

Planetary Profile

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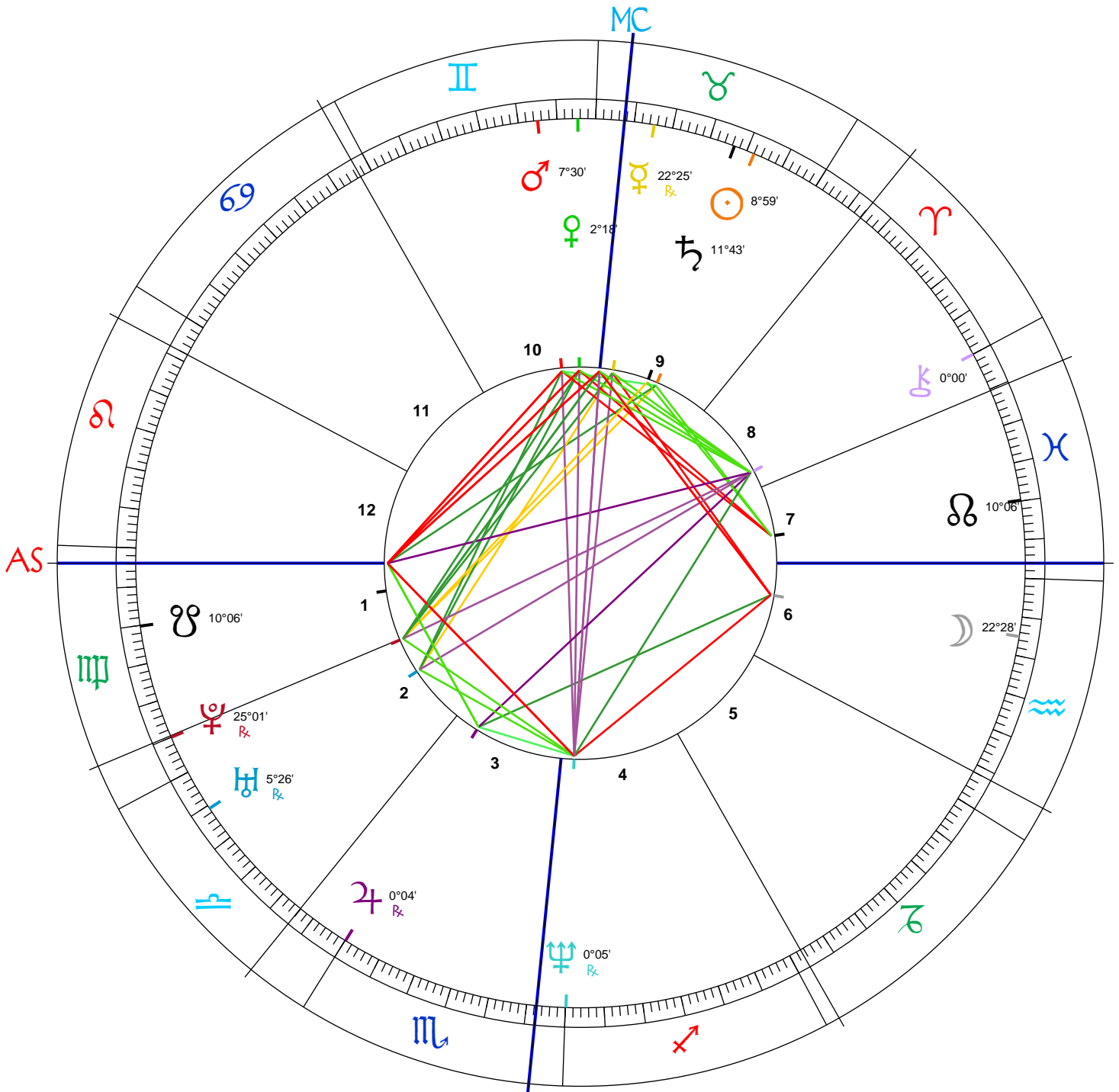
Born Wednesday 29 April 1970

Uma, this is your Planetary Profile, an astrological analysis of your personality and unique potential. It is divided into three sections: firstly, at the beginning is your birth-chart, which is essentially a map of the solar system drawn up for the moment of your birth; secondly is Planetary Information showing details of your birth-chart, which you will find useful if you take your study of astrology further. Lastly, the Analysis which follows this introduction is a detailed interpretation of the birth-chart, looking at the meaning of each planet in turn, their sign and house position and their relationship to the other planets. The intensity of the relationship between planets is indicated by the number of highlighted stars.

Whilst reading your Planetary Profile, you may come across sections that appear to contradict each other. This is because people are complex and often behave quite differently in differing circumstances. It's also because the various factors of your birth-chart are given equal weighting, whereas in reality some factors will take precedence over others.

Astrologers believe that our character, and the events that occur within our lives, are influenced by the pattern of the planets at the moment of our birth. However, as with the genetic and cultural influences that we are all subject to, within this framework we are still able to exercise free will and make creative choices. Astrology is a little like the weather - it can influence our actions (for example we might cancel a picnic if we know it is going to rain!), but it doesn't force us to do anything, merely inclines. We can also choose to live an unexamined life, following habitual patterns and taking the easiest options, or we can decide that we have a meaningful destiny and something unique and of value to contribute to the world.

Your Planetary profile is designed to stimulate your interest in this universal, symbolic language, and give you a deeper understanding of your motivations, challenges and strengths.



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Born Wