may marry a man in her father's image.

The only time it is necessary to do something about this conjunction is when something keeps interfering with the development of meaningful, lasting emotional relationships. When we think our problems happen to us because we only meet 'awful people', we need to look inside ourselves to understand what has been programmed into our subconscious selves - for this program is the one we draw to us. It cures itself when we become conscious of it.

4) ► **Sun** ☉ **Parallel** ☿ **South-Node** - (0°43') ♍9 | ♎11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction (to the South Node) refers to a condition in which major circumstances in the native's environment deny him opportunities and resources for self-expression, limiting especially his leadership and power potential. Obstacles are thrown in his path, making it difficult to achieve what he desires, even to the extent that he is denied the fruits of his efforts.

Natives are not swept along in the mainstream of events, as in the case of the Sun conjunct North Node. This conjunction indicates a karmic situation in which individuals in previous incarnations selfishly promoted their own ambitions at the expense of the self-expression of others. This time around, they experience what it is like to be thwarted by the actions of others. However, this aspect can bring a thorough mastery of that which the native is able to command.

(Bernice Grebner)

This gives greater difficulty in establishing the new growth at the North Node because the ego wants to stay at the opposite South Node area with the Sun. The ego feels better associating with South Node affairs; and in order to grow and learn, the person must buck a strong ego.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect indicates lack of physical vitality and general suppression of ego. It is more of a counter-balance from the previous life which tells the person to slow down regarding the ego-ambition-recognition, etc. in this life. If this is not done consciously, then it will be forcefully achieved by proper circumstances. Conversion of normal energies of 'individuality' into evolution of that soul will be noticed in this aspect in that particular life. This often indicates some Karmic connections with the 'father-figure' that need to be balanced in this life. Often a conflict from a previous life with the father has brought about this condition and circumstance.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, negative ego-forces often come into play. The natives are full of self-admiration and believe they have full control of everything represented by the axis concerned. Many of them are conceited and proud, and lay claim to being unique when (in most instances) they are not. They refuse to admit that they possess the weaknesses of the sign involved, and believe that, being already sufficiently developed, they have no need to work on themselves. Often, these people feel that they are being neglected, and imagine that they are tremendously important, although usually this is mere self-deception. They have a tendency towards monomania.

5) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°50')    ♄7 | ♀9

(Haydn Paul)

Moon-Venus contacts involve instinctive feeling reactions to social and intimate relationships; and these shape responses to the situations and experiences. The conjunction indicates that you have sociable and friendly relationships, characterized by sensitive awareness and affection.

You will enjoy numerous social contacts, feeling at ease with others and appreciating a diversity of communication, preferring the company of those whose relationship approach is sincere and straight-forward. You dislike social conflict, and try to minimize any discord with others, sometimes through tact and diplomacy, sometimes by compromise or a friendliness that diffuses tensions. Experiencing these interpersonal approaches as reasonably successful may encourage you to adopt better communication as a personal 'ideal', believing that life can be improved if everyone is more sensitively aware, and avoiding individual gains when made only by another's loss. You offer your hand of friendship, expressing human warmth, civility, and conscious goodwill. With your personality, if the rest of the chart amplifies these tendencies, you are likely to find success in working with the public.

Usually you receive a favorable response from others; and through reducing the superficiality of many social contacts, you can transmit positive attitudes to people. Shorn of unnecessary pretence, your direct human approach can appear almost too simple - some may even feel threatened and suspicious, especially those who prefer to maintain social masks and distance themselves from others. You allow your sensitivity to shine through and, while some may not recognize or acknowledge its presence, others will welcome it. Your genuine interest in others helps to build bridges between people, and, along with your natural sympathetic understanding of human dilemmas, can place you in a position to offer help to those in need. Yet, if brusquely rejected, you are unsure of how to deal with bruised feelings, and your sensitivity shrinks away from negative responses.

Within more intimate relationships, your emotions are highly activated and given priority. Both Moon and Venus require emotional satisfaction and stimulation; and the quality of a

loving relationship is extremely important to you. You are probably attractive to others, and often socially magnetic; and, with your combination of grace, charm and artistic sensitivity, you will receive the interest of many, with the possibility of numerous relationships occurring unless you marry or settle into a permanent relationship early in life.

You may allow previous family bonds to interfere with a new or developing relationship. The older lunar patterns may still be overly oactive; and any residual dependency on parents or family members may affect the evolution of a new family unit; the 'mother-in-law syndrome' may be a classic example of this! Venus can exaggerate any tendency toward self-indulgence and preoccupation with satisfying selfish needs, with a corresponding disregard for those of a partner. Extra selfdiscipline may be needed within intimate partnerships, especially in areas of mutual sharing. There may be occasional attempts at emotional manipulation, both by a partner taking advantage of your sensitive feelings, and by yourself when attempting to gain your way.

Home life is important, providing a secure foundation to whatever life-style you desire; and personal enjoyment will come from domestic pursuits, especially from a comfortable home, sensual clothes, food, and material possessions. It is important for you to develop a beautiful home envieonment; and if you take full advantage of prudent financial management, you will be able to devote additional resources to your home. Your artistic sensitivity can also be demonstrated in improving your personal and family home.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Venus shows that you relate to people easily and without pretence. You don't necessarily wait for the other person to make the first gesture to meet you, for you know that this is difficult for some. When you meet someone, you are willing to make adjustments if it will relieve any tension that seems likely to develop. A very sensitive person, you feel hurt whenever anyone deals harshly with you. You respond to tenderness and abhor rudeness. You are fond of people and try to be on friendly terms with everyone you have to deal with. For the most part, people appreciate that attitude, as you are aware.

Your early years probably were fairly pleasant, which enables you to look forward with anticipation to having a home and family of your own. You learned the value of money and how to manage your affairs in order to have some degree of security. You enjoy the comforts of a good home, fine furniture, plentiful food well prepared, and the joy of pleasant guests. You are warm toward your friends and always civil to everyone, regardless of their attitude toward you. Your tact and diplomacy serve your purposes, it is true, but you act that way mainly because you feel it is the right thing to do.

Unless you are careful, you can become too 'nice', which may arouse suspicion as to your motives. Don't fawn over people so that it becomes sickening. Try to remain



courteous, of course, but don't overextend yourself to them. If you give them the opportunity to show their interest in you, they will feel more comfortable.

You can succeed in any occupation that requires you to come before the public. You gain people's confidence because you demonstrate a genuine interest in their affairs. Sympathetic to their problems, you usually try to use your resources as best you can to help solve them. You are generous with your offers to help those who are less fortunate than you.

You will enjoy pleasant emotional relationships with those you care for. Love and romance are important to you, but you will carry lingering family ties to your love partnership, which can cause some problems. you may prematurely enter a binding contract before you are really ready to make your partner the exclusive person in your life. You tend to be more concerned with gratifying your desires than with accepting the discipline required to share a total life endeavor with your mate. On the whole, though, you should not have too much difficulty in making the transition from self-seeking to mutual sharing.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of the Moon and Venus brings together two factors that are each concerned with safety in their own way. This emphasizes the need for harmony and for smooth functioning in the environment. We endeavor to cultivate a pleasant atmosphere, and aim for a balanced existence. The danger is undue avoidance of confrontations so as to keep everything as friendly as possible, at least on the surface - Moon / Venus aspects frequently figure in the charts of diplomats.

What is often forgotten in interpreting these two emotional factors is that when the Moon and Venus are conjunct, or otherwise well aspected, the emotions are characterized by tranquility. Either we are inwardly unruffled, or we are in the process of restoring our equilibrium as quickly as possible. This inner sense of peace enables us to take things as they come. The conjunction can give balanced judgement and imperturbability; in other words, it reaches out to affect much more than our emotional life.

Since Venus has to do with the aesthetic, a harmonious Moon / Venus aspect (and we may count the conjunction among these) can point to artistry and creativity. Even if we happen not to be creative, it would be strange if we did not have some appreciation of beauty, and hence of color, form and proportion in art; what is more, we may indulge a taste for luxury with this aspect.

Venus is not primarily an active planet, and in conjunction with the Moon can give a certain amount of leisureliness; probably from fear of being rushed and thrown off balance.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the Moon represents the emotional reaction to life and love, and Venus indicates the ability to appreciate love and beauty, the interaction between these two planets is very important in terms of emotional relationships. Venus can also represent the psychological impact of the mother on the child's psyche. The Moon represents the mother in a physical sense. When these two planets are conjunct, the person has an overwhelming tie to the mother that may seem insurmountable. In order for this person to break away from the family and mother ties, he must go through many more internal changes than the rest of us.

This aspect in a woman's chart represents the daughter who can't leave Mommy, who goes into a marriage and lives on the next block and talks to Mommy on the phone every day. Or, the girl who can't have a love relationship inasmuch as she can't share herself with another person because the ties to her mother are too strong. If the rest of the chart agrees, this aspect may indicate a homosexual female. Often, the lady she falls in love with is fifteen to twenty years older than she, since she may be looking for a mother substitute. She has difficulty considering the idea that she may be tied to Mother in some kind of incestuous manner.

We usually consider incest in terms of the opposite sex - the daughter is in love with her father, etc.; but we have trouble diagnosing when the daughter is too close to her mother. Often these desires are not faced on a conscious level, for they are socially unacceptable. If a woman is homosexual and the rest of the chart doesn't look as though she has reason to be, this is one aspect that may help to find the key to why she is the way she is. However, when Venus conjuncts the Moon, it's difficult to talk to her about her relationship with her mother. She doesn't want to hear anything negative about Mom. Even if the rest of the chart shows difficult family influences, perhaps even an abusive childhood, she will defend her mother until the end.

Often, these children have been hurt more by the mother than the father, yet they see the father as the reason for all their failures. It's a hard aspect to work through, and for an astrologer it indicates a difficult client. This aspect should be approached with tact, gentleness and diplomacy by the astrologer. If this conjunction carries other hard aspects, the client may be helped by entering therapy of some kind; it is not an easy aspect to handle in one counselling session.

When a man has a Moon-Venus conjunction, the effect of the physical and psychological mother influence is overpowering. This man is emotionally close to his mother - usually too close - and it can manifest in many ways. Sometimes it indicates a love-hate polarity with the mother; the son may literally hate or love her. If the man is father-dominated, he may have a lot of guilt about his feelings toward the mother. If he is mother-dominated, he may be angry with her, or estranged from her, or he may be completely possessed by her. A grown man may overreact to the feelings stirred up by the mother image and may

therefore try to cut her out of his life. The other aspects to the Moon and Venus have to be taken into consideration when reading this aspect.

Once the mother ties are recognized, the individual can begin to use the energy another way. Venus conjunct the Moon can be used to understand how we appreciate and respond in love situations. The energy of the sign can be used constructively, for our appreciation of love (Venus) and our feeling responses (Moon) can work together because they are in the same sign. The blind spots will be caused by an overreaction to the influence of the mother. Again, therapy can be helpful in working through the unpleasant ties in order to free the constructive possibilities. We are not meant to remain as a child tied to our mother forever. The Moon represents our feelings and Venus indicates how we appreciate love. We can separate these qualities from the mother in a physical sense and begin to listen to our own responses.

6) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♋ **Saturn** - (1°08') ⚡7 | 138

(Haydn Paul)

The Saturn-Moon combination is not a particularly harmonious one; and in these contacts the individual lunar nature is often detrimentally affected.

You can display a sombre, self-restrained, conservative personality. Your social relationships can lack spontaneity, enthusiasm, and naturalness, inhibited by emotional defensiveness, reserve, and caution. Relaxed communication and selfexpression can be difficult. Apprehension may restrict social contact, perhaps with an attitude of distrust and pessimism toward life and people. If this limiting and negative worldview exists, then you will also block the release of potential and diminish life enjoyment.

Self-esteem is weakened by such attitudes, which fall like a shadow across your relationships and experiences. One source of this may have been childhood and early social conditioning. Perhaps early childhood was influenced by family discipline, either through authoritarian controls, or through imposed religious, political, or social beliefs. Perhaps there were family upheavals and unsettling discord, or strong feelings that you were not really wanted or loved by your parents, whether or not this was actually true. This may have resulted in a fear of emotional expression, to others and even to yourself. This, coupled with a need to protect your sensitivity, has associated emotions with painful 'negative experiences'. In adult life, there may be one parent toward whom you still feel resentment, deeply contradictory attitudes, and powerful emotions.

Emotional integration can be lacking; it is part of your nature that remains uncomfortable and relatively immature, and which will interfere with adult relationships that may prove difficult to develop beyond the early stages. A lack of self-confidence, and reluctance to reveal your vulnerable feelings to others, make you withdraw into negative behaviour patterns whenever the possibility of a close relationship occurs. You need to open to

intimacy, and face possible rejection in the hope of moving toward potential success; you need to learn how to trust others. Then you can break free from your self-imposed prison. Obviously, making suitable relationship choices is a key requirement; and cautious discernment is necessary in choosing friends and intimates.

Learning how to dissolve past influences is necessary. You may feel emotionally attached to memories and material possessions, perhaps nostalgic or sentimental, even though childhood may not have been especially satisfying. Liberation from the past's chains will bring relief and release; it may not be easy, yet could provide the keys to a bright new future. You may be surprised at how much past experience and conditioning have shaped your adult personality; looking for ways to heal and integrate your inner child would be extremely beneficial and transformative.

Achieving this step could help improve the quality of your relationships. Potential exists for you to enjoy mature contacts with other essentially serious and thoughtful partners, where the relationship has maturity and depth, with a gradual emotional release as mutual sharing increases across every level - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. If this happens, you will experience the dawn of a more positive, optimistic outlook, as you release the burden of the past by redirecting emotional energy into new constructive life-style patterns. Others may encourage your progress; and, if they do so, accept their support. You just need others' encouragement to convince you of your own worth.

Despite any inner stress and unresolved emotional difficulties, you are likely to progress in your career through focusing attention in specific directions, especially in early adulthood, when your emotions remained controlled and probably repressed. You tend to isolate emotions into a 'separate compartment', although sensitivity to others would ideally be needed in management positions. Normally, you will be honest, impersonal, fair, competent, and efficient, enjoying roles of responsible authority, and you will expect comparable standards of commitment from others. Areas which may attract include law, medicine, business, politics, and education.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between the Moon and Saturn shows that you are emotionally defensive, cautious, reserved, and extremely apprehensive about your experiences. Perhaps during your childhood your parents or guardians disciplined you so much that you assumed they did not love you. Because of your extreme sensitivity, you tend to overemphasize negative effects anyway. Almost certainly you did have traumatic experiences with your parents during the early conditioning years, and there is still a residual negative effect, probably caused by the parent who had the most authority in the home. Your early conditioning did not prepare you to deal successfully with the circumstances of everyday living, and you have learned to expect the worst.

Perhaps the guilt projected onto you during the formative years is the cause of the

difficulty you sometimes have in forming close, emotional ties in your adult years. It often happens that you are unsuccessful in developing a partnership. Even so, you must deliberately stop thinking that happiness will always elude you. You must recognise your self-worth in order to project yourself optimistically toward others.

You are very likely to succeed professionally because you focus your efforts in worldly areas where your feelings don't have to function. Because you protect yourself by insulating your emotions, you could achieve success in business. In your professional dealings you are basically honest (sometimes painfully so), and you demand the same honesty from others. Management is your particular strong point, and you should rise to prominence in that area. Women will find you stern but will respect you for your fairness. You demand competence from those under you, and you demonstrate it by your own efficiency. If you have a position of authority you will not hesitate to fire someone who doesn't measure up to your expectations; you regard each person under you as an extension of yourself.

You could work well as an employee of professional people such as judges, lawyers, doctors, industrialists, educators, or politicians. You would gain the trust that is necessary in order to function effectively, and you would also serve their interests capably. It is also possible that you could undertake such a profession yourself. Your emotional detachment would allow you to provide unbiased opinions, which would serve the interests of your clients.

Emotional fulfillment will come about through contact with mature and serious individuals. A permanent relationship is possible only if your partner regards you as a mate in all areas - socially, spiritually, and professionally. It is essential for you to share your life with another, but that sharing must be total. Most important, you must always respect each other.

In the area of health, you may have problems involving your back, which may restrict you on occasion. The reproductive system could also cause you difficulty at some time in your life. Above all, try to look at the brighter side of life. Certain negative experiences may seem dismal at the time, but the lessons learned from them should enable you to become more optimistic as you grow.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever unconscious emotional reactions occur (Moon), people with this aspect experience sensitivity and vulnerability and find it hard to express themselves. Emotional reserve is common with this aspect.

The sense of security is bound up with Saturn, and so these people are inclined to shoulder too much responsibility, work hard and deny themselves many small pleasures. They seek safety in perfectionism and the world regards them as very trustworthy and

diligent; yet inwardly they are unsure and easily hurt, and, to tell the truth, are more or less running away from themselves.

They are inclined to restrict themselves to what they see and know. Therefore, when opportunities present themselves, these individuals either let them slip through their fingers or study all the ins and outs before committing themselves. This goes along with rigid ideas and a certain blinkering of the mental vision. Flexibility is slight, owing mainly to a great vulnerability of which others are ignorant. They anxiously hide this vulnerability behind a mask of hard work or, if the chart is passive, behind a mask of gloom and inertia that is hard to penetrate.

Often they feel that they are living under constant pressure and dare not do anything spontaneous. Before showing feelings, they need to make very sure of the other person, and that can take a long time. The cold aloofness of this aspect is a form of self-protection. Nevertheless Saturn gives almost unbreakable faithfulness and dependability once someone has won this person over; then it would be impossible to think of a more stable relationship. Before that point is reached, however, a host of inhibitions, fears, suspicions and sensitive feelings is waiting to be vanquished.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is difficult to work through, for it symbolizes a childhood that was less than ideal. The energy manifests in early childhood illness or emotional deprivation or both. The mother of the native is suppressed and restricted by the father in some way. This child is suppressed and restricted by the father as well. The mother's emotions are thwarted; she may not be able to have friends; her 'causes' are put down; her life-style may be completely hampered by marriage responsibilities. The mother may feel depressed and emotionally unfulfilled, and the child absorbs her attitudes and responses. Because the mother is unhappy, the child assumes that this reaction is 'normal'. Sometimes this aspect occurs in marriages where the mother is a brood mare - raising babies and taking care of a family. There may be no relationship between the parents other than the father being the provider and expecting to be fed at six o'clock sharp. The mother may resent it, but she may not be strong enough to change her situation. Her reasons may be myriad - she may have too many children, she may not have skills, or, like the heroine in 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde', she may be psychologically overwhelmed by the power of the Mr. Hyde personality. Each time the mother reaches out emotionally, responding to someone or something spontaneously, the father 'dumps' on her.

The child picks up the emotional deprivation and brings the following characteristics into his adult life: a tendency toward melancholia, quick mood changes that are psychologically or unconsciously based, and a basically unhealthy attitude regarding relationships. If this child is female, she will enter into romantic relationships assuming that she cannot share her thoughts and feelings with her loved one; she doesn't expect

men to be nice or considerate or understanding, so she will tend to share her innermost feelings with her friends rather than with her lover or husband. In the chart of a male, the ability to respond emotionally is restricted, for the father restricted this male's emotional development. This aspect also affects his relationships with women, and he may feel that no woman will ever care for him. He forces himself (often subconsciously) to barricade his emotional self, sometimes expressing himself harshly. If his father was physically or emotionally abusive to women, he may be too. He may be drawn to women who cannot give anything emotionally. In the case of the female, if her father was physically or emotionally abusive, she will expect the same kind of treatment from the men she chooses and will stay in unwholesome situations far longer than someone who doesn't have this aspect.

The aspect seems to place restrictions on the body in some way. Saturn symbolizes restriction, and the Moon represents the physical body. Children with this aspect sometimes have skeletal deficiencies or are prone to chronic ailments. The adult with this aspect has a harder time shaking colds or chronic maladies. These people should contemplate preventive medicine, for they can ward off illness by keeping healthy.

(Charles Carter)

This powerful position is on the whole good, from a Saturnian point of view. The native is extremely hard-working, and is often a self-denying Spartan. The temperament is hard, self-seeking, and critical, with few good words for anyone, though such praise as they may not grudge is usually well bestowed and their criticism is not so much actuated by envy or a carping spirit as it is the outcome of an almost inordinate craving for perfection. In good types, there is a high grade of intellect, but of a practical kind, with a distaste for abstractions. In lower types it tends to discontent, and sometimes to a narrowness that verges towards stupidity, yet it is questionable if the native is ever stupid in that which interests him, and he is rarely frivolous or silly. There is a rather rigid self-confidence, the native usually feeling thoroughly competent in his own work, and instinctively feeling no interest in anything else, lest his insufficiency in other domains might be apparent. As regards occupations and pursuits, the conjunction has much the same effect as the harmonious aspects.

7) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♄ **Neptune** - (0°02')    ⇄7 | 138

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction emphasises emotional sensitivity and vulnerability to others, especially through an impressionable, sympathetic psychic empathy. The nature of your environment will be highly influential in affecting your inner balance and well-being, so ideally you need to live and work within suitable places and with suitable people, or else you may discover that your spirit and vitality begin to wane through absorbing what are negative influences on your sensitivity.

As your heart is so open to experience life, it is equally likely to experience suffering, anguish and disappointments. Evolving ways of self-protection or essential filters to this sensitivity may be necessary over time, otherwise life could become too painful for you. Through your innate understanding and sympathetic attitudes, you are likely to become a listener and confidante to others' problems; yet a degree of detached impersonal objectivity needs to be developed or else you will take their problems and pain away with yourself. This is not a sacrifice that needs to be made, even though you are rightly willing to offer aid and assistance to those in need. It may be that you are attracted towards employment in the spheres of social welfare and care, where you can serve deprived people and encourage them to take steps of advancement. Certainly that compassionate heart will be a main motivating factor in your life, and it is probably through such a route that you can most easily display your most natural qualities and abilities. Your influence can have a beneficial and catalytic effect on others, stimulating them towards either personal growth or resolving problems. Employment which fixes you into a repetitive mundane work pattern will not be satisfying, and will ultimately be a denial of your talents and abilities. It is easy to recognise when you are stuck in the wrong place: you are beset by the intensification of wishful thinking and daydreaming, of desires to escape, and of a lack of interest in application.

You have a powerful imagination which does not like to be inhibited or denied and is constantly looking for ways to be expressed; there will be considerable artistic and cultural appreciation as well as creative gifts within you waiting to be released. Suitable channels are art, music, poetry, design, ways that preferably evoke an emotional-feeling response in yourself and others. You could develop into being visionary and inspirational if this area was especially focused and all your energies were committed to such a task. Your psychic sensitivities could play a role in this, offering the awareness of more subtle currents in life and the power inherent in symbols and images, or even your dream life with a prophetic quality could be influential. It is probably best to use any such psychic or mediumistic talents only as a support to artistic creation, because you may find that they can be too unreliable or too shrouded in Neptunian sea mists and make clear perception difficult. These tendencies can develop towards religious or spiritual interests, such as the exaltation of the mystic's emotions and heart devotions.

In your personal life and intimate relationships, you may need to be wary of a tendency to be excessively romantic, preoccupied with dreams of the ideal lover, always searched for and never found. In real life there are real people, and disillusionment is never far away from the anima-animus projected obsessions which create self-delusions and the experience of being shocked by the reality of your 'dream lover'. Turning men or women into gods or goddesses is a dangerous game; they always fall off the pedestal that you have placed them on. Like Humpty Dumpty, the fall shatters the illusion which can never be put together again around the person. Yet falling in love again with the real person is often much more rewarding and enriching.



There can be tendencies to evade the impingement of harsh reality at times. That isn't the way, but making adjustments to your own attitudes may be the key to deal with this challenge. Accepting reality is a process that we have to continually confront in life, although this doesn't necessarily imply a surrender to the inevitable; it can be the initial action required to determine how to transform an unsatisfactory situation. Sometimes the influence of Neptune dominates the Moon, and the result is a retreat towards private worlds, hiding within defensive shells, unable to face the real world, and living within the glamour of those castles in the air of your imagination, lost in dreaming worlds.

Additionally, Moon aspects indicate an association with the Mother image, symbol and real parent. The conjunction implies a close bonding with your mother or an important influence over your development, but, as with your romantic relationships, illusions can be present which may need cleansing or releasing if they are negatively affecting your adult relationships.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Neptune shows that you are imaginative, emotional, sensitive, and sometimes given to daydreaming. Your psychic ability enables you to respond to outside stimuli that others are unaware of. You are inclined to offer assistance to anyone who seems to need help. However, this may get you into difficulty, for some people will blame you if their problems aren't solved. Disappointments are common in your life, for, even though you suffer with others in their grief, you may be left alone when they experience joy.

Your professional life must have sufficient challenge to keep you alert and reasonably 'on the go'. Avoid any occupation that involves long periods of time spent in repetitious and boring tasks. In such a job you would find escape in daydreaming and dawdling, and accomplish little. You would probably be fired as lazy, incompetent, and indifferent, which would be accurate only in those circumstances. Your latent ability should find an outlet through public-oriented endeavors, such as service and welfare programs, nursing, working with the mentally retarded, or rehabilitation of the handicapped. Working closely with others who depend on you would serve as a catalyst for your energies, and you would participate with attentiveness and vigor.

Your love nature is extremely romantic, and it is truly difficult for anyone to measure up to your expectations. You've mesmerized yourself to escape from the abrasions of reality. Most individuals you meet disorient you, so you categorize them according to your own way of thinking. In time, when their human nature becomes painfully apparent, you are shocked in disbelief. Learn to accept people at their level of development and don't give them attributes they haven't earned or deserved. You will be admired by others for your sympathetic understanding of their 'highs' and 'lows'. You can express your imagination in artistic pursuits - designing, painting, music, or poetry. Help others by painting joy in their lives, by designing activities for them, by letting a song ring out to

relieve their stresses, or by sharing tender moments in poetic escape.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the individual's physical mother and how she reacts to life when the person is very young. Neptune represents some characteristics of delusion or inspiration, or it clouds the mother issue. In an adult, the Moon indicates the ability to respond to life, and its sign indicates how it will be done. When Neptune conjuncts the Moon, it clouds the feelings, covers them, puts a veil around them, and it may also cloud the image of the mother so that much of her effect is confused or unclear. This makes it difficult to evaluate the mother's actions, and it deludes the individual about woman issues: how a woman should act; how a woman is expected to behave; what are 'nurturing', 'caring' and feeling'. The aspect affects males and females differently.

In a man, the aspect often clouds his emotions and veils his concepts of what a woman should be, so that when he enters into a relationship with a woman it is often with strange expectations. He thinks women are different from what they are in reality, and he is usually disappointed in their behavior. This man doesn't want to know that women go to the bathroom or wear hair curlers etc.. His mother taught him illusions and delusions, so he is eventually forced to determine from a conscious point what adult female behavior is all about. He is also extremely intuitive; he will have intuitive feeling responses that he may not consciously understand. This can be both a blessing and a curse. If his body is so sensitive that he picks up too many vibrations from the environment, he may not know 'who' he is feeling - himself or those around him. He may be unsettled because of his intuitive response, for his sensitivity may not match his conception of a twofisted, hairy-chested male. If he is mother-dominated, his mother can do no wrong; he seldom sees her for what she is, always covering her with a shimmering cloud of perfection. If he is father-dominated, he often bases his idea of what a woman should be on a fairy-tale image of Cinderella / Sleeping Beauty attributes. He has trouble separating his anima function from his wife or girlfriend because he often projects his anima onto her personality. His girlfriend's actions may not be akin to his anima image, so he is constantly disappointed. If he is mother-dominated, his girlfriend seldom acts as his mother told him 'good' women should.

When a woman has her Moon conjunct Neptune it indicates that her mother misled her as far as the behavior of woman is concerned; therefore, she often has a distorted image of what a woman should be. The image of Woman is frequently associated with martyrdom and unrequited love. She falls in love with a person on a spiritual basis and sometimes doesn't notice that the one she has fallen in love with is a hopeless alcoholic or has psychotic disturbances. She feels guilty about sexual involvements and consequently may pick a partner who cannot relate to her sexually, or she can't relate sexually to him. She may find herself in perplexing predicaments, for she doesn't know what earthly love is. The problem stems from the fact that she doesn't know what a woman should be and how she as a woman should react. The result is often too much

phoney spirituality and a lot of hurt feelings. Confusion surrounds the nurturing, caring and feeling functions.

Both sexes have some kind of problem expressing their feelings of love on a sexual level. Sometimes it's easier to be sexy with someone you don't love, for love is such a 'spiritual' experience that physical sex can 'defile' it in some way. Men with this aspect sometimes have a woman they love and a woman they sex. Or, if the Moon is in a Fire sign, their sexuality is limited because of their idealism. Women with the aspect tend to choose spiritual relationships that may be emotionally painful - the man may mistreat them, or he may not be able to perform sexually. Sometimes this aspect appears in the charts of women who fall in love with homosexual men, so the relationship is close but the unrequited love aspect is there.

The aspect is an intuitive and sensitive one, and its owners may have many interesting psychic and intuitive experiences. It can sometimes indicate people who have a great deal of healing ability; they become involved in the mental, spiritual and physical healing of others. They are intuitive enough to be able to manifest on a creative level as well, and this source of energy is never-ending once they learn to tap into it. The creative potential cannot be completely realized until they learn to share their feelings with another human being. This can be a most productive aspect. The blind spot toward the mother can be emphasised by other aspects in the chart; she may be the one who stands between this person and his freedom - and he can't see it.

8) ► **Moon** ☾ **Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (0°27')    ♄7 | ♃2

(Haydn Paul)

You are likely to experience strong emotions and feelings, whose intensity may dominate choices and decisions, almost as if you lose control over any free will. As your emotional roots are located in the unconscious mind, you may believe there is a compulsive or obsessive fate shaping your life.

Relationships are where you encounter potential transformation and meet your destiny, influencing your life direction. You may try to dominate others emotionally, influencing them and events in your favour, perhaps by exploiting others' feelings for you. There can be periodic crises whenever any repressed emotional energy rises into consciousness, demanding immediate release. This energy explosion can seem like an erupting volcano, causing sudden family friction and confrontation with partners and children, even surprising decisions and dramatic major life changes which apparently occur spontaneously. For you, emotional release is crucial and unavoidable, even if it demands letting go of an established life-style and burning bridges to the past. You can be quite moody, reflecting the changing lunar tides. This affects intimate relationships, where you seek emotional intensity. You have high ideals for a perfect partner, and would prefer to remain alone rather than become involved with others who do not match

this ideal. You hope to find your perfect mate, and believe this is your destiny. You look for a physical embodiment of your inner partner image (the anima or animus figure) which you project onto real people as a means of comparison.

In love, you will be committed to relationships, almost consumed by emotional fire by the strength of your feelings. This may be like an obsessing state for some time, perhaps often difficult to handle, and a total preoccupation for you during a relationship's early stages. You will be possessive and demanding of your partner, possibly too critical once you realize that he or she is not the ideal partner that you believed him or her to be. You will hate rejection, especially if your emotions are still attached to an ex-lovver, as the passion turns back on you for want of a recipient, and this 'burns'.

There can sometimes be a thin line between love and hate; and you may understand something of emotional masochism and sadism. Your relationships can often be emotionally destructive, perhaps for all concerned. Passions are intense, and people lose themselves in emotional fires, being changed either positively or negatively in the process, but certainly emerging as different people from the ones they were before the relationship. Regularly evaluate your relationships, ensuring that mutual benefit occurs, and that this is an uplifting energy and not one that enslaves in the name of love.

You can be impatient and domineering. Close friends are likely to be few, including only those who can accept intensity and depth rather than preoccupation with triviality, especially as your emotions are consistently powerful and active. In family life, try to avoid imposing your will on partner and children, and you may need to learn to bend and compromise for family harmony.

If you can allow emotional energies to be expressed properly, and develop relationships and suitable constructive channels for this energy, then most of your difficulties can be resolved. Any emotional repression will create problems, often leading to eventual crises, and should be avoided if possible. Also, you need to realize that your partner has to be a real person, not an idealized archetypal projection by your unconscious. Emotional maturity and understanding are to be discovered, provided that you pass through the emotional self-transformation that Pluto serves to initiate.

(Robert Pelletier)

Moon conjunct Pluto shows that you love deeply and tenaciously. Rather than waste time in casual relationships, you continually look for someone who can respond to you with feelings as deep as your own. You will wait for this rare and elusive person rather than fall in love impulsively. Once in love, you can be very possessive and extremely demanding. If you are rejected, you can be vindictive and callous, even toward the one you love.

Domestically you can be a tyrant and therefore difficult to live with. Unless you are

careful and observant, you may permanently alienate your loved ones, thereby creating your own loneliness.

Sex is very important to you, and you will sometimes involve yourself in a physical relationship in order to satisfy your cravings for fulfillment. Even with a totally satisfying physical relationship, however, you will feel frustrated. You want more; you demand the heart and soul as well.

Your drive to find a complete relationship will force you to continually re-evaluate your partners and yourself. In time your personality may undergo drastic changes, and old acquaintances may find it difficult to recognize you as the person you once were.

This aspect is a powerful one and indicates that you will not appear to be in control of your emotions. A very idealistic person, you want the very best relationship or none at all. You prefer to continue looking rather than settle for second best.

If you don't find that perfect someone, you will wait and suffer, punishing yourself for craving the depth of human companionship that only an intimate relationship can give you.

Even in friendship, you choose only close, select companions, for any kind of superficial relationship rubs you the wrong way. In time you will learn to detach yourself from those who want just a casual relationship.

The Moon here shows emotions, love, and fluctuating moods, and Pluto shows a deep sense of regeneration. The conjunction of the two tells that you have a drive for new relationships, new loves, new romances.

You may live half your life before you discover that a love you had years ago was the most important to you. But this realization comes too late, for you discarded that love for a new one.

Your vulnerability to love allows others to take advantage of you, and your fear of this leads you to be defensive. However, with your drive, you can also take advantage of others. In time, you will need to sort out your various experiences in order of their importance to you.

This may sound difficult and hard to live with, but it can be a blessing when you find and enjoy your true love. If this is the love of your life, it will be deep, emotionally satisfying, and a means for your spiritual growth.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of these two factors has a very intense effect. At the same time as we

are looking for security and adopting an attitude in which we hope to feel safe (Moon), we are confronted by the very thing from which we are trying to escape or by some other bugbear from the unconscious. Since Pluto represents endeavors to hold our own by gaining control of situations, a sense of safety will be ours only when we know that we are in command. Whenever we feel we are not, we can lash out fiercely or wait for a chance to seize the helm again. Because the confrontation with repressed and unconscious factors makes us inwardly insecure and compels us to do something, we can expect to be involved in some pretty vigorous action sooner or later.

The confrontation this conjunction brings about between the natives and their hidden insecurity is likely to make them bottle up feelings in public. But they have an intense need for emotional contact; and this, combined with a power urge, can cause them to be motherly and protective, the danger being that they may turn tyrant and force the loved ones to obey.

Intensity is the keyword of Moon / Pluto aspects. The Moon is highly charged by Pluto, which enhances its influence. This is why these natives can be so emotionally fierce and demanding. An ordinary relationship does not satisfy: they insist on much more than that. They want depth and intrigue. With the Moon / Pluto conjunction, the grip will tighten on partners until they have wrung the secrets out. By the same token, this is a good aspect for researchers, (para)psychologists and the like. But the natives must take care not to be misled by feelings - an ever-present danger.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents how the physical mother teaches the child to respond emotionally. Pluto represents the unconscious motivation of a generation. When it ties to the Moon, it usually indicates a manipulative and controlling mother type. This aspect should be read after considering the other aspects to the Moon, for the combination of aspects to this conjunction will tell the story of how the child is overwhelmed by the mother's energy. She is a strong woman; a woman who may be obsessed by something that is going on in her life during the time this child is influenced. The sign involved in the conjunction is important in determining what kind of energy is available.

The conjunction is overpowering; emotional reactions are usually formed in the subconscious rather than in the conscious mind. The aspect indicates a person who responds emotionally (via the feelings, or the responses in the physical body), although the cause of the emotional reaction is actually subconscious. By way of compensation, the individual with this aspect feels that he must be in control of his responses all the time. He will keep a tight rein on his own emotional responses, and will attempt to control any emotional situations around him in order to avoid being surprised or shocked at his own reactions. This can indicate that his mother controlled her environment completely and manipulated everyone around her. This person will become an adult who has difficulty responding spontaneously in any emotional relationship involving family, friends

or lovers. He can obsess on any relationship and may surround himself with people he can control. He may surround himself with inferior types in order to maintain control; he may play all the control games possible, from excessive gift-giving to 'smother' love. This aspect may describe the 'smother' love syndrome which causes the person to produce the same kind of emotional responses when he reaches adulthood.

The root of the distortion is control. This is the underside of Pluto manifesting itself; when it is understood, the transformational process can begin. Jung talks of the collective unconscious, that part of the psyche in all of us that remembers what has happened to the species up to this point. The collective unconscious can be linked to Edgar Cayce's Akashic Records, though Jung interpreted it in much different terminology. When the Moon is attached to the energy of Pluto, it gives a person a chance to be tremendously creative, to tap into the wealth of information and ideas that lurk below the surface. This type of creative energy can be called intuitive for it comes from the subconscious. The person has to develop the skill of letting the intuitive energy flow. It cannot be developed as long as the feeling nature is controlled.

Various metaphysical and religious organizations sponsor classes which teach trust in the God-self and how one can get in touch with the creative centre that exists in all of us. Trusting the personal creative energy of this aspect has to be learned, for it is hard to let go of early childhood experience. The circumstances of the childhood and examples of the mother's manipulation and control techniques must be understood so that the individual can evaluate the kind of game absorbed from Mom. With a little effort, anyone can begin to recall early childhood memories. Memory becomes difficult only when trauma occurs to block the mind channels, for we don't like to recall something that offends our ethics. The ethics can be determined from aspects in the chart and read from planet and sign. This conjunction gives the individual great creative energy. Powerful as it is in the creative sense, it can be as powerful in a hurtful sense.

When a man has this aspect, he attempts to control all his emotional relationships with women; the aspects to the conjunction should be checked to see if there is violence there. A woman with this aspect can draw to her men who are physically violent if the signs are right, or if additional aspects to her Moon indicate the potential for this kind of behavior. An astrologer can warn her that indiscriminate behavior may bring emotional difficulties into her life, but the words should be carefully chosen.

This aspect gives great intuitive and healing ability. The charts of healers and psychics often have Pluto-Moon configurations, and the hard aspects seem to confer more power. These individuals are so empathetic to the feelings of others that they may even assume symptoms of other people's illnesses. When they become aware of this ability, they can learn to channel it; after all, who wants to walk around with someone else's headache? Eventually they may learn that not only can they pick up information from other people without asking for it, but also they can heal the hurts. Those who don't wish to pursue the occult forms of healing can find an outlet in the multiprofessional field of medicine: many

physiotherapists have strong Pluto-Moon aspects.

9) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♀ **Venus** - (1°36') 138 | ♊9

(Betty Lundsted)

The childhood environment of this person includes open communication: the family talks about what it wants. Although the words may not be intellectual, the child is exposed to conversation. This may produce a 'wordy' child and, consequently, a 'wordy' adult. It may be a person who talks too much about nothing, or it may indicate a prolific writer, depending on the rest of the chart indications.

Venus suggests the type of effect the mother has on a child's psyche. When the conjunction is afflicted by another planet, it may be determined how the person is hampered by the mother's influence. This individual will enjoy using the senses, and will enjoy some art form related to the sign in which the conjunction takes place.

Mercury conjunct or sextile Venus

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction or sextile of Mercury and Venus shows that you have an affable manner and social grace. You get along well with most people because you know when you should make compromises in order to maintain harmony. But this doesn't mean that you give in when you know the other person is in error. You generally try to be fair in making judgements so that you do not offend people without just cause. You know how to express your opinions skillfully so that no-one feels threatened or intimidated by you, and you are resourceful in gathering information to document what you say. Not usually hostile or argumentative, you prefer to give everyone you deal with the benefit of the doubt when a difference of opinion arises. It is part of your refined nature that you let people have the opportunity to convince you of their point of view before you take any action.

Your gentle and easy-going personality is an asset in most professions, but you might find it difficult to cope with the abrasive elements of close and direct competition. This possibility should be taken into consideration when choosing a profession. It is better to work alone or with a small group of people so you won't have to worry about troublesome competitors.

You could find enjoyment in public speaking or the dramatic arts. Writing could also prove satisfying because you have a natural talent for expressing yourself well. Your imaginative style is fresh and charming and appeals to people who want to be



entertained as well as informed. You are most comfortable with subjects that are not too dense and cumbersome.

You are fairly clever in devising schemes for improving your financial condition. You can use your talents effectively and can usually translate your ideas into cash. Your associates will support you in your enterprises, because your balanced judgement reassures them that you can't be too far off base. You convince them that you will succeed and generally win the co-operation you need. But you don't ask others to take risks you aren't willing to take. Because you are careful to adequately prepare yourself in advance of any action, the element of risk is greatly reduced anyway. And you shy away from complex projects that require prolonged effort before any benefits can be obtained.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

These two planets are never more than 72 degrees apart, so they only form two major aspects - the conjunction and the sextile. Because they always remain in each other's neighborhood, they repeatedly form the same aspects. In practice, there seems to be scarcely any difference in effect between the conjunction and the sextile; at most, the conjunction is the more powerful.

Mercury, as the planet of contacts, in aspect with harmony-seeking Venus makes people generally approachable. They prefer discussions to be agreeable and are inclined to make concessions. They desire to get on well with people and they respond to a pleasant atmosphere.

The way they analyze facts is influenced by Venus, too. For the sake of harmony, they may refuse to investigate too deeply. Outward agreement is what carries the most weight.

Friendliness and sociability do not necessarily make for maturity. There is often something childish about these people. It is not unusual to see children with these aspects remaining infantile for longer than normal (provided other factors in the chart, such as a strongly placed Saturn, do not counteract this). Conflicts are painful; they do not like taking sides, and they find a strained atmosphere hard to take. So these people are prone to back off if this will ease the situation. Although they are vulnerable, they are, by the same token, also naturally diplomatic and able to sort out differences of opinion and pour oil on troubled waters.

The way in which they fulfill the need for permanent relationships and for material security (Venus) always has a mental and communicative slant when Mercury is involved. Therefore they need relationships where they can talk to people (although not necessarily on anything very profound), and verbal exchange is very important.

Sometimes a Mercury / Venus aspect can make the mental processes rather lazy.

Venus is not the most active of planets; and, since Mercury has a great deal to do with the learning capacity and school, children with such an aspect sometimes fail to appreciate the need to study hard and are more interested in having fun with their friends, or prefer to do something creative. This certainly does not mean they are unable to learn, simply that their interests probably lie elsewhere.

(Betty Lundsted)

When these two planets are tied together by aspect, it indicates that the mother of the person has had an influence on the ability to communicate. It can indicate a person who enjoys communication, who may be involved in the arts, in literature, in appreciating the beauty in the world. It may also indicate a person who loves to talk.

(Charles Carter)

Since these planets are never more than  $76^{\circ}$  apart, it necessarily follows that the only aspects that can be formed between them are the conjunction, semi-sextile, semisquare, sextile and quintile, unless we also count the decile and semi-decile ( $36^{\circ}$  and  $18^{\circ}$ ). But as the planets are so near together at all times, aspects between them are of frequent occurrence and I consider that only the conjunction, semi-square and sextile are of much account. Even with these, fairly narrow orbs should be used if marked results are to be looked for.

These contacts may be treated under one head, for they do not differ materially. They always give some charm to the manners, speech and writings, but with the semisquare a certain vanity and effeminacy may be apparent, and sometimes a love of ease and luxury, and an undue sensitiveness. But the aspect is far too weak to be of much account unless the rest of the chart is of a similar tenor. The sensitiveness of the conjunction is not marked, and is of the kind normally associated with refinement and good breeding.

The sextile and conjunction bestow good spirits; a charming, cheerful, happy nature, with much friendship and sociability. There is, as a rule, a liking for young people; and the native himself is often juvenile in his tastes: sometimes there is an element of what is called the child-psychology with its harmless, rather superficial interests and lack of real depth of purpose. This is naturally most observable when the influence of Saturn is not pronounced.

These aspects do not of themselves bestow genius, but they are of great value to a writer or orator, for, though they will not indicate a brilliant intellect, they will give a pleasing expression to the native's thoughts.

In respect of the health, they operate very beneficially, indicating absence of friction, and healthy nerves.

They may bring profit through art, writings, speaking, and any 3rd house activity, the conjunction being, of course, always more powerful than the sextile, which will be much subordinated to the rest of the chart.

For some reason that I cannot explain, the conjunction does not seem to be favourable to the children of the native. Often indeed there are none; and in other cases there is separation or a lack of common interests. It seems to tend more to the production of intellectual offspring, such as works of art and literature. The sextile also appears to deny or limit the number of children; or there may be a tragic bereavement, or sorrow of some kind through one of them. It is said that 'genius is sterile'; but it seems strange that a good aspect of Venus to Mercury should have these results. Since Venus dislikes pain and responsibility, it might incline the native to avoid the having of children, but it is hard to see why it should affect children adversely when they have arrived. Nevertheless, I refer those who may question this observation to an examination of actual cases.

10) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Parallel** ♊ **South-Node** - (1°06') 138 | 11

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect produces a condition in which the natives' ideas are either behind or ahead of their times. On the positive side, the conjunction can bestow mental originality and independence. Then natives escape the pitfalls of popular opinion. In the long run, if the rest of the map indicates good mental capacity, the native will prove to be correct. On the negative side, the native is forced to proceed alone with his ideas since he cannot gain support for them. He does not speak out at the right time in the right place; and when he does speak, he is not listened to. Consequently, he is sometimes frustrated and feels mentally alone.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This aspect can produce possible learning difficulties, mental blocks, uncommunicativeness or improper communication. Nervous system, in general, gets affected due to this aspect. Reflex actions are often delayed or distorted. This aspect brings about tremendous inner growth regarding knowledge and wisdom, as the internalization or osmosis is very keen in these individuals. Their body and soul works as a one-way membrane absorbing information from the surrounding sources to be condensed in the package for future use. As a result of his hoarding of knowledge and information by the inner core, they may not necessarily display brilliance, intellectuality and communicativeness.

(Donna van Toen)

Enduring may take the place of growing, since talk or planning can replace action.

Pessimism may lead to a feeling that growth is impossible.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

In the opposition, Mercury can produce loquacity. The native humors others, has no fixed opinion, and is easily influenced. Depending on the house or sign, he or she can resort to lies born of sensation-seeking and willingness to compromise, and can be landed in unpleasant situations. Arguments employed are far-fetched, and refuge is taken in sophistry.

Mercury square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

An unsociable disposition, the calculated use of contact and relationship with other people for one's own personal benefit, the inclination to chatter or to gossip. The tendency to make oneself disliked by other people, the disturbance of relationships.

(Bernice Grebner)

This may make the person suspicious, outspoken, and somewhat tyrannical. It may make the person seem aloof. Basically though, it gives shyness. This may be a clue to serious nervous problems if not handled properly. It is meant to increase the mental energies toward the balancing of the Nodes. There is a tendency to find fault and to exaggerate. Judgement can be poor, so the person may not be good at giving advice. This gives a fluctuation-type mind. When carried to its fullest and best, this exaggerated imagination can give success in the literary field.

11) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♀ Neptune** - (1°52') ♀9 | 138

(Haydn Paul)

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

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

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

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

(Robert Pelletier)

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

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

cultural functions, would be suitable expressions of your creativity.

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

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

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

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

Quite often, we seek spiritual values in friendship and love, and often have a penchant for mysticism and the like. Where the material side of Venus is concerned, the combination with Neptune gives refined artistry; and, because Neptune is the planet of the collective, we can reach a wide public with our skill. We have a fine sense of form, color and proportion, and know how to make good use of it. But there is a danger of dallying in a tinsel-town fantasy-world (the world of film stars for example) which has nothing in common with the world in which we live.

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

(Betty Lundsted)

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

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

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

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

For some reason, there seems to be a cloud of illusion / delusion around the mother as well. For her own reasons, the mother presented an unusually or delusory image of what women are, along with a cloudy picture about her own history. This untruth gives the

native a strange image in the psyche that will affect his adult relationships. The mother may have good reason to delude the child, for she may be hiding something about herself. Sometimes, the reason for this misinterpretation seems ridiculous later, but it doesn't seem so at the time. The psyche drives us to live out the dreams and delusions held on that level, and if we want to change our circumstances, we must know why we have created the unhappy ones in the first place.

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

(Charles Carter)

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

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

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

12) ► **Venus ♀ Parallel ♀ Pluto** - (1°23') ♀9 | ♀2

(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.

13) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Contra-Parallel** ⚡ **Uranus** - (0°21') ♄7 | ♄7

(Haydn Paul)

Most of the challenges that are likely to face the individual with this aspect will be centred on personal beliefs and expression, and relationships with others.

You are likely to have a bright, alert, intellectual mind, and a sense of self-assurance which can be expressed with enthusiasm and dynamic energy. Over time you will amass a large storehouse of knowledge, which you can use in your efforts to become successful and creative. What is likely to disrupt the results of such natural assets is the influence of the Uranian opposition, which essentially distorts the outer expression.

It is in the spheres of judgement and sensitivity that you may find difficulties occurring. Under the expansionist tendencies of both Jupiter and Uranus, you can easily become over-enthusiastic about ideas, business schemes or unconventional beliefs. Allied to an erratic, restless tendency, this can lead you to become involved in highly speculative business ventures where your obsession with the project idea can override any real rational analysis of financial feasibility. Often your attachment to ideas veers towards investing them with elements of fantasy and imagination, which can lack a real applicability within daily life, also adding a distorting factor.

There is likely to be some conflict with established traditional beliefs and social attitudes, especially in the areas of religion and politics; and you may become involved with radical politics or more unusual religious and spiritual beliefs. These will hold considerable personal meaning for you; and you will feel impelled to share these with others. Often despite that clever mind, there is an element of simplicity and faith in you, which can become naivety at times. If a belief resonates with that point of imagination within, you can accept it then with little questioning, because really you are looking for a sense of centre and security; and a belief structure appears to offer this.

You may need to be wary of an urge to convert others to your beliefs which, whilst genuinely held, may not be suitable for everyone. If others oppose you, this serves to reinforce your support of your beliefs against any odds; you can feel that this often validates them. There can be a tendency to be too domineering in expression, founded on that strong self-assurance; and in relating there is often a lack of tact and sensitivity to the feelings and abilities of others. Not everyone has your ability to be so focused on achieving important objectives; many vacillate, or sit on the fence, instead of choosing to be on one side or the other. Also, others have different requirements for life experience from yours, different challenges; and they may be following their path as much as you are following yours.

Eventually, you may find that the Uranus action causes you to revolt against any belief structures to which you have bound yourself. At least for a period, you may have to stand alone and adrift from security in beliefs; this can occur as a result of disillusionment and a collapse in your faith in a specific belief. Yet this can be liberating, since in the experience of such a phase of inner darkness, your own light may be perceived and contacted, enabling you to live more freely and attuned to your own life pattern through later life. Identification with outer belief structures can be personally inimical and restrictive.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Jupiter to Uranus indicates a high degree of enthusiasm and intellectual development. From your earliest years, you have encountered many challenges to your incredible gift of knowledge. This has given you the ability to meet competition with assurance and courage. You are afraid of no-one, especially in a battle of wits. Your intuitive ability is a decided asset in gaining victory over others, regardless of their degree of education or skill.

The world is yours for the taking, and there is virtually no field of endeavor in which you can't succeed. Your best interests would be served in occupations related to law, politics, education, travel, religion, or the occult. In any of these, you can exploit your potentials to their highest level of development and creative expression. Your fund of information is too precious to keep to yourself, and your dynamic expressive ability should be used to stimulate and benefit others. No-one else can more dramatically demonstrate that only education provides freedom. You can take on enormous burdens without weakening under pressure.

You must be conscious, though, of the danger of becoming authoritarian and despotic in using your power. you will alienate many of your closest allies and friends as you pursue your goals in life. You may wonder why they can't see the future as clearly as you, and you may hold them in disdain for this. It is your responsibility to understand other people's limitations and make allowances for them.

Throughout your life, you will be severely challenged. Remembering this may guide you when your ego gets inflated with your own self-importance.

Exercise moderation at all times. Face the mirror honestly, and accept the truth about yourself. Realize that with your intellectual advantage, you have a greater burden of responsibility than lesser minds.

Jupiter square or opposition Uranus

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Uranian aspects are full of unrest and tension.

Jupiter, the planet of expansion and increase, often has a stimulating (or overstimulating) effect on restless and irascible Uranus, which makes these natives very vacillating.

We can suddenly do something tactless, or make a desperate bid for independence. Public or private friction (arising from the fact that we follow new, unaccepted ways and do not fit in easily with others) never deters us. We want to be ourselves, are hard to influence, and do not readily change our minds. With these aspects, we like to adopt an independent line, but need to be careful not to take it too far.

Because of their impulsiveness, irrational suddenness and restlessness, Jupiter / Uranus aspects can lead to broken relationships. The breaks can occur in public as well as in private life; perhaps because we champion social reforms that give more freedom to the individual. We obstinately stick to our guns, but do not always take a balanced view. And, although we sense a great deal intuitively, our interpretation, evaluation, and presentation of what we see leave something to be desired.

Conflicts between Uranus and Jupiter are quite likely to be present in the charts of intrepid explorers such as Stanley (famous for his travels in Africa). The new, the undiscovered, and the reconstructive attract us under these aspects, and we are prepared to devote a great deal of energy to such things.

14) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Neptune** - (1°06') 138 | 138

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect occurs approximately once every thirty-six years; during the last century, in 1917, 1952 and 1989.

The effects of Saturn have a beneficial influence on the tendencies of Neptune, helping definition, stability and ease of expression; the potential is for practical idealism and an ability for positive application of the ideas and imagination emanating from Neptune. This is useful for creativity, as the inspiration of Neptune can be given adequate form and manifestation by the concrete tendencies of Saturn, and so the imagination is not left swirling in an inner world of dreams and fancies but is released onto the physical plane to be shared with others.

There is less of the delusive nature of Neptune present with this aspect, and there should be a greater perceptive clarity than usual, one that is especially sensitive to issues of deceit and glamour. You are less prone to make mistakes through such reflective blindness, and tend to be self-protective mainly by a careful and wary distancing that you maintain with strangers or new acquaintances. This is part of the Saturn contribution of caution and unease with anything that is unknown. Trust needs to be progressively developed in you, whether in people, circumstances or situations; and you are usually reticent in making any firm commitments until you have thoroughly evaluated any set of choices. You tend to rely on a faith in facts, and impersonal judging of what seems to be the wisest choice to make; this can be beneficial in your life, privately and in a career.

It is probable that the Saturn energy will be the dominant one, with the Neptune energy occasionally repressed for practical reasons. If you allow Saturn to be too emphasised, then opportunities may be lost through excessive evaluation and lack of decisiveness; that fear of the unknown will also act as a restrictive and inhibiting factor. You are likely to erect a well-defined lifestyle and personality structure which allows relatively little space for the Neptunian influence to be expressed, as it is more anarchic and expansionary. What can occur is a sense of confusion regarding your own personal limitations, where they begin to feel imprisoning and Neptune agitates to dissolve those barriers and to experience those repressed dreams that you are attempting to ignore. A careful balancing of both these planetary energies is essential, both for inner harmony and for external success. Otherwise, degrees of distortion and lack of perspective will increase, as the Neptune influence demonstrates its repressed presence through more negative characteristics.

For those exploring the spiritual dimension of life, this aspect offers several valuable assets, in that there is a questioning of dogma and assumptions, a tendency to deglamourise through a more earthy perspective, and a developing ability to rely on the inner guidance of intuition rather than on external 'authority sources'. This stage may have been reached as lessons learnt through earlier phases of gullibility and submission to teachers, possibly through religious or parental conditioning which you begin to cast away as inimical to your own development. Discrimination is important in life, and especially so when contacting occult teachings, where the likelihood is that through a lack of real personal experience only genuine ignorance exists; and the tendency of most is to fill that void by passively accepting whatever teaching is making an impact on

them.

As you continue to develop, especially through standing alone and living through your own light, a greater maturity and perception will unfold. Insight and compassion founded on living experience will be gained, and if you practise meditational techniques then your own power and light is likely to shine brighter as your inner clarity emerges. Effective concentration and meditation should be possible, and some signs of psychic abilities may also emerge from the Neptune energy being released. You may become a channel for the transpersonal energies to enter these levels, and there will be a sense of social responsibility and of the context through which they can operate.

Your intimate relationships are likely to be deep and enriching, partly as a result of your careful evaluation of suitable partners; and in those relationships where your heart becomes involved you will tend to be cautious before opening to a full commitment. Relationships are important to you, and you place great emphasis on continually working at them to ensure that they are mutually beneficial and a source of evolutionary growth. You believe that 'right choice leads to right action'; and this is a key to your success and to your procedure of careful evaluation of options and decisions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Saturn conjunct Neptune, it is very unlikely that you can be deceived for very long. You usually protect yourself by being distrustful of situations or people you are unfamiliar with. Even in spiritual or religious matters, you object to accepting dogma unless you can work it out logically. Perhaps in your early years you readily accepted those teachings, and later, as you began to question their validity, you felt guilty about them. In general, you have a mature attitude about religious matters, and deep insight into your social obligations.

You are psychic in the most realistic sense; and your experiences guide you in the use of developing your intuition. You are suited to work in an executive capacity, for you can make important decisions with a high probability of success. Your professional affairs benefit from your ability to detect dishonesty or deception. In your pursuit of the facts, you insist that others prove what they say. You fear the unknown and are cautious about making a decision until you can examine all the facts. Your inspiration has practical value, and you can express it concretely.

In your romantic relationships, you are similarly composed. You are an idealist, but a practical one. You do not generally make an emotional commitment unless there is solid evidence that the feeling is mutual. You don't offer yourself casually to anyone, friend or lover. Your temperament is not suited to superficial entanglements, but you are willing to make an enormous contribution to a relationship that obviously has sustenance.

Avoid taking medication that is not professionally prescribed. Artificial vitamins,



stimulants, and depressive drugs are not for you, because they may cause unpleasant reactions.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction between Saturn and Neptune, form-building and form-disintegration go hand in hand, a state of affairs which can give a wonderful combination of qualities (provided personal planets are involved) - or it might more often be truer to say a weird and wonderful combination. Whenever we are engaged in giving concrete form to ego or are concerned with things with which ego can identify (Saturn), the form-dissolving processes of Neptune - which tend to blur the edges of the personality - are automatically activated. Therefore we keep making big or little formal changes and have little difficulty in giving the ego a regular shape. On the other hand, when formulating goals, we get feelings and insights that increase their depth. There is no knowing at any instant whether we are going to be changeable or insightful; in fact, we can switch imperceptibly between the two states of mind. Suppose, for example, we are writing a report: we may communicate in a well-thought-out style that expresses our feelings on the subject; but then we can introduce paragraphs with no proper structure at all, paragraphs with the meaning 'left hanging in the air' to such an extent that the reader is utterly perplexed. Or we may wander from the subject entirely. The danger of this conjunction is that the formless and spiritual (Neptune) may undermine awareness of the concrete and everyday (Saturn).

Yet this conjunction could enable us to investigate the invisible and transpersonal world in a matter-of-facts, methodical manner. Much depends on the relative strengths of the two planets.

The Neptunian sense of unity and communal service can be made concrete by a conjunction with Saturn; and then we might work hard for a better world, a more closely knit human race and a deeper religious or metaphysical understanding. But, by the same token, the cautiousness and ambition so characteristic of Saturn can be subverted by Neptune. We have no control over the latter planet, and can be so swayed by it that ambitions are imbued with its spirit of renunciation. Possibly we shall sacrifice ourselves for some idealistic goal we have painted in glowing colors. Needless to say, this aspect may feature in the charts of ascetics or of others who do not ask much from life.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn indicates the psychological influence of the father on the psyche of the individual. It indicates that part of the personality that one is most apprehensive about, the facet of self that one regards with caution. Neptune brings a sense of creativity or illusion/delusion regarding insight concerning the father.

People with this aspect may not really understand the kind of effect their father had on

them. This influence may be determined from other aspects to Saturn or the Sun. There have been cases where mother-dominated children have been deluded about the father, especially if he was missing. There have been instances when a child is unpleasantly surprised about paternity itself, for not every legal father is a child's physical father. These situations are difficult to diagnose and more difficult to discuss; they must be handled with tact.

When a father-dominated person has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction, there may be some idealization of the father. When a mother-dominated person has the conjunction, the mother may misrepresent the father in some way - the kind of man he is - or some delusion about the family or inherited family responsibilities may be engendered. The delusion about the father influence may merely be that the person doesn't know about the family influence or interests. These people will be influenced by certain delusions or illusions regarding authority figures; they may be hurt by the reality of the traditional approach, for they want to support illusions.

(Charles Carter)

In a good chart, this gives unusual powers, the native being able to plan and to execute, working hard. It is excellent for business or for politics, and has some affinity with the church. It is apt to produce something of an egotist, though the disposition may be kind. The native is apt to think himself or his work much more important than it really is. It is often found in the horoscopes of those who, with affected or sincere humility on the personal side, insist that they are instruments - the chosen and special instruments - of Exalted Beings, and so forth. In such cases, it is the expansive and formless side of Neptune which overcomes and drowns, as it were, the matter-of-fact sense of Saturn.

It appears to favour both mathematical and musical ability, perhaps by reason of its sense of exactness, time, and order. In any case, the abilities are very often out of the ordinary.

Provided Saturn is the stronger, it favours success by hard work, but usually also at the price of scandal and defamation, often in respect of sexual matters, or as the house occupied may indicate. It is not a position which is likely to cause the native to be fond of contact with the downtrodden or the poor, and is somewhat ambitious, fond of authority and management, and liking to exercise disciplinary powers. But if Neptune predominates, these ambitious tendencies will be much less in evidence.

Owing to the contrary natures of the two planets, there are often two sides to the character, or two periods of the life, the one materialistic and hard-headed, and the other idealistic. Or, if other aspects help, these two may be blended concordantly.

15) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Parallel** ♅ **Pluto** - (1°35') 138 | 32

(Haydn Paul)

Saturn implies restrictions and limitations, which serve as a barrier to progress until certain changes are made or lessons learnt; and when in association with Pluto, the way forward is conditioned by the need for an inner transformation to occur. With this aspect, it is likely that you will experience some degree of frustration in achieving your objectives, or a sense of invisible blockages facing you that require you to discover some way to pass them or dissolve them through penetration.

As you have a strong ambitious nature, you will need to make full use of all the resources available to you, applying accumulated knowledge and experience to a determined persistent effort to succeed. Patience will be an essential quality for you to develop, as it is unlikely that you will have rapid immediate success in your objectives. Usually you have to wait, and undergo the experience of frustration and not knowing if your goals will be realised; and this can be a testing and transformative phase, especially as it is likely to be repeated periodically throughout your life.

You will be attracted towards power and status, although it may be that instead of reaching a position where you 'possess' such attributes, you are required to gain a new perspective and understanding of influence in the world, rather than demonstrating it yourself. Much depends upon your ability to apply your talents and resources practically; potentially, your ideas and schemes can have a noticeable impact upon the world and your immediate environment, especially when you are working through an established structure and social system. This is because you feel more naturally in tune with existing organisations, preferring traditional approaches and attitudes as a reflection of 'stability and foundation'. You often resist accepting new trends or social changes, as you are inherently wary of them, preferring to follow your established path unless the impulse for change is naturally arising within yourself; and even then the likelihood is that you will attempt to resist and block its movement as a reaction to its unsettling effect. You will have a conservative nature and perception of life, respecting traditions and the consensus social attitudes, being suspicious of those who need to experiment and challenge accepted attitudes.

The socially subversive nature of Pluto is unlikely to be too evident, as Saturn will overlay it too much, although it can erupt in your inner and personal life, potentially stimulating a collapse in your 'secure foundations', forcing you to re-evaluate yourself and your life. Such a radical impact is unlikely, however, unless you are capable of undergoing the cathartic transformation that could occur, because Saturn will maintain your inner structure to prevent this happening.

You will be a private person, serious and secretive in nature, not openly revealing your thoughts and particularly your emotions, which you may try to avoid and keep tightly sealed away in a 'locked drawer'. Emotions imply fluctuation and change to you; and this does not fit easily with your world view and perception of self, making you feel

uncomfortable. A more healthy approach to emotions should be encouraged, as it would prevent any energy repression on the emotional level, or else you may find that Pluto takes that route to make its presence felt.

In intimate relationships, you will be a firm, reliable partner, and you will prefer a traditional approach to marriage and mutual commitment, so you should choose wisely. You will not be overly demonstrative of emotional (on the surface), but you should avoid any tendency to fix the relationship in limiting and binding ties, and instead allow it space to change and evolve. Remember that your partner is a unique individual with a potential to unfold, so allow the necessary freedom for him or her to do so, and encourage the process too. Security in a 'straightjacket' situation is a false situation, and inimical to growth and development, so despite your tendency in that direction, it is wiser to accept change and unpredictability so that energies can flow healthily.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Saturn and Pluto gives you a driving ambition to realize your goals. To do this, however, you must use all your resources and experience. An austerity program may be necessary, but you are willing to endure whatever is required so that your plans will succeed. The fear of an unfulfilled life drives you to accomplish as much as you can. You are certain that your determination and persistence will make success possible.

You may be forced into a particular profession before you realize which field will enable you to get the results you desire. Your inclination is to traditional occupations that can give you stability in the face of changing social values, which seem to financially threaten you. You may resist 'getting in step' with changes and defiantly challenge anyone who suggests that you must, or you will make anxious adjustments to them. In any case, your approach to solving the problems you face is extreme. You either 'join' and transform a liability into an asset, or you resist and suffer defeat from the relentless tide of progress.

Secretive about your plans and ambitions, you don't share your innermost thoughts with anyone. You work behind the scenes, patiently acquiring financial resources that you feel will protect you in later years. You are efficient in managing your financial affairs and resourceful in spending.

You are qualified to gain positions of power and authority. An effective organizer, you command the respect of those under you. You are almost faultless in observing the law, and although your judgement may be harsh, it is fair. You have an uncanny ability to understand people's motives, which serves you well in determining guilt or innocence.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Intensity and tenacity are key concepts in the conjunction of Saturn and Pluto. This is an

extremely powerful conjunction if linked with personal factors. The ability to shape things, to work hard and long, and to endure stress are enormously intensified by Pluto, and we are able to tap a great reservoir of strength and resilience. At the same time, a need for power and authority and a desire to leave no stone unturned (Pluto) assume a set form (Saturn). Striving for fame and success, tough behavior, and refusal to give way on any issue, are likely consequences.

Pluto also has to do with repressions, and its conjunction with Saturn makes us painfully aware of these unconscious impulses. We can resort to firm action to enable us to overcome problems and fears. Others may think of us as strong, but do not see the inner struggle - which nothing would induce us to reveal to them.

Profound inquiry (Saturn) plus penetration (Pluto) give a capacity for all kinds of research and for science in general. When working on anything that really interests us, we anticipate good results and are very energetic and ambitious; but nobody must get in the way, otherwise we strike back mercilessly.

Under the influence of Pluto, it can be hard to gauge how forcefully we express ourselves; and when the planet is in conjunction with vulnerable Saturn we can be more prickly and fierce than (seen in retrospect) we intended. We have the strategic ability to outwit rivals. Without realizing it, we choose to confront others and make a bid for power in the very place where we feel most at risk; naturally enough, this stirs up a hornet's nest from time to time. Therefore the present conjunction is said to signify violence - although our behavior need not sink to that level. Violence is certainly possible, but only if the rest of the chart points in the same direction.

What is more, the conjunction of Pluto and Saturn is found in people who are determined to master important processes at all costs. These can be socio-political processes, processes that are personally meaningful to these natives, or even the processes of parapsychology or magic. Feelings of uncertainty created by unconscious compulsions might prompt us to take the reins of our life completely into our own hands.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the influence of the father on the individual's psyche, the caution point in the consciousness, the teacher or tester; Pluto represents unconscious motivation. The conjunction indicates a person born into a generation when people unconsciously take the law into their own hands. Rationally, they may say that the 'law' is wonderful, but personally one hears them talking about how one 'must' do something. Free will may be disguised intellectually, but in actuality they subconsciously feel that they should be the law-makers.

The father's influence on these individuals was most probably manipulative; it may be difficult for them to see just how they are influenced by the father. The aspect indicates

people who may think their urges toward traditional concepts are conscious, but who may be motivated to react to life experience on an unconscious level.

In Leo (August 1946 - July 1948), this conjunction indicates people who consider respect and approval seriously, and may feel they are not being respected enough. They unconsciously react with hurt feelings and sensitivity when they are not treated in an approvable manner. They may not realize that the hurt feelings have something to do with the fact that their father didn't treat them well when they were little, and here is this life experience doing it to them again. These people will be motivated to consider the 'law' and all its ramifications whenever they are offended. They may not explore why they are offended, but merely the fact that they are.

16) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ☾ Moon** - (7°50' S)    ♋7 | ♋7

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition the Ascendant shows that you try to become personally involved in the affairs of the people you know. Not content with casual encounters or impersonal communication, you seek to be absorbed by others so they will turn to you for sympathetic understanding. Subconsciously, you need someone to need you at all times. You are trying to transfer the parental loyalty of your childhood to people with whom you can become intimately identified. This seems to be the only way you can conserve the emotional security you are accustomed to.

You have a wide circle of friends who think highly of you because of your generous and kindly disposition. Nevertheless, you find it difficult to form individual, binding relationships, because you are never really sure you can fulfill the responsibilities they entail. To avoid this problem, you circulate freely among a number of people you feel comfortable with, who appreciate the favors you do for them. You want to be loved, and you constantly dwell on this fact. Although you adapt fairly well to changes in a relationship between yourself and another person, you secretly worry that you've failed to make a sufficient contribution to sustain the relationship.

Because you function well in a social environment, public relations would be a comfortable field for you. You hate being alone, so any professional interest should involve personal contact with the public. You may have some difficulty in achieving your material goals, however. Your sometimes fickle behavior gives your superiors the impression that you are unstable and therefore unreliable. It is important that you learn to stand alone and secure in your independence. You persist in the hope that everything you desire will some day be realized.

(Sue Tompkins)

Moon conjunct Descendant suggests that there is a very strong need for relationship and

all the emotional, familial and domestic security it might provide. A need for relationships which will provide some measure of nurture, containment, protection and dependency. Whatever the real nature of a particular relationship - child-parent, employer-employee, or that between two lovers, those with the Moon Descendant somehow or other find themselves in a parent-child relationship, with them to be found at either end of the spectrum.

People with this placement often find, maybe several years into a relationship, that they have 'married' someone who closely resembles their mother or are re-enacting the relationship they had with her or would like to have had.

Sometimes the early mother figure was experienced more as a wife, either to the child or to the other parent, and it is from this situation that a mother-spouse linkage is formed. In any event, mother issues and relationship seem even more intermingled than usual with this combination.

People with Moon conjunct Descendant are often very nurturant in relationship, and, indeed, in all one-to-one encounters, though, as Howard Sasportas says of Moon in the 7th, it may be 'over-sensitive or over-adaptive' to the needs of the partner. This placement is indicative of the formation of very strong bonds with women. People with this placement who are in therapy, for example, usually feel more comfortable with women therapists.

The placement can also be found in those who meet others through providing some sort of lunar skills; such skills might range from cooking and catering to working in security, or even such things as furniture restoration: those who provide some kind of service which involves caring or providing some kind of protection.

#### Moon square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The effect of the hard aspects between the Moon and Ascendant is much more uncomfortable and disturbing. We experience the world and everything with which we are not totally familiar as a worrying threat to our safety, and so we do not always react with poise or find it easy to make contacts.

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

Sometimes we are at a loss for how to behave in emotional situations, or in situations where we have to care for and cherish others (for example, as a mother or father). Then we may be inclined to seek the help and advice of someone we trust to solve the problem in some other way. The activity associated with hard aspects often encourages us to explore various avenues.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the aspects between the Moon and Ascendant are difficult, these people see life as a difficult emotional experience. Each new beginning in childhood may have been an emotional trauma - they were afraid to start school, they had difficulty moving to another school during the early years, or perhaps they resisted the various phases of growing up.

If the Moon squares the Ascendant, it indicates that the emotional needs of these individuals are not easily expressed by the 'persona'. The career drive may suppress the emotional nature, or the masquerade that is presented to the public may in fact mask a tender emotional structure. This causes inner tension, for the emotional needs have to find expression.

In the case of the opposition, in some way the mother (Moon) compromised the child's actions - every time the Ascendant reached out to do something, mother stood in the way. The individual will respond to life much as the mother did as far as the emotions are concerned, so the same apprehensions that Mom projected when the person was a child will be projected by the person as an adult. Each new job will bring inordinate trauma; each new beginning will contain trauma.

17) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct** ♂ **Mars** - (7°29' A) ♄7 | 138

(Robert Pelletier)

Mars opposition the Ascendant shows that you attract people who threaten you, as though you had a chip on your shoulder and dared everyone to know it off. You don't really have that much self-confidence; your aggressive actions are an attempt to convince yourself that you do. You need constant encounters to improve your skill in dealing with people who would otherwise take advantage of you. Meeting others in competition is how you learn how to assert yourself constructively, with greater selfcontrol and discipline. Naturally argumentative, you are not the easiest person to get along with. You must learn to be more compromising if you want peace and harmony. Making concessions shows strength of character, not weakness; and if you realize this, you will be respected for your maturity.

In personal relationships, your offensive tactics force you to raise your defences when



the going gets rough. While it is necessary to fight for your independence, you must show some restraint so you don't incur everyone's displeasure. You want to be recognized for your ability to succeed in spite of challenging competition. But an attitude of superiority often masks feelings of inferiority or inadequacy.

You have a lot of creative energy you should express. Remember, it's what you do rather than what you say you can do that is important. Knowing that your future success and happiness depend on you alone, you must realize that you will have to make some contribution to ensure them. Take advantage of your closest friends, who can offer worthwhile suggestions; and when their ideals help you, show your appreciation.

You may have some difficulty in getting your superiors to give you a more important position, because of your inclination to flare up under pressure. You tend to speak out of turn, which arouses suspicion that you cannot handle the authority delegated to you. Develop more self-control, or you will run into many troublesome situations that could be extremely difficult to resolve.

(Sue Tompkins)

Mars conjunct the Descendant, or making hard aspect to the axis, may be more combative than Mars rising. Those with Mars on the Descendant may see others as aggressive, or look to others to help them find their own retaliatory impulses. This is a splendid combination for lawyers or others who have to fight on behalf of another's point of view. Often those with this placement have to put a great deal of energy and sometimes real 'push' into achieving a position of co-operation. A key phrase for this combination may be 'fighting for co-operation'; fighting too for justice and fairness as they see it.

Like Venus-Mars contacts, the Mars setting person may be impulsive about relationship, jumping into liaisons with a real spirit of adventure but not a great deal of forethought. This is a good combination for competitive relationships -partnerships that involve a bit of rough and tumble and don't rely on everything appearing to be sweet and nice. Thus, relationships with people with Mars along this axis may feel either very alive and stimulating or as if World War III had just broken out.

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.

18) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♃ Jupiter** - (3°13' S)    ♃7 | ♃7

(Robert Pelletier)

Jupiter opposition the Ascendant indicates that you are generous toward your associates and civil with competitors. You are polished and refined, sometimes to the point that others may be suspicious of your motives. You prefer to associate with people who seem to be sure of themselves and their goals. Unless you see a future in it, you refuse to bind yourself to any obligation. You attract fortunate people to you, and you share their optimistic feeling that you will become successful. Just as an investment broker deals in financial resources, you deal in the resources of people - who they are and what they can accomplish for themselves and for you. You pride yourself on your good judgement, but you ignore the fact that you are a taker, not a giver, except when it suits your long-range purposes.

It isn't easy for you to establish roots, partly because you feel that without them you are more free to take advantage of opportunities. An 'idea' person, you know how to exploit

your creative potentials to derive the most benefit from them. You are a good conversationalist and can liven up any discussion with tales that may be tall stories but are never dull or boring.

Your desire to achieve was probably stimulated by your early home life, which may not have been totally satisfying. Because of that fact, you resolved to better yourself and your circumstances whenever possible. You try to convince yourself that given the chance you would show people how capable you are. But you do this because you don't want to be reminded of your material and emotional responsibilities. You know you should settle down and admit that you need to relate to others in order to succeed.

Your greatest problem is that you use people to serve your personal objectives. You must learn that being generous is as beneficial to you as accepting the generosity of others.

Jupiter square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the hard aspects, we are strongly attracted by the grandiose, the jovial and the magnanimous, and this shows in our attitude to others. But we tend to overdo things. We need constant reminders to hold the energy of the tense aspects in check; sometimes, if we wish to avoid problems with others, it is wise to be a little more subdued.

Often we radiate much more self-confidence, not to say self-will, than we might imagine, and acquaintances may see us as arrogant. Yet, with this same self-confidence, plus a big dose of optimism, we can do much good if we take care to create a genial impression and not a haughty one.

The love of doing things on a grand scale may deteriorate into a fondness of luxury and display; equally, we can become preoccupied with immaterial things and can spend time promoting intangible values. In ways like these, the urge to be expansive can easily get out of control.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Jupiter squares the Ascendant, the relationship needs argue with the persona. New experience will begin with difficulty, for the square indicates a frustration of energy. These individuals may not be conscious of the fact that their response to new relating experience will be perceived differently by those viewing the Ascendant reactions.

When Jupiter opposes the Ascendant, a compromise between new beginnings, the

persona and the ability to relate to what is being projected becomes an issue in the life. Usually the opposition is active between the first and seventh houses (the personal projection versus the needs of a partner). The energy can be handled constructively when the signs are understood.

(Sue Tompkins)

Jupiter in hard aspect to the axis suggests that the individual's beliefs are at odds with the outer image that he or she may have cultivated.

Jupiter conjunct Descendant often suggests that an individual teams up with a person from a different background or culture from their own, or sometimes with a teacher or religious person. Education often forms an important aspect of one-to-one relationships, with the individual either seeking to educate the other or to be educated by him / her. There is a need for a certain amount of space with Jupiter on both ends of the axis. At the 7th house end, the individual is often particularly keen on exploring the whole realm of relationship and may not like being tied to just one person. In any event, it is through relationship that the Jupiter-Descendant person finds his / her own faith and confidence. He / she may look to someone else to provide these qualities or be able to offer them to others. Sometimes the person projects 'God' onto other people and sometimes he / she wishes to be treated as being Godlike and wonderful him- / herself.

19) ► **Descendant DC Conjunct ♁ Uranus** - (4°29' A) ♋7 | ♋7

(Robert Pelletier)

Uranus opposition the Ascendant shows that relationships stand in the way of achieving the freedom you want. You attract people who demand their own freedom, even though it means you must curtail yours, and this annoys you. Attracted to people who are defiant of authority, you'd like to share the enthusiasm of their independence. You feel uncomfortable when anyone asks you to make a commitment, for you consider contracts and related obligations as too limiting and frustrating. Marriage in the traditional sense is not for you. You prefer a more liberal association in which the only binding agent is your emotional attraction to your partner. You enjoy a wide circle of friends who share your views and with whom you feel safe and secure.

Your contemporaries admire your ingenuity in using your creative talents. You are drawn to occupations that give you freedom to work in your own way, unconfined by rules and regulations. You don't like to be told when and how you should do something or to receive an ultimatum if you don't submit.

Rebellious by nature, you probably left home at an early age to seek your own goals. Although you have a mind of your own, you probably are not fully prepared to accept responsibility for your actions. You tend to avoid competition on the excuse that it is the

trap of a regulated society.

Although you secretly hope to make a substantial contribution to improve society, you may lack the motivation to actually do something to prove your concern. Your resentment of authority may cause problems in reaching your goals. You make your own rules to serve as guidelines, but they are not very demanding. Part of your role in life is to help others gain their freedom by urging them to get an education and to learn about the social and political issues that can affect them.

Uranus square or opposition Ascendant

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With a tense aspect from Uranus to the Ascendant, we give the impression of being restless, changeable and capricious: a pretty good description of our behavior toward everything encountered in the outside world. We shift from one thing to another and, in spite of longing to develop along lines compatible with freedom, we are not clear how to shape desires or know quite what they involve. We are liable to do the wrong thing, or to be fiercer, more impulsive, more tactless, and often more provocative than is really justified. There is no doubt that these aspects can cause ruptures through thoughtlessness, restlessness and a hot temper.

Ingenuity is a marked feature, but often we are too impatient to exploit or perfect an invention. We are easily distracted by novelties, and the next thing that comes along may capture our attention for no better reason than that it is original or quaint (usefulness is not high on our list of desirable qualities). And then something even more intriguing catches our eye, and we go running after that. Real progress is out of the question when this happens, and the usual restlessness is compounded by nervousness.

With Uranus / Ascendant conflicts, we need an outlet for tension. If, for example, the Ascendant has few other aspects, it is hard to be openly impulsive, and the tension can build up inside. When we finally let off steam, the effect is startling and possibly destructive.

(Betty Lundsted)

The square or opposition brings in conflict, for the behavioral attitudes of these individuals were probably not accepted as a part of their persona. When putting their best foot forward, they may not be comfortable.

When the opposition takes place, the behavioral attitudes are compromised with every new beginning: the approach to life may not reflect the behavioral attitudes.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Uranus squaring the Ascendant are usually not reinforced for their 'differentness' by the family. They often themselves feel different or think that others may find them odd. This usually feels rather uncomfortable, and the individual often finds it difficult to integrate his / her unconventionality into the rest of his / her personality or life-style.

People with Uranus on the Descendant tend to look to others to bring out the more unconventional or original aspects of their personality. It usually takes someone else to awaken the Uranus-Descendant person to the possibility of leading a more exciting or exhilarating life. It is through interaction with someone else that it dawns upon the person that they needn't conform to the whims of society but can express themselves as they would honestly wish to.

Instead of making a statement 'I am unique', as might be expected with Uranus conjunct Ascendant, those with this placement might make a life-statement which says: 'We are different. Our relationship is exciting, radical, unconventional' - or a whole host of other Uranian words. The relationships of Uranus conjunct Descendant will often involve 'shocks'. Quite unexpected happenings, unexpected choices of partner, instant marriage proposals, speedy and sudden exits from relationships and so on. And all of this is usually in the service of some personal awakening, some personal radical change.

It is also through relationship that the Uranus conjunct Descendant person can rebel. The choice of partner may itself be an act of rebellion, as may the way the relationship is pursued. With this placement, the individual will insist on the freedom to pursue whatever kind of relationship he / she wants, and with whomever he / she chooses. With Uranus at either end of the Ascendant / Descendant axis, freedom within a relationship will also usually be insisted upon, and thus this combination might be associated with 'open' marriages and partnerships; and, in particular, with relationships which are essentially based on friendship. Individuals look to their partners and their relationships for excitement, stimulation and personal awakening. If such exhilarating interchange becomes no longer possible, the individual will usually feel the need to look elsewhere for it.

20) ► ***Imum-Coeli*** IC ***Conjunct*** ♃ ***Jupiter*** - (9°16' A)    ♅7 | ♅7

(Robert Hand)

Your home and family are very important to you as a refuge that you can retreat to when the outer world is too harsh. You will always remember your childhood as one of the best times of your life, and you will have great respect for your parents, especially the one who gave you the most emotional support.

As you get older, you will remember what you had when you were younger, and you will love anything that reminds you of home. Wherever you go, you will try to find a community like the one you grew up in. And if you can't find such a community, you will seek one in which people are as close as they were where you grew up. All your life, you will have great respect for traditions and customs, even if they are very different from your own, not because you are narrowly conservative, but because you know they give people positive emotional support. Temperamentally you are quite liberal, and you enjoy the experience of new places and different worlds.

All of your life you will prefer rather large and elegant homes surrounded by lots of open space. You hate to be cramped, physically or emotionally, so you avoid close relationships with people who are very jealous or possessive, because they would restrict your inner freedom.

Normally this aspects signifies a high degree or emotional security, which enables you to withstand any difficult times and even offer help to others when they are in trouble.

(Sue Tompkins)

Those with Jupiter on the IC inevitably will have come from a background whose chief preoccupation was education, religion (or some other belief system) or travel. The individual will often have come from a 'good' family and often a large home. People with Jupiter on both sides of this axis themselves often want and obtain a mansion-like residence. There is a need for 'space' on the domestic sphere on all levels, and a hope that one can be hospitable to all. Jupiter-IC people are often quite confident individuals; the confidence and faith is less obvious than with Jupiter rising, but it is usually much more solid and underpins everything the person does.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This aspect is favorable for people dealing in real estate or in businesses related to the construction and improvement of homes. It also favors farming or those businesses related to the growing of food.

The natives usually live in large homes with large families, and unless other factors contradict parental relationships are good. The home is often the site of religious and educational activity. In the last half of their lives, natives are prosperous, comfortable, even opulent.

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.

21) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♀ **Venus** - (1°25' A)    ♀9 | ♀9

(Robert Pelletier)

The Sun conjunct Venus represents a strongly developed love nature. Although it may not be apparent to a casual observer, you are extremely eager for people to like you. In fact, you make subtle adjustments in your urge for recognition so that they will be warmly disposed toward you. But you may not always compromise, simply because you don't want to give an impression of being weak in character. In more intimate contacts with persons you know well, you are not afraid they will misjudge you this way, so you behave more naturally.

You especially want people to recognize you as a substantial individual who offers many important values to those who are willing to share them. You are open to communication with others and will listen enthusiastically in conversation with them. You enjoy people and are generally cheerful and sociable in large or small gatherings. On the chance of meeting someone who can be useful at another time, you take care to circulate freely and 'touch base' with everyone. You know how to make lasting impressions by dramatizing yourself, for you don't want to be overlooked merely because you didn't take the time to make your presence known.

Your greatest problem is that you assume people will think well of you even if you do nothing to deserve it. You can become pompously presumptuous that your presence



alone is enough to merit everyone's attention. You are a romanticist at heart and can be swayed by a display of affection. Appreciative of the finer things in life, you get a sense of fulfillment when you indulge in them, in addition to the comfort and pleasure they give you.

(Haydn Paul)

Only the conjunction, semi=sextile and semi-square aspects are astronomically possible between the Sun and Venus, as the maximum distance between these planets is 48 degrees.

This conjunction conveys an optimistic and cheerful spirit, where you will greatly enjoy social company and the pleasures of life, so that easthetic and hedonistic activities are indulged to stimulate your sensual nature. Love and social relationships are highlighted, and you will be attracted to participate in the social whirl, circulating around your collection of friends, family and acquaintances.

You feel it important to be liked by others, and this need may make you act in certain ways which gain the approval of people, so care may be required to ensure that you do not overly compromise your own feelings and thoughts in order to remain socially acceptable. There can be a dramatic quality to your style of self-presentation, perhaps emerging out of an artistic and creative sensitivity, and this will be employed to gain the attention of people; you prefer to leave your mark and need to feel recognised.

While some may see you in a superficial light, this is not how you desire to be socially acknowledged. The recognition you are looking for is of your whole personality, your talents and qualities, and as you grow older you will prefer to enjoy the company of those who can appreciate you more fully. This may be through mutual interests in art, culture or the beauty of nature, because lying beneath any socialite veneer is your real appreciation of the harmony of life and nature which evokes that romantic and poetic spirit that inspires your perception of life and infuses a hidden desire for inner peace and integration. You enjoy quality in life, and will try to create a pleasing home environment which allows relaxation into domestic comforts and pleasures.

You will attract others to your potent magnetic personality, and you are likely to experience a variety of relationships as a consequence of your romantic attitudes. You open easily to demonstrations of love and affection, and your heart can quickly melt. As a lover of life, a certain intensity will be present, as will the tides of love's joys and pains, but never attempt to turn off your developed love nature, or you may find that life rapidly loses its lustre and becomes grey, mundane and lifeless. Part of your role is to spread life-appreciation, enlivening others so that they too can become sincere lovers of life, and isn't that a task well worth pursuing?

Some may find you 'too alive' or narcissistic, so you may need to be aware of others'

reactions, and if they are correct in their evaluation of your self-centredness then some modification may be advised, so that you equally acknowledge their natures, qualities and personalities too. In conversations, the art of listening is as important as the art of communication, and your enthusiasms may require occasional toning down.

You can bring positive benefits to those who become intimately close, through sharing your vitality, love and affections, and even if your relationships do not persist, you hope that those involved with you do not regret the time that has been shared. Changes will come through the expression of your heart and life enjoyment, and these may reshape your conscious identity and self-image over time, so that more depth and insight begins to be unfolded. Others may turn to you for support and advice, wanting your flame to relight their own. Your path of solar development is through the unifying love energies of Venus, so let these radiate outwards into the world, touching and igniting the hearts of others.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When conscious behavior (Sun) is attended by the need for emotional and material safety and comfort and the desire for beauty and harmony (Venus), the behavior is generally friendly and accommodating. Friends are easily made and the native also finds it easy to move in society. The feeling for harmony in relationships gives diplomatic ability.

On the other hand, the native finds it difficult to air problems or to talk them through, since he or she loves to be surrounded by a pleasant atmosphere. The danger is that this attitude will result in a false bonhomie and in superficiality. And so the conjunction will deny depth to the personality if the native is content to smooth things over on the surface.

Yet, as we have seen, this conjunction does have its good side. Generally, the native is very agreeable and has no difficulty in being friendly and sympathetic to others. There is also a need for shared experiences, preferably with the life partner. Showing affection is an essential mode of expression for the native and he or she is extremely romantic.

The feeling for art is often well developed, although the background of the signs will have a say in this. The individual with the Sun conjunct Venus is fond of pleasure and the good things of life, and may sometimes overindulge in them. By and large, the aspect is an enjoyable one to have, even though it may make the native a trifle lazy.

(Betty Lundsted)

Venus is similar to Mercury in that it is never far from the Sun. Venus is usually in the same sign as the sun or one behind or ahead of it. Venus represents what we want in life: the finer pleasures, the things we want around us, the person we want to be, the

way we appreciate art, the way we appreciate love. It helps to define how we receive loving as well as our intellectual concept of what we think love is. The Venus position in relation to the Sun sign give a clue to what people are (Sun) and how this relates to what they want to be (Venus). When people talk about what they want to be, it is usually Venus talking.

People with Venus in the same sign as the Sun usually are quite satisfied to be themselves, whatever that is. They have the potential to like themselves if the conjunction is not afflicted by another planet. It can make them very smug and selfsatisfied, for they like being the person they are. When we try to work out our ties to our parents, or when we try to understand our life, Venus conjunct the Sun can be difficult; for, we tend to stay in our rut rather than try to get out of it. Venus in the same sign as the Sun may indicate that a conscious decision has to be made before we can look at the motivation for what we do in some serious manner.

When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the father either overaffects the child or the child subconsciously plays the role of the mother in order to gain Daddy's approval (Venus indicates a tie to the mother; Sun indicates the physical father.) This closeness to the father may be difficult to understand or to become conscious of, and the only time it becomes important is when the person is in the process of self-examination regarding relationships. A woman with Venus conjunct the Sun is tied to her father from a subconscious psychological point. She may marry a man who has the same attributes as her father. If she has Venus conjunct the Sun and no other emotional blocks (by aspect) in her chart, this problem is relatively easy to work with if she wants to be free of the influence. But if her Moon, Venus and the Sun are afflicted her chart becomes more obscure to work through; the struggle for consciousness becomes more complex. If she is interested in developing relationships that do not include the father image, she must find a way to understand the conflict.

A man with Venus conjunct his Sun is emotionally close to his father, and the aspects to the Sun-Venus conjunction will indicate how this closeness will take place. When Venus conjuncts the Sun, the psychological influence of the mother (Venus) is very close to the father image on a physical level (Sun). The child sees the parents' roles jumbled together and this can confuse him. A boy child may use his mother's 'role' games to get close to his Dad.

This aspect depicts a relationship that is not uncommon among parents. The power parent is determined by the Sun sign; yet, when Venus conjuncts the Sun, the mother has a close rapport with the father, which may not be confirmed by the rest of the chart, by the power parent, or by what she says about her husband. In other words, not matter what she says about her husband to the contrary, she really likes the way he is. This confuses the child. In adult relationships it causes the following problems: a mother-dominated male may use his mother's tactics to get on with men as an adult; a father-dominated male feels that there should be some mystical-bond between his lady and

himself, and is disappointed when he doesn't feel it; another dominated female will feel a closeness to her dad that she can't understand, so it's a combination of love and resentment; the father-dominated female may marry a man in her father's image.

The only time it is necessary to do something about this conjunction is when something keeps interfering with the development of meaningful, lasting emotional relationships. When we think our problems happen to us because we only meet 'awful people', we need to look inside ourselves to understand what has been programmed into our subconscious selves - for this program is the one we draw to us. It cures itself when we become conscious of it.

22) ► **Sun** ☉ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (8°52' S) ♍ 9 | 138

(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, organization 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 father. 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.

23) ► **Moon** ☾ **Conjunct** ♃ **Jupiter** - (4°37' A)    ♃7 | ♃7

(Haydn Paul)

You require considerable interaction with people and the environment to stimulate your feelings. This encourages a social awareness and attracts most of your attention. You feel the need to 'expand yourself' into the outer world; and your major concern will be the

well-being of society and those around you.

You have an innate faith in the goodness of the universe and your fellow humans, and will try to share a positive and creative perspective on life with others. As a consequence of your attitude, you hope to contribute to society.

Inwardly, you feel connected to the environment, and realize the powerful influence that environmental quality has on your well-being, positively or negatively. Equally, you realize that you can make a difference in the world, and will look for ways to express your caring nature. Your feelings reach out to people; and you are touched by those in genuine need of support, help, and care. Seeing those who are deprived or disadvantaged opens your heart and stimulates you to conceive ways to offer additional assistance. Looking through sympathetic and compassionate eyes, you feel that much can be done to increase the effectiveness of social welfare; and you may believe that you have certain answers or solutions to social challenges.

Sometimes you may respond to social suffering with excessive emotionalism; but this is preferable to no response at all. These emotional reactions may need to be tempered by a pragmatic and impersonal approach, or you may become too personally involved and affected by social experiences, a state which could reduce your effectiveness. The impulse that motivates you is world service, where feelings are more fulfilled by giving than by receiving, and are inspired by a sense of inner strength and unity with life.

You may become involved with socially concerned groups that have a progressive vision of human potential or are devoted to meeting the present needs of the disadvantaged. Supporting the work of international charities may appeal, or you may decide to work within existing social groups, such as the churches, or educational or political organizations. Medicine or law may also attract. The strength of your convictions may almost feel like a 'mission or destiny'; and you may display compulsive activity in a futile attempt to change the world yourself. This tendency may need careful rebalancing and a modified perspective, restraining overenthusiasm and zeal, if only to protect your health and inner stability. To ensure a long-term social contribution, times of rest and personal relaxation to renew your batteries are also essential, and a necessary part of your self-healing. Steady perseverance will reap greater results than a sudden burning out in a flash of excessive activity. Changing the world is a long-term project! Spending time with your family and contributing to their development is equally important; and you will feel deep emotional attachments to your home life, hoping to increase social awareness in your children and friends too.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Moon to Jupiter denotes that you are deeply sensitive to your environment, which you truly want to understand as fully as possible. Your reactions to outer stimuli are largely emotional; nevertheless, you feel you can make an important

contribution to society because you have an intellectual understanding of the solutions to many social problems. Your concern for others is sincere, and you always insist on being given the opportunity to show that you care. Always present when there is an important job to be done, you are ever willing to offer your services, demonstrating your broadly sympathetic nature. You are ingenious in finding ways to care for those who are unable to care for themselves. In your ambition to help people in need, you courageously seek the support of political and religious organizations. You are generous in giving asylum to anyone who really needs it. Although you don't seek the limelight, you gain recognition for your efforts just the same.

Your early training taught you that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and this true generosity makes you appreciated and admired by everyone who knows you. As a parent, you will encourage your children to devote themselves unselfishly to others. Yours is the kind of faith that can move mountains, and you realize this as soon as you turn the first spadeful of earth. You are always hopeful that, no matter how dismal a situation may be, there can be a change for the better. You are strongly convinced that you can always do something to elevate a person's spiritual consciousness. In fact, you regard it as a moral obligation if you are aware of the need.

Your restless nature can find comfort in welfare programs, public relations, acting as public defender, working with the underprivileged, or in managing homes for foster children, halfway houses for parolees, or rehabilitation centres for former drug users. You might travel on behalf of organizations such as UNICEF or the Peace Corps. Medicine, law, and the ministry may also prove rewarding avenues for expressing your abundant sympathy for others. In any of these endeavors, your spiritual insight strengthens you to be daring when the odds against your succeeding seem overwhelming.

Your family and associates hold you in high esteem, while your friends and the faceless numbers you serve regard you with admiration and sincere appreciation. You will accumulate a rich heritage to leave to those who will carry on your tasks.

Your single most important physical problem is getting sufficient rest and relaxation. No one needs rest more than you do. Physical exhaustion is almost a certainty unless you exercise moderation in your schedule and get some assistance with your burdensome responsibilities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the optimism and jovial expansiveness of Jupiter enters into the way one looks for a sense of security (Moon). Generally, it makes one very optimistic, keeping to the sunny side of life, enjoying pleasure and panache, and liking to see things from a humorous angle. This is a frame of mind that helps overcome disease, and enables one to put fresh heart into companions whenever they are dispirited.



Now Jupiter always prompts one to seek a synthesis and to turn the gaze to far horizons. Therefore with this conjunction one wants to know the significance of events. The combination with the Moon gives a keen interest in foreign nations, other cultures, religious and educational questions, medical matters and so forth. The individual may be really down in the dumps but, with this aspect in the chart, can easily regain balance and a sense of perspective. Often one has a presentiment of what is about to happen, and, by taking advantage of this, gains a reputation for being lucky. Anyhow, one is always ready for a small gamble. To gain satisfaction, one is inclined to express the Jovian aspect fairly positively in the environment; hence one is always prepared to wade in with advice and practical assistance, even when help has not been requested. This person can be very generous in support of others. However, if the conjunction is overemphasized in the chart, one may become snobbish and opinionated - yet even then one manages to do things in style.

The risk of going too far is inherent in each one of Jupiter's aspects, so it need occasion no surprise to find it in the conjunction, the most powerful of them all.

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction often indicates someone who relates effusively in the manner described by the sign involved in the conjunction. The mother of a child with this aspect is indulgent; she indulges in emotional reactions; she indulges her body in some way. The child will too. This indicates a person who may have a close relationship with the mother, who may stay close to her long after the other siblings have left home. This may be a person who indulges in the physical appetites and therefore overdoses in some way - too much food, alcohol, etc.. This individual is open emotionally, open to feeling each new experience, open to relating how he feels to those he knows, open to sharing what he has.

This conjunction often denotes a generous emotional nature, and how the generosity will operate will be determined by the sign as well as the other aspects to the conjunction. This person may want to do so much for the mother that he never leaves home to develop a personal life.

(Charles Carter)

This aspect, like the harmonious aspects, confers great sympathy and protectiveness, as well as success in similar ways. Except that it is more powerful, it does not seem to differ from the trine and sextile, but perhaps it is more restless and given to change and travel. The energies are considerable; and as a general rule the practical abilities are of a high order.

Sometimes there is a spice of vanity and a tendency to consider oneself more important

than one actually is.

24) ► **Mercury ♀ Conjunct ♂ Mars** - (2°28' S) 138 | 138

(Robert Pelletier)

Your Mercury conjunct Mars indicates that your mind is restless and eager to gain new information, but you always feel that the answers you get are somehow not final. Your creative ideas are imaginative, and you exploit them energetically. However, you lack the patience to stay focused on any one interest for very long. No matter what position you take you are positive in your opinions and very insistent about voicing them. You are argumentative, and enjoy locking into debate with anyone who challenges you. But unless other factors in the chart provide it, you don't bother to get all the facts before you express yourself. Always sure that you are right, you are generally premature in your judgement. It isn't easy for you to say you're sorry when you are wrong, but you may do so when it is expedient. You tend to interrupt others who are already in conversation, and to arouse their antagonism by volunteering information before being asked. Almost nothing escapes your attention, and you may have overheard someone say 'Here comes the know-it-all' as you approached.

With your sharp mind, creative ideas, and aggressive disposition, there are many professions in which you will be comfortable and free to express yourself. These include teaching, public relations, law, vocal coaching, acting, and writing. These occupations would give you unlimited opportunities to display your talents. Because you have plenty of energy to apply yourself to your goals, you can establish your own degree of progress. It would probably be best for you to work by yourself. Few people have enough nervous energy to maintain your pace, and you would be brutally frank in reprimanding them if you thought they were 'dragging their feet'. You might be wrong, but no-one could convince you of that.

You do not like to be rejected by someone you are emotionally interested in, but you do not dwell on it for very long. You feel that you can always find someone else, for you are progressive and rarely look back. But this actually causes you to make the same mistakes again and again; you don't take the time to reflect on past experiences and learn from them. Your defence is that you are too busy to concern yourself with unimportant matters. It would be wise to spend a little time examining this so-called trivia, because it might reveal why you are not developing as well as you could.

Try to slow down. Your mind races at breakneck speed, and your nervous system suffers. Your mentality may be healthy and energetic, but your physical frame won't stand the abuse you expect it to take.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Contacting people and talking to them (Mercury) is speeded up by Mars. These people are liable to speak quickly and to the point, and are always ready to have their say. It looks as if they act first and think later. They are not afraid to stand up for themselves and are only marginally interested in whether or not others agree. They can vigorously defend an idea - sometimes too vigorously - and they do not mince words.

With this conjunction, thoughts never stand still, although they are not always steadily applied. Mars is naturally rather uncontrolled; and Mercury, too, encourages these people to jump from one subject to another. Therefore this is not a good position for prolonged concentration, but is more suitable for quickly absorbing, arranging and providing masses of data.

These people need to take care not to speak too fiercely. Mars can make people tactless and can cause them to blurt out things that others may find offensive. Indeed, any aspect between Mars and Mercury can sharpen the tongue. With the conjunction, these people can be very sarcastic and satirical, becoming formidable opponents in debate but also making enemies.

Mercury conjunct Mars is impatient when others take time to put their thoughts into words; and people with the conjunction are inclined to interrupt them in order to finish what they were going to say - which is why this aspect is said to indicate a bad listener. They are better at making contacts, holding conversations, gathering information, etc., than at listening to others. But, bluntly spoken though they may be, they are often very honest and straight-forward.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mercury is the symbol of our ability to communicate, the ability to hear others as well as to talk with them. Mars symbolizes the 'I act' principle. Mars energy includes anger, violence, harshness and thoughtlessness in certain signs. People born with Mars-Mercury aspects emphasize verbal intersection. They may act on words - they hear, they speak, they act. They may speak impulsively, may react impulsively to what they hear; they may not listen to others. The mind works quickly, jumping to conclusions, skipping the necessary steps when learning good work habits in school or on the job.

Children with this aspect usually have trouble learning multiplication tables or division - they don't want to waste time on the rudiments. They don't listen easily because they are ahead of most people they talk with - but this doesn't make them smarter; it just makes them impetuous. The conjunction may imply a quick mind, but sometimes the tortoise wins the race. The environment is verbally volatile when these people are young, making them quick to explode, and quick to use or misuse words when they are older. The manner of verbal expression will come from the sign in which the conjunction is placed.

(Charles Carter)

This seems upon the whole a desirable position, for it gives very great mental energies, especially of a controversial and disputative kind. It is virile, aggressive and satirical.

In a bad sign, or when badly aspected by other bodies, it may cause breakdown from over-work, quarrelsomeness, discontent, and the making of many enemies. But it never lacks energy and courage, and it is entitled as a rule to respect for its sincerity and downrightness. It is interesting to note that so vehement an orator as Cicero is said to have had this contact.

It is an excellent position for a writer, especially for one who has to do with Martian topics or people (for example, Rudyard Kipling and his tales of soldiers and animals). It is good for all kinds of polemic writing.

25) ► **Mercury** ☿ **Conjunct** ♅ **Uranus** - (5°28' S) 138 | ♄7

(Haydn Paul)

With the harmonious aspects, Uranus tends to work well with Mercury, as both are associated with the mind and intellect, and it is upon that level that their influence and qualities are displayed.

You are likely to have an alert, clever mind which finds great enrichment in pursuing any aspect of human life and knowledge that you are curious about. You are probably articulate and literate too. You have a natural questioning and searching attitude, always looking to increase your personal storehouse of knowledge, and attempting to derive a sense of connectedness synthesising that information into more holistic patterns.

Your immediate response to the world is one of mental exploration, rather than emotional flowing reaction. The world is perceived as an inextinguishable source of fascination, overflowing with a myriad of stimulating facts, theories and beliefs. New horizons beckon, and there seems to be scope to investigate the unusual and the different ways of living on this multi-hued planet. With so much to delve into, so many different paths that you can walk, the problem is that of choice. Where do you start? There is the fear that by choosing Route 1, you could then miss that fascinating experience down Route 66. This could be one of your weaknesses - that you lack the discipline of perseverance, and that your mind may like to flit from one intriguing subject to another that suddenly attracts your attention. Inner continuity may need to be developed, both to improve your ability to concentrate, and to make the best use of your talent for acquiring knowledge in daily life. Or is it just stored on that mental level, unconnected to real living?

You have little patience with ignorance, your own or that of anyone else. You have a compulsion to find out, and will feel restless until you have made some progress. Your

mind will store those themes as 'little fascinations', subjects that have picqued your curiosity; and eventually you will have to take steps to satisfy it. You can be a little intolerant with others who have less exploratory minds, and with those who are deceitful in their interpersonal relationships. Certainly you will be best suited to a partner who can complement your searches, and who can stimulate your mind, because for you, that is the essential level of contact. Friendships will develop with others who have affinity interests; and over time you are likely to develop a wide variety of acquaintances as your interests and areas of exploration expand. Unfortunately though, you may find that you also drop older contacts due to your fascination with treading new paths, and thus losing interest in old spheres of enquiry.

You have a preference for looking towards the future, optimistic about new discoveries, even if you are studying past history. You may need to balance an emphasis towards preferring fact, and a more scientific rational approach, with the more intuitive interpretative approaches to life, between the objective and the subjective styles of analysis. The influence of Mercury will be biased towards the former, whereas Uranus will tip towards a more universal, intuitive attitude of inner knowing. It is not what you know, but how you use it in life, which is the key.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Mercury conjunct Uranus, you are bright, articulate, curious, intuitive, and mentally courageous. You are excited by everything you observe, and fascinated by anything different or unusual. Your mind races eagerly as you seek answers to your questions, because you cannot tolerate the darkness of ignorance.

As a child, you were interested in what made your moving toys operate, and your parents probably never had to worry about keeping you occupied. Your creativity developed early, and you even devised new subjects to explore that further captured your interest in all things.

Truth is an important factor in your life. Consequently, science, philosophy, psychology, and human behavior are fields in which you could succeed, since they deal with seeking answers to problems. In industrial research and development, your inventive ability could be applied with a reasonable guarantee of success. Technical writing might also serve as an avenue of expression for you.

To hold your continued interests, the partner you select must have a similar temperament, or you will be bored. You tend to form platonic relationships with your associates, based on mutual interests. You will quickly sever a relationship with someone who violates the truth in dealing with you.

Futuristic in attitude, you rarely look back at what might have been. You prefer to look forward to what will be, if you have any say in it. The possibilities for your selfexpression

are limitless, except for the lack of continuity that this combination often creates. If you can learn to isolate yourself and resolve one problem at a time, you will overcome the only liability of this conjunction.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The swift perceptions of Uranus plus Mercury's powers of expression with tongue and pen can combine to produce the most original ideas and concepts, although they will probably need knocking into a more viable shape. Mental ingenuity is fantastic, but the native is extremely restless and fickle. Uranus being capricious, impulsive and unpredictable may mean that thinking is nervy and tense, so that one jumps from one idea to another - and from one social contact to another, too.

This person is fond of novelty, and homes in on whatever is fresh and unusual. Others can find his or her flow of ideas stimulating, but if they do not keep up with it this individual becomes very impatient.

The disjointedness of Uranus shows itself in conversation. This type is liable to omit significant points; also, he or she may have a sharp tongue, and be apt to make clever and sometimes hurtful remarks. Often, he or she says the most unexpected things; the trouble is, as soon as they occur, he or she blurts them out without regard to the consequences.

Uranus and Mercury both have to do with the nervous system, and their conjunction places a heavy strain on it because there is an inability to relax. The brain is continually active. This can give creative ideas, but can also be exhausting and cause irritability and snappishness.

Some form of technical interest is quite common with this aspect, especially where new ground is being broken or the barriers of distance are being overcome (for instance, in air travel, radar and electronics). Although this type is quick to grasp the essentials of a subject, the mind is often too restless for prolonged concentration. Therefore, he or she may be short of academic qualifications - but definitely not lacking in intelligence.

(Betty Lundsted)

The person born with this conjunction is exposed to an early family atmosphere that includes mental chaos; no-one says anything that makes sense, words are used in all kinds of strange ways, and the child responds to the stimuli. As a result, when these children are admitted to the school system, they are not interested in learning thought patterns or the rituals involved in thorough work habits. As adults, they seem to be erratic and undisciplined.

Communication is unusual. Personal relationships may be difficult because conversation

may be erratic or impulsive. In the creative sense, Mercury represents the possible concepts of consciousness. It represents a part of the wisdom-learning process. If Mercury asks the questions and Uranus represents the heights of expanded consciousness, the conjunction combines these energies, and the creative possibilities are enhanced.

If the energy is not properly channeled or trained, it may not operate constructively. When it isn't, the adult may be highly erratic, eccentric or nervous. The combination can create such a quick mentality that the individual appears to be 'flaky'. When this aspect is set off by transit, the individual needs to become involved in some personal creative endeavor so that the energy can be brought into focus. Painting, writing, making pottery or stained glass, or similar activities help the creative energy channel itself.

(Charles Carter)

This is a powerful, self-willed combination, varying from the wayward and stubborn type to the enlightened and talented. Generally speaking, the influence is not exceedingly marked, because the two planets are not dissimilar; but the will-power of Uranus is added to the intellect of Mercury, and there is a more colorful, dramatic, forceful mentality. It is independent, sensitive, proud, and sometimes secretive; but these effects are much modified by the sign occupied. The native almost always lives his own life and resents interference very fiercely.

In undeveloped characters, the influence is not good, and there is often little to show for it except pride and touchiness. Sometimes there is considerable eccentricity and conceit, and talent that cannot be properly utilised because of the native's self-will and lack of adaptability. It is common in the charts of astrologers.

26) ► **Venus** ♀ **Conjunct** ♄ **Saturn** - (7°27' S)    ♀9 | ♄8

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Venus and Saturn indicates that you feel you must make concessions to others to get what you want. You are always the one who is expected to adjust to the demands of others in order to have a satisfactory relationship. As a result, you are often dissatisfied with the contacts you make, either because they are not fulfilling enough, or because you feel you are being used. You may become resigned to making the best of a relationship in which you give more than the other person does. On the positive side, however, this shows that you take the relationship seriously. You are loyal and sincere in your affections, but tend to be inhibited in demonstrating them, because you are afraid that others will take advantage of you.

You have reasonably good judgement, which is reflected in your material affairs. You are self-disciplined in handling money, and prudent enough to always save something

regardless of your income. Such prudence is a way to compensate for the disappointments you may have in personal relationships, and you consider it a reasonable substitute. Saving money also gives you security and allows you some material comforts.

You are temperamentally suited to occupations in which success depends on adhering to rules and regulations. Finance, banking, building trades, insurance, law, real estate, sales, and designing are some endeavors in which you can successfully apply yourself. Ideally, you should have a position that allows you to function independently. You are dutiful and responsible, and would accomplish more without a supervisor breathing down your neck. You are certainly able to work with others, but you prefer working in privacy.

Your romantic interests are stimulated by individuals who are serious, sincere, honest. You need a person you can respect and who will respect you too. A mature individual represents security to you, in addition to providing social status. Your lover must be tactful and polished, and have a strong and admirable character. You are repulsed by vulgarity and disturbed by disorder. Your objectives are well-defined, and you will expect your mate to co-operate in reaching mutual goals. Because of your deep concern for the integrity of the family, you will unhesitatingly withdraw from any external situation that threatens your family.

It is important that you look at the bright and positive side of life; negative attitudes can bring about negative effects. Problems in the throat glands may have a similar origin. You can improve your general well-being by adopting a more cheerful outlook, but the optimism must be genuine.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The need for warmth and love, for security and harmony, is a weak and sensitive spot in all Saturnian aspects to Venus (and most of all in the conjunction). We find it hard to let our warmth show and are often so prickly that we erect a wall around ourselves and seem very cool, impassive and formal. Nobody sees that inside we are crying out for a little friendliness and warmth to give us a sense of personal worth and that it is through sheer inability to handle relationships that we are shutting them out. Therefore the Venus / Saturn aspects are regarded as fraught with problems, and classical astrology promises little joy in life and many emotional upsets to those who have them.

Nevertheless, with this aspect we can become very fond of a person and we have the potential to build up a lasting stable relationship; that is the other side of Saturn. There is more faithfulness with these aspects than there is with aspects between Venus and Jupiter. But before we give ourselves to another, we have to know that other through and through and completely trust this person, because Saturn will only bet on certainties. Of course, this can consume time and effort. In fact, we need to guard against letting the security factor predominate: we should resist the temptation to look for a fatherly or



motherly partner, as they would not be close enough to be a true companion.

With all this uncertainty and vulnerability, suspicion can creep in. We are so anxious to keep our loved one that we hedge him or her in on all sides and make the relationship difficult or even impossible. At times, our attitude can be most subservient: we slave away to do everything to our partner's liking, but are still very constrained. If, as is quite likely, they seem to be ungrateful, then we must realize it is because the partner is put off by our air of taut worry.

Learning self-confidence and self-acceptance is a must if we are to settle down. Once we accept that we are not cut out to be one of the world's revellers, but are solid, reliable citizens in need of security, and once we bring ourselves to reveal our weak side, we can enjoy a strong, enduring marriage or friendship.

(Betty Lundsted)

When Venus and Saturn are conjunct, it indicates that the mother and father of this individual presented a united front that placed certain restrictions and limitations upon his psyche during his formative years. Venus indicates the effect of the mother's attitudes regarding her femininity, and these images will help form the concept of womanhood, the feminine function and the concept of love in later life. Saturn represents the area of restriction; it also shows how the father influenced the psyche. The combination of these planets indicates a strong tie to the mythic Mother and Father image - these archetypal images can easily be confused with the physical parents.

The aspects between the Sun and Moon indicate the parents in a physical sense; and how they responded to their lives when the personality of the individual was forming. The Saturn-Venus placement affects the concept of giving and crystallization in the psyche and is a more difficult concept to comprehend. The conjunction of Venus and Saturn implies that the individual was restricted or restrained from having what he wanted during the first three years of life. This may not mean that he was abused (although I would not entirely dismiss the thought), but that he may have lost his favorite toy or blanket; or he may have been fed according to some scientific theory rather than when he was hungry. This person grew up to view affection as something that is coupled with loss. He may be a pessimist in love relationships and may be apprehensive of romance. He may marry out of common sense: in other words, he doesn't marry someone he loves, he marries someone who will logically make a 'good' partner. Or he falls in love with someone, and ends the relationship after the first argument because he feels the relationship is over. Or he withdraws into years of hurt feelings and never trusts the loved one again.

People with this aspect are extremely interested in guarantees - one must constantly prove to the Saturn-Venus types that one loves them. Ironically, they don't offer the same guarantees. They can be takers and have great trouble giving. They don't know

how to give because they did not see their parents giving to each other; when children don't see this during their formative years, they have to make a conscious attempt to learn how to do it as adults. These people also think the grass is greener on the other side and often wonder whether they might do better in another relationship - so, sometimes, they can be seen as flirts.

When the individual becomes aware of this aspect, it's a good idea to start practising how to give - not how to buy someone, but to give. Learning how to give a part of the self is the hardest thing for this person to do. Because the parents' marriage was not a model of a healthy relationship, it is hard for this individual to learn how to have one. My suggestion would be that any activity in a relationship that is inspired by the memory of 'that's what Mom and Dad would have done' is probably not what needs to be done. Sometimes we learn what we want by beginning to understand what we don't want.

(Charles Carter)

This conjunction is extremely powerful, and partakes of the character of both good and evil contacts, the life, on its affectional side, being completely dominated by the sense of duty; duty and happiness become identified. Except for its great power, it is in no wise different from the inharmonious contact (the square or opposition, q.v.).

27) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♀ **Jupiter** - (10°42' S) 138 | 7

(Robert Pelletier)

With the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter, you have an abundance of energy and enthusiasm to take on tasks that would frighten all but the most courageous. In order to get what you want, you assert yourself fearlessly, even in the face of danger. You have a rather reckless faith in your ability to tempt fate and take chances, never doubting that you will succeed. What you lack in finesse you make up for in arrogance. You rise to a challenge at the slightest provocation, and your competitors have cause for alarm when you oppose them. You enjoy direct confrontation with your adversaries, and you revel in the accompanying glory and publicity. Fascinated by the entries found in the Guinness Book of Records, you would be pleased to find your name listed under some accomplishment there.

With your flair for the dramatic, you don't do anything in moderation. Not content to simply win over a competitor, you punctuate the victory with some kind of ritualistic, publicity-seeking display. You know how to achieve recognition by drawing the public's attention to your talents.

There are many ways you can use this very forceful, dynamic aspects. You have an exciting combination of physical stamina and intellectual resources. Because you don't believe in failure, your chances for success are improved. If you express your creative

abilities physically, you will apply your intellectual skill and common sense to obtain the best results from your efforts. Should you follow a more intellectually demanding life pursuit, it will be characterized by an incredible degree of physical endurance and competitiveness. Such fields as sports, exploration, law, government, acting, composing, or writing would provide you with vast opportunities to display your talents and demonstrate what you can do.

Your most persistent liability is your lack of moderation, which can cause physical exhaustion. Your driving ambition to rise above the challenges you set yourself can cause deterioration of your physical resources. It is essential that you take periodic rest or vacations from the constant abrasion of close competition.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The energy and executiveness of Mars side by side with the expansiveness and jollity of Jupiter give abundant energy and a great need for activities of all kinds. Usually, with this aspect, we find an enormous appetite for life, strong vitality and the resilience to rise above difficulties. The optimism of Jupiter is coupled here with the courage, love of action and enterprise of Mars, which can give quick and energetic action on the spur of the moment - action which often strikes lucky. But the drawback is that the planets concerned carry the word 'too' embroidered on their pennons; they get us working too hard trying to overachieve. That is why we sometimes find dissatisfaction in this combination; a dissatisfaction that can express itself in rebellious behavior - unnecessary really, because the get-up-and-go of Mars plus Jupiter holds plenty of promise of success. Sometimes, with this conjunction, we take risks - physical, material, mental and other.

We have considerable need for independence and freedom of action; both Mars and Jupiter encourage us to go our own way. Mars can enhance the Jovian characteristics, and this can lead to great opinionatedness and the spirit of Liberty Hall, but also to proselytizing zeal and to a startlingly outspoken, disarming and sometimes very naive honesty. If we set our minds on anything, we do so heart and soul. Then we display courage and readiness to put up a fight, are energetic and businesslike, and have enthusiasm and great confidence in ultimate success.

However, with this aspect, we must always guard against all forms of exaggeration. For self-control is not our strongest point.

(Betty Lundsted)

Mars represents 'I act' and Jupiter symbolizes 'I relate, I reach out'. When these two energies are together, the 'I act' principle combines with the ability to expand, to reach out; the energy will be described by the signs in which the conjunction takes place. It can bring exuberance in the Fire signs, oversensitivity in the Water signs, etc..

The Mars-Jupiter conjunction can indicate an exuberant person, one who jumps to conclusions, one who has boundless energy, one who may over-relate or overreact. The aspect by itself is not harmful, for it generally indicates an open person who acts in a straightforward manner, expressing the energies of the sign involved in the conjunction. It can indicate a tendency to overcommitment or a person who works too hard. It's important to note the other aspects to the conjunction in order to determine how they will affect this one, and to also check how the Mars placement will affect the expression of the Sun archetype. In matters of love, both the Mars and the Venus position should be considered, since these two principles work together.

(Charles Carter)

Here we find that the native is commonly wealthy or at least comfortable, but there may be a demand for more and an ambitious or avaricious tendency. The feelings are active and powerful, with decided likes and dislikes, as is shown in Clemenceau; and there is frankness and outspokenness. There is much whole-heartedness in the pursuit of aims and objects.

In a congenial sign there may be a great love of fun and amusement, often with a satirical tendency. In more repressive signs (such as those ruled by Saturn or in Scorpio), it may give dissatisfaction and rebelliousness.

The native usually has an active and even a belligerent or disputative life, being either controversial or the object of controversy; or perhaps he is engaged in financial operations that bear resemblance to military manoeuvres and conflicts. In any case, he will prove a redoubtable opponent, with considerable resource and energy.

The combination inclines to daring undertakings and feats of prowess and courage.

28) ► **Mars** ♂ **Conjunct** ♃ **Uranus** - (3°00' S) 138 | ♃7

(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).

29) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Conjunct** ♆ **Neptune** - (5°28' S) 138 | 138

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect occurs approximately once every thirty-six years; during the last century, in 1917, 1952 and 1989.

The effects of Saturn have a beneficial influence on the tendencies of Neptune, helping definition, stability and ease of expression; the potential is for practical idealism and an ability for positive application of the ideas and imagination emanating from Neptune. This is useful for creativity, as the inspiration of Neptune can be given adequate form and manifestation by the concrete tendencies of Saturn, and so the imagination is not left swirling in an inner world of dreams and fancies but is released onto the physical plane to be shared with others.

There is less of the delusive nature of Neptune present with this aspect, and there should be a greater perceptive clarity than usual, one that is especially sensitive to issues of deceit and glamour. You are less prone to make mistakes through such reflective blindness, and tend to be self-protective mainly by a careful and wary distancing that you maintain with strangers or new acquaintances. This is part of the Saturn contribution of caution and unease with anything that is unknown. Trust needs to be progressively developed in you, whether in people, circumstances or situations; and you are usually reticent in making any firm commitments until you have thoroughly evaluated any set of choices. You tend to rely on a faith in facts, and impersonal judging of what seems to be the wisest choice to make; this can be beneficial in your life, privately and in a career.

It is probable that the Saturn energy will be the dominant one, with the Neptune energy occasionally repressed for practical reasons. If you allow Saturn to be too emphasised, then opportunities may be lost through excessive evaluation and lack of decisiveness; that fear of the unknown will also act as a restrictive and inhibiting factor. You are likely to erect a well-defined lifestyle and personality structure which allows relatively little space for the Neptunian influence to be expressed, as it is more anarchic and



expansionary. What can occur is a sense of confusion regarding your own personal limitations, where they begin to feel imprisoning and Neptune agitates to dissolve those barriers and to experience those repressed dreams that you are attempting to ignore. A careful balancing of both these planetary energies is essential, both for inner harmony and for external success. Otherwise, degrees of distortion and lack of perspective will increase, as the Neptune influence demonstrates its repressed presence through more negative characteristics.

For those exploring the spiritual dimension of life, this aspect offers several valuable assets, in that there is a questioning of dogma and assumptions, a tendency to deglamorise through a more earthy perspective, and a developing ability to rely on the inner guidance of intuition rather than on external 'authority sources'. This stage may have been reached as lessons learnt through earlier phases of gullibility and submission to teachers, possibly through religious or parental conditioning which you begin to cast away as inimical to your own development. Discrimination is important in life, and especially so when contacting occult teachings, where the likelihood is that through a lack of real personal experience only genuine ignorance exists; and the tendency of most is to fill that void by passively accepting whatever teaching is making an impact on them.

As you continue to develop, especially through standing alone and living through your own light, a greater maturity and perception will unfold. Insight and compassion founded on living experience will be gained, and if you practise meditational techniques then your own power and light is likely to shine brighter as your inner clarity emerges. Effective concentration and meditation should be possible, and some signs of psychic abilities may also emerge from the Neptune energy being released. You may become a channel for the transpersonal energies to enter these levels, and there will be a sense of social responsibility and of the context through which they can operate.

Your intimate relationships are likely to be deep and enriching, partly as a result of your careful evaluation of suitable partners; and in those relationships where your heart becomes involved you will tend to be cautious before opening to a full commitment. Relationships are important to you, and you place great emphasis on continually working at them to ensure that they are mutually beneficial and a source of evolutionary growth. You believe that 'right choice leads to right action'; and this is a key to your success and to your procedure of careful evaluation of options and decisions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Saturn conjunct Neptune, it is very unlikely that you can be deceived for very long. You usually protect yourself by being distrustful of situations or people you are unfamiliar with. Even in spiritual or religious matters, you object to accepting dogma unless you can work it out logically. Perhaps in your early years you readily accepted those teachings, and later, as you began to question their validity, you felt guilty about

them. In general, you have a mature attitude about religious matters, and deep insight into your social obligations.

You are psychic in the most realistic sense; and your experiences guide you in the use of developing your intuition. You are suited to work in an executive capacity, for you can make important decisions with a high probability of success. Your professional affairs benefit from your ability to detect dishonesty or deception. In your pursuit of the facts, you insist that others prove what they say. You fear the unknown and are cautious about making a decision until you can examine all the facts. Your inspiration has practical value, and you can express it concretely.

In your romantic relationships, you are similarly composed. You are an idealist, but a practical one. You do not generally make an emotional commitment unless there is solid evidence that the feeling is mutual. You don't offer yourself casually to anyone, friend or lover. Your temperament is not suited to superficial entanglements, but you are willing to make an enormous contribution to a relationship that obviously has sustenance.

Avoid taking medication that is not professionally prescribed. Artificial vitamins, stimulants, and depressive drugs are not for you, because they may cause unpleasant reactions.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction between Saturn and Neptune, form-building and form-disintegration go hand in hand, a state of affairs which can give a wonderful combination of qualities (provided personal planets are involved) - or it might more often be truer to say a weird and wonderful combination. Whenever we are engaged in giving concrete form to ego or are concerned with things with which ego can identify (Saturn), the form-dissolving processes of Neptune - which tend to blur the edges of the personality - are automatically activated. Therefore we keep making big or little formal changes and have little difficulty in giving the ego a regular shape. On the other hand, when formulating goals, we get feelings and insights that increase their depth. There is no knowing at any instant whether we are going to be changeable or insightful; in fact, we can switch imperceptibly between the two states of mind. Suppose, for example, we are writing a report: we may communicate in a well-thought-out style that expresses our feelings on the subject; but then we can introduce paragraphs with no proper structure at all, paragraphs with the meaning 'left hanging in the air' to such an extent that the reader is utterly perplexed. Or we may wander from the subject entirely. The danger of this conjunction is that the formless and spiritual (Neptune) may undermine awareness of the concrete and everyday (Saturn).

Yet this conjunction could enable us to investigate the invisible and transpersonal world in a matter-of-facts, methodical manner. Much depends on the relative strengths of the two planets.

The Neptunian sense of unity and communal service can be made concrete by a conjunction with Saturn; and then we might work hard for a better world, a more closely knit human race and a deeper religious or metaphysical understanding. But, by the same token, the cautiousness and ambition so characteristic of Saturn can be subverted by Neptune. We have no control over the latter planet, and can be so swayed by it that ambitions are imbued with its spirit of renunciation. Possibly we shall sacrifice ourselves for some idealistic goal we have painted in glowing colors. Needless to say, this aspect may feature in the charts of ascetics or of others who do not ask much from life.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn indicates the psychological influence of the father on the psyche of the individual. It indicates that part of the personality that one is most apprehensive about, the facet of self that one regards with caution. Neptune brings a sense of creativity or illusion/delusion regarding insight concerning the father.

People with this aspect may not really understand the kind of effect their father had on them. This influence may be determined from other aspects to Saturn or the Sun. There have been cases where mother-dominated children have been deluded about the father, especially if he was missing. There have been instances when a child is unpleasantly surprised about paternity itself, for not every legal father is a child's physical father. These situations are difficult to diagnose and more difficult to discuss; they must be handled with tact.

When a father-dominated person has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction, there may be some idealization of the father. When a mother-dominated person has the conjunction, the mother may misrepresent the father in some way - the kind of man he is - or some delusion about the family or inherited family responsibilities may be engendered. The delusion about the father influence may merely be that the person doesn't know about the family influence or interests. These people will be influenced by certain delusions or illusions regarding authority figures; they may be hurt by the reality of the traditional approach, for they want to support illusions.

(Charles Carter)

In a good chart, this gives unusual powers, the native being able to plan and to execute, working hard. It is excellent for business or for politics, and has some affinity with the church. It is apt to produce something of an egotist, though the disposition may be kind. The native is apt to think himself or his work much more important than it really is. It is often found in the horoscopes of those who, with affected or sincere humility on the personal side, insist that they are instruments - the chosen and special instruments - of Exalted Beings, and so forth. In such cases, it is the expansive and formless side of Neptune which overcomes and drowns, as it were, the matter-of-fact sense of Saturn.

It appears to favour both mathematical and musical ability, perhaps by reason of its sense of exactness, time, and order. In any case, the abilities are very often out of the ordinary.

Provided Saturn is the stronger, it favours success by hard work, but usually also at the price of scandal and defamation, often in respect of sexual matters, or as the house occupied may indicate. It is not a position which is likely to cause the native to be fond of contact with the downtrodden or the poor, and is somewhat ambitious, fond of authority and management, and liking to exercise disciplinary powers. But if Neptune predominates, these ambitious tendencies will be much less in evidence.

Owing to the contrary natures of the two planets, there are often two sides to the character, or two periods of the life, the one materialistic and hard-headed, and the other idealistic. Or, if other aspects help, these two may be blended concordantly.

30) ► **Sun** ☉ **Opposition** ♅ **Pluto** - (6°26' S) ♀9 | ♁2

(Haydn Paul)

This suggests that most of your problems and challenges will arise in the area of interpersonal relationships, often created or stimulated by your own unconscious expression of this energy, which requires a deeper understanding and inner adjustment to be achieved before you can consistently benefit from its power.

Your temperament can be assertive, aggressive and extremist, tending to use your powerful will like a sledgehammer to achieve objectives. You prefer to force situations so that you are ready to take the advantage before anyone else can, or will act through impulse without fully considering the consequences of following your desires and aims. To others, your will and personality can seem a little overbearing, provocative and dominating, especially as you always prefer to be in control of all situations, and hate to feel unsure of your ground or realise there is nothing you can do to influence circumstances in your favour. This is why you desire to be in a position of authority, calling the tune and writing the rules, yet are so rebellious when roles are reversed; you then use your influence to be subversive and manipulate others to resist authority.

You will feel a desire to change the world into your image, reflecting the way that you think it should be. As virtually everyone else is attempting the same in small or large ways, inevitably you may experience conflict with others who do not agree with your panacea for the world's ills. If you attempt to dictate to people, by forceful expression, you may easily fail to get the right kind of support and co-operation, especially if it is made clear that you intend to be the kingpin and final arbiter. The problem with dominating and forceful personalities is that usually they insist on having their own way, and are rarely, if ever, wrong. This usually ends in relationship conflict which leads to

their more creative supporters quitting, leaving behind 'mere followers' who remain with the 'leader' in sycophantic acquiescence.

Without proper awareness and understanding, these tendencies can become negatively expressed, eventually to your detriment. Yet equally they can become extremely positive qualities to be used in socially creative ways once excess selfinterest is transcended, and you move towards the higher solar path of your individuality rather than just satisfying lower egoic needs and desires. You will need to undergo a period of self-regeneration, to acknowledge the needs of others to be themselves, not as mere adjuncts to your dictates, but people equally able and right to assert themselves. More harmonious and successful relationships are possible, especially when your need for self-assertion diminishes through self-understanding and confidence in your own worth. This can involve learning to be self-reliant in achieving your own aims, rather than having to manipulate others into unconsciously aiding your private intentions. Inner changes leading to a less aggressive attitude and less suspicion in working with others, more co-operation to achieve mutual goals, and a degree of compromise in your attitudes, will certainly bring more benefit to you and others. Gaining an understanding of the elements present in your psychology which desire for you to become an authority and leader can help to bring about an inner adjustment, and an ability to work with others can then emerge.

31) ► **Venus** ♀ **Opposition** ♄ **Pluto** - (5°01' S)    ♀9 | ♄2

(Haydn Paul)

The challenging aspects of square and opposition invariably display the dark face of the distorted Pluto energy, and require considerable individual transformation and selfunderstanding to mitigate the potentially negative impact on life that they will otherwise influence a person to experience. It is important to remember that this influence to confront the darker side of the psyche is inherently positive and creatively beneficial if it is used to reorientate the inner life, and that this is the hidden purpose of the Pluto impulses.

It is likely that you will experience a repetitive pattern of sexual love and emotional affairs which either do not seem to satisfy and fulfil you, or collapse into failure, acrimony and suffering. This can lead to a jaded, cynical attitude founded upon a frustrated, demoralised emotionally battered perception of love.

Your emotional intensity and passion is likely to cause difficulties for you, as it often seems to run away out of your control, and can take you into situations and encounters which from a clearer perspective you would consider to be undesirable. Certainly you are looking for something; but your sexual and emotional desires can be too strong, creating distortions of inner energy and leading to compulsive behaviour on your part - followed by an attempt at justification in the vein of 'I couldn't help myself...'. Either you

will feel driven to experiment in various relationships on a continuous basis, or, as a reaction, you may attempt to avoid entering any emotional affair as you are afraid of experiencing the old established pattern again.

Problems can arise in your intimate relationships due to your tendency to introduce the element of domination. You tend to demand your own way or assume a dominating role, sometimes played out in potentially damaging sexual and emotional contexts, sometimes obvious, sometimes more subtle. Even if you assume a submissive role, it is only as a hidden way to manipulate and achieve your intentions through a subtle route; it is not your natural approach. Usually, you want your partners to change to suit you, and you can put intense pressure upon them, especially sexually and emotionally.

You will need to learn the necessity for mutual compromise in relationships, to understand your inner underlying desires and impulses which are conditioning and controlling you from the depths of your unconscious. It may be appropriate to study humanistic psychology, or take part in a course or therapy designed to bring about safe release of hidden impulses into the light of conscious awareness. Such impulses, and unconscious inner fantasy lives, are present to some degree in everyone; but with this aspect they will stimulate problems for you, which are resolvable if you are willing to confront them in an act of personal reintegration and transformation. This will also serve to balance out your erratic flow of emotional desires, which often seems to confuse you and your partner, as you appear to 'blow very hot and very cold' in your responses to them; this is when your inner impulses arise and fall in some hidden rhythmic cycle, leading to uncontrollable emotional and sexual needs and intensity, or to a lack of response and to coldness.

Always, the choice is yours; potentially you can defuse many of the difficulties that usually face you in relationships, or you can continue hoping that they will lift of their own accord. Pluto is influencing you to take the positive approach, by facing you with the results of being passive to the inner forces and by remaining unconscious of their hidden promptings.

(Robert Pelletier)

With Venus opposition Pluto, your intense emotional nature may create many problems for you, as you strive to force your demands on others. On the other hand, you may avoid involvement with others, fearing the responsibility of an emotional attachment. In either case, you will alienate yourself from those who may be dearest to you.

In any permanent relationship, money is often seen as the cause of disharmony. The real problem, however, is usually the excessive demands you make of your partner, or your partner's possessive attitude toward you. You must appraise your feelings realistically to see if the two of you have simply grown apart, or if you have tried to remake your partner to fit your ideal image.

Before making any contractual commitment to someone, you should try to examine your prospective mate's potentials carefully. This means realistically evaluating his or her capacity to fulfil your needs, both as a partner and as a parent of your children. The best physical mate does not necessarily make a good parent. There may be an inability to accept the responsibility of a family and the restraints to personal freedom and mobility.

Any problems you may have, however, can be resolved if you are willing to compromise. The freedom you can enjoy together may be greater than any freedom you could have separately.

Early in your professional career, as you are trying to become established, you will encounter certain difficulties. Some individuals may try to take advantage of your naivety to create trouble between you and your superiors. You are sure to encounter severe competition from your co-workers, who will feel threatened by you.

Avoid forming a close alliance with anyone until you are sure that person can be trusted with your confidences. This is especially true of your boss. Being friendly with him may give you job security, but it will certainly disrupt comfortable working conditions with your fellow employees, and these are the people you have to live with each day.

To be truly effective, try to maintain a purely social attitude in your professional endeavors. Any emotional involvement will unnecessarily complicate your goals. It is easy to be victimized by a person for whom you feel an emotional attachment because it is so difficult to say 'no', even to excessive demands. If you allow yourself to be used, you will increase the chances of being abused.

32) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Opposition** ♇ **Pluto** - (2°26' A) 138 | ♄2

(Haydn Paul)

Like those with the square, you may feel that you have been mysteriously penalised by environmental deprivation, socially or parental, real or imagined. There was never any 'silver spoon' for you, and you tend to hold a brooding resentment for those who have not had to face the same problem.

The opposition is often associated with the themes of oppression and violence, physical and psychological, and with the tendency to be a victim of such forms of human negativity on others. For whatever reason, you may feel yourself to be a victim of persecution; and this would colour your perception of people and the world, probably making you inwardly defensive and possibly outwardly aggressive towards others as a form of pre-emptive defence.

Your ease of self-expression and creativity is likely to be blocked, and you are always

wary of revealing too much of yourself to others, in case they begin to take advantage of you; and in any case, you lack self-confidence and inner stability. Emotionally, you may be quite unstable, probably repressing much of your feeling life, because that is what has been damaged previously. This leads you to attempt to create a life of predictability and stability as a counterpoint to those feelings of emotional flux and vulnerability. Certainly you are quite resistant to change, especially within relationships, as you rely on those few close ones in your life to give a sense of security; and because of this fear, you suppress inner movement or outer change until a crisis point is reached where a 'releasing explosion' is the only way for the blocked energy to move.

As with the square, you need to initiate a process of inner change, to transform the restrictive attitudes and self-image that act as a frustrating factor in your life. Somehow, you need to develop more personal confidence so that you can begin trusting more, and feel secure enough to come to terms with your feelings and emotions, to allow them to fertilise and water those inner barren lands. Through such an approach, Pluto can act to give you a new birth, to almost resurrect you from the dead and to allow you the opportunity to enjoy life much more fully and appreciatively. Your inner life is not fixed in unchangeable stone, as the prospect of transformation is ever-present in every life. Initially, it may be difficult to dissolve such long-established barriers; but it can be done, enabling a new you to flower and fulfil your hidden potential: this is the pot of gold which is waiting for you to claim it as your heritage.

(Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Saturn to Pluto shows that you can be victimized by others in their quest for power. You may become involved in enterprises that are at best questionable and at worst potentially dangerous. If you get into social situations that have negative or non-productive objectives, you may find it extremely difficult to safely extricate yourself.

You must examine each of your associates thoroughly to protect your own interests. Accept no promises of financial gain until you see evidence to support these promises. Someone may offer you material benefits that are unrealistic or extreme, so you must be suspicious of anything that seems 'too good to be true'. The chances are that it is. This goes for personal, emotional relationships also. The investment you make will probably be of more benefit to your partner than to yourself.

Your professional affairs may become unstable because of a power play at the top that will somehow involve you. The results can undermine your position. You are sure to encounter people who will make impossible demands of you, and severe alienation is sure to follow.

Your social conditions may be extremely harsh and may not provide you with constructive avenues of expression. Fear of poverty and loss of social status could drive you to use devious methods for obtaining security and protection.



The serious conditions that often attend your life struggle need careful evaluation and constructive planning. You must learn to either transform your environment or remove yourself from it and make a new start. Plan your objectives and each day lay the foundation on which to painstakingly build your future security and realize your goals. This is the best course if you wish to enjoy a life enriched through your own efforts and free from unnecessary difficulties.

(Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the psyche of the individual during early life will be difficult to comprehend on a conscious level. In order to overcome weak points, fears, feelings of failure (caused by Saturn's placement), these feelings must be acknowledged consciously.

The Plutonic energy from the unconscious may confuse the image of the father with the unconscious or mythic image. This aspect may indicate individuals who have an obsession about the father, who don't know how to begin the journey toward self-discovery. If the aspect also includes personal planets, these people may attempt to revolutionize society because they go against the father, authority and tradition.

This energy can be used in a positive manner for these folks are world changers. Before the aspect can be used constructively, however, personal understanding of the influence of the father must be achieved. If not, these individuals can be manipulators of situations whenever they become afraid. They can take the law into their own hands; they can be vigilante types.

Saturn square or opposition Pluto

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The presence of ambition, tenacity and the desire to prove oneself (not to mention an aptitude for getting on in life) are even more marked here than in the harmonious aspects. Hard aspects strengthen, and sometimes exaggerate, these characteristics. A need to define and limit, to mould and preserve form, is intensified more than usual by Pluto, because the aspect made by Pluto is hard. Thus a person can seize the objective so fiercely that he or she arouses negative reactions in others. But, besides intensifying, Pluto transforms; it often leads one to demolish a huge chunk of the past in one iconoclastic outburst. Therefore, with Saturn / Pluto conflicts this person shall alter lifestyle and goals more than once; also, in the environment, he or she will play a taboo-breaking, form-breaking role. Contests with those in authority are not excluded; especially as the desire to prove oneself is so strong in the tense aspects that one is

determined to be one's own person. Being insecure, he or she wants to hold the reins in his or her own hands, to gain overall control, and to leave nothing to chance. As far as possible this person tries to get a grip on everything, and is rather demanding. If the native should lose the grip, however, he or she falls prey to uncertainty and the search for power becomes tinged with desperation. It goes without saying that this produces a fair crop of problems.

The aspect indicates strife, but because of the energy and tenacity it bestows and because it impels the native to get to the bottom of things, it frequently indicates victory, too, although at the cost of sweat and tears. Spiritual growth and radical changes often occur by this means, in spite of Saturn's anxious efforts to hold Pluto back - efforts that repeatedly come to nothing in the on-going conflict.

With the tense aspects, too, we can toil hard and long, performing heavy work. Generally speaking, this person likes to push himself: not for him the path of least resistance. Experiences are liable to make him harsh and calculating in dealing with his fellow men and women. Therefore Saturn / Pluto conflicts can have a very isolating effect - provided, of course, there are links with personal planets. Nevertheless, through being hard on himself in these conflicts he can go a long way in science, society, or in anything to which he sets his mind. The aspect cuts this person out to be a loner, but on his own he functions outstandingly.

33) ► **Jupiter** ♃ **Sextile** ♄ **North-Node** - (4°01' A)    ♄7 | ♄5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration is favorable for all expansive endeavors requiring the co-operation and approval of prevailing social attitudes and institutions. The natives are often closely involved in religious activities which tend to be along conventional lines. There is generally a good sense of timing in business and promotional matters.

(Donna van Toen)

Adaptability comes more easily than growth. A need for material growth or progress may override the need for inner growth. Moodiness or maladjustment may cause opportunities for growth to be overlooked or ignored.

Jupiter trine or sextile North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A harmonious relationship to other persons, adaptability, meeting other people half-way,

a sense of tact. Entering into advantageous associations, getting engaged or married, the gaining of advantages in business together with other people, the good luck to find a good partner.

Jupiter conjunct, trine or sextile North Node

(Bernice Grebner)

This aspect indicates wholehearted pursuit of the nodal position's growth, and aids that growth in an effective way. It gives luck and good fortune in balancing the nodal axis. Few other aspects contain such potential as this one. There is enthusiastic endeavor, and one cannot beat this. This is also the philosopher, the lawyer, or the world traveller (adventurer). This can also be the leader in a religious group.

34) ► **Saturn** ♄ **Square** ☊ **North-Node** - (0°58' S) 138 | 5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a thwarting of the natives' ambition and progress by prevailing social forces. Their fearfulness and conservatism may prevent their being in the right place at the right time to take advantage of opportunities which the society affords them. They may be isolated by society or become recluses.

(Mohan Koparkar)

This is quite a strange aspect to such an extent that limitations in life are doubly significant. Here, the Saturnian limitations will confront you with a problem or learning experiences, but the nodes will even take the chances away from you to learn from them. Depending upon the benefic aspects to this combination, the effects will change accordingly. For example, a supporting trine aspect to Saturn might minimize the intensity of drastic learning or a Trine to the nodes might increase your chances to learn the lesson in a constructive way, etc.. In general, growth as an individual is needed and noticed in this aspect. Full assistance or completely obstructive tendencies from older folk is seen. Problems with circulations and bone structure in general are noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Much like Saturn conjunct South Node. Pessimism is one manifestation of the nodal conflict; this must be consciously dealt with and eradicated if growth is to take place.

## Saturn square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Lack of adaptability, great difficulties in cooperating with others, also a feeling of inhibition in the presence of other people. Inhibitions and difficulties in association of partnerships, termination of blood relationships, the death of relatives or of kindred, disadvantages through other persons, co-operative work or team-work which is steadily becoming more difficult.

(Bernice Grebner)

Sacrifice or surrender are the key words here. Saturn's house position may cause neglect of the nodal position's growth; and the balancing of the nodal axis may be much delayed. Success is also harder to achieve where Saturn's position is located by sign and house. Wherever Saturn is located is where we feel a great lack; where a father's influence can be most strict; where ambitions are thwarted. Other aspects taken into consideration, this is not a favorable position for a positive, enthusiastic spirit. Unless well aspected to Jupiter, the Saturn square must be corrected first by strict discipline in accepting responsibility that can't be refused. This position can give great loneliness. The life seems to be fated. Call it fate, karma, or what you will, it is that area which we can do little about but surrender to it in strict discipline. With this aspect, along with a good aspect to Jupiter, Jupiter's influence cannot be felt greatly until the discipline Saturn calls for is accomplished. The person who has this aspect lacked discipline in a former lifetime; hence he is being forced into it in this life. The lessons of Saturn are patience, duty, loyalty, and being in tune and in step with time as it is. Their destiny is to get in step.

35) ► **Neptune** ♆ **Square** ☊ **North-Node** - (4°30' A) 138 | 5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a situation in which the mystical tendencies of the natives conflict with the more prosaic, down-to-earth customs and social institutions of their culture. Society is likely to regard them as impractical dreamers or even as subversive influences who undermine traditional religious and social concepts. They are likely to feel alone in a crowd and misunderstood by their peers. Sometimes their preoccupation with visionary pursuits keeps them out of touch with the flow of events around them, so that they react ineptly and confusedly.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, psychic sensitivity or receptivity is often blocked by circumstances. Thus,

one gets fairly close to an intuitive answer, and then all of a sudden, everything is washed out and they start all over again. Hidden problems with drugs, medicine or alcohol are noticed in these people. Some of these problems are often carried through the family tradition, or through past incarnation. This family history of similar difficulties is one of their challenges in life; and the circumstances will help them to even up only after they show the initiative to overcome them. Major changes in life from being too idealistic or too practical are often noticed in these people.

(Donna van Toen)

Similar to Neptune conjunct the South Node. The tension produced by the nodal imbalance may trigger a tendency to exploit others. 'Bad luck' or disappointment involving Neptune's sign and / or house position are frequently mentioned.

Neptune square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

A lack of social or communal sense and feeling; the inclination to exploit, deceive and cheat other people. A lack of judgement leading to wrong ideas about other people or about an association. The misfortune of being disappointed or the tendency to deceive other people.

(Bernice Grebner)

This person must be careful of drug and sex abuse, and over-stimulation of the imagination from overly idealistic thoughts. This power should be used for acting, singing, poetry, and understanding compassion. Some with this aspect seek false satisfaction in the senses. It gives a desire for seclusion and for impractical endeavors. As with all aspects, we must consider other aspects that can lessen or emphasize. Many times this aspect indicates two sides to the nature - a pull of undue idealism and being overly sensitive against power-hungry, selfish gratification. Badly aspected to Mercury, it can give mental imbalance in one degree or another. This position, when touched by transits and / or progressions, could bring confinement or hospitalization - forced confinement with the square; self-imposed isolation from the other aspects. The karma will be according to the nature of the sign and house position, and the nature of the aspects.

36) ► **Pluto** ♄ **Square** ♁ **North-Node** - (3°24' S)    ☿ 2 | ♅ 5

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This square indicates a tendency to want to reform social and cultural philosophies and institutions. Thus, the natives will be at odds with the established order and will incur its disfavor. Depending on other factors in the horoscope, this can be either mild disapproval or a matter of life and death, in which the natives are regarded as dangerous revolutionaries by their society.

(Mohan Koparkar)

In this aspect, strong destructive and disruptive tendencies quiet down as the individual grows older. A lot of unused energy or stored energy causes intermittent explosions within the framework of that individual. This is in the form of wild ideas or strong initiative plans. This energy forces the person to do something, no matter what the consequences can be. In this aspect, the life is full of action and suppression of action without any significant events. Deep inside, the motives are very much bubbling, but they have no real outlets. Thus, the large-scale ideas get crushed in, building up a considerable inferiority complex or a complex of inaction in that individual. If preplanned, and properly executed, ideas of these people have a substantially great influence over mankind.

(Donna van Toen)

Depending on how this is being used, it takes on the nature of one of the Pluto-Node conjunctions. The person often complains that relationships are a burden or feels that individuals or society as a whole are cramping his or her style. Tensions caused by the nodal imbalance can contribute to fanaticism or lead to pursuit of unwise goals. In extreme cases, there may be a compulsion to exploit others or rid them of some attitudes that the individual sees as unhealthy or abnormal. A craving for power may lead to problems or feelings of frustration.

Pluto square or opposition North Node

(Reinhold Ebertin)

The state of feeling one's association with other people as a burden, the feeling of being cramped in one's style through the influence of others, with subsequent suffering from this. A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.

37) ► **Midheaven MC Trine** ♀ **Venus** - (8°18' A) ♀1 | ♀9

(Robert Hand)

This aspect means that you love working with and owning beautiful things, so that later you may have a career in art, crafts, decorating or another field involving beauty. But it

also means that you have a harmonious nature, that you like to have a good time with others. You are not especially aggressive, preferring to give in or smooth over a possible dispute rather than fight. This is not because you lack self-confidence, but because you hate conflict. You are very warmhearted and friendly, and you like your relationships to be smooth.

Your relationship with your parents should be quite positive, and your early life should be very pleasant. When you are older, you will have happy memories of these years. You also get along well with persons in authority over you, such as teachers and employers. If you want, you can easily charm and flatter them, but you shouldn't do this ordinarily, because others will lose respect for you.

You do not like to be alone very much, for you find it difficult to amuse yourself, feeling that nothing is really worth doing unless you share it with someone else. So you always try to have friends around you. When you are older, you will seek out relationships with the opposite sex so that you are never alone for any length of time.

This trait also makes you a good team worker, because you know how to bring together the various interests of people in a group for everyone's benefit.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates continuation of the natives' careers and ambitions through the use of beauty, charm, and the social graces, which win the favor of people in important places. The harmony in their homes creates a favorable social atmosphere for furthering professional ambitions.

Performing artists with this aspect will achieve some recognition.

Venus trine or sextile Midheaven

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The behavior when we have Venus sextile or trine the MC is very like that of the native with the conjunction - that is to say, we seem friendly, warm, sociable and cordial, and this gives us a flying start when it comes to asking for favors. Artistic or other work involving form, color and proportion could well be our *métier*; nor would we be out of place in positions demanding a friendly social approach, such as that of receptionist, steward, stewardess, host or hostess.

The need to preserve the peace at all costs and the wish to have harmony in society at large are also present in the easy aspects; so here, too, we have possibilities as justice

of the peace or diplomat. Due to an (all too) great willingness to compromise, matters are not always thrashed out; this can create misunderstandings, and may leave openings for wolves in sheep's clothing to take advantage of a situation. We can also tangle with people who drag their feet over issues.

38) ► **Venus** ♀ **Semi-Sextile** ♂ **Mars** - (1°44' S) ♀9 | ♄8

(Donna van Toen)

You may be attracted to people who are wrong for you for some reason, making it difficult to satisfy your romantic desires. You have warm feelings and sex appeal, but somehow tend to be on the wrong track when it comes to choosing a mate. So while this aspect always increases your chances of marrying, it also increases the risk of eventual separation.

This is a vague aspect that seems to contribute to non-traditional sexual / romantic attitudes. It should be considered as a reinforcer of other similar aspects rather than a tendency in itself. Semi-sextiles by sign (out-of-orb) don't seem to have any relevance at all.

39) ► **Ascendant** ASC **Quincunx** ♄ **Saturn** - (1°46' A) ♄1 | ♄8

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn inconjunct the Ascendant means that you take yourself too seriously for your own good. You are so dedicated to your responsibilities that they take a big toll on your physical reserves. In fulfilling obligations, however, you are skillful at not going to extremes if you can avoid it. You plan your moves with tactical strategy to derive the most benefit from your efforts, wasting little time and energy on nonessentials. Cautious and reserved, you appear detached and unapproachable to the people you deal with. You offer your services only after carefully evaluating those you will serve to determine if they deserve your assistance. You are sometimes overly preoccupied with the affairs of other people. Although you rarely offer advice unless asked, when you do, your suggestions are often too painful to accept or too demanding. Because of this, others may resent your help.

You generally tell the truth because this is the only way you can live with yourself. You are determined to get the most out of your potentials, so developing your talents is high on your list of priorities. Experience has taught you to be self-reliant, and although you may be a slow learner, you never forget what you've learned. You want to be recognized for excellence in everything you do, and you secretly fear you may not succeed. Your superiors respect you for your honesty and integrity.

You utilize every resource at your disposal to gain financial security. Your friends



probably consider you a bit close with your money, but you know that you would never turn to them if you needed help, preferring to get along on your own until fortune is on the upswing. You invest only in enterprises that have a reasonable chance of success, and you seek a comfortable status that you can hold onto. not easily induced to seek the limelight, you prefer to bask in your accomplishments.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the inconjunct, too, we are rather fretful, although not sure why. For us, to go out into the world is to become insecure, anxious and defensive; and, however much we might wish to be friendly, our behavior is cold and reserved. Or we keep carrying on about general responsibilities; sometimes reasonably enough but often quite out of turn, so that associates take us for incorrigible pessimists with no appreciation of the lighter side of life.

If we are taken up with responsibilities, we find them difficult to discuss. Explanations lack clarity, or we seem to get everything round the wrong way. In short, we fail to show our true feelings. Consequently, we can alternate between proloner hard work and prolonged bouts of idleness when we do nothing at all.

Yet, in the end, we can shape our lives successfully and achieve self-confidence. As with every inconjunct, however, there usually has to be some crisis first which pinpoints the source of the trouble.

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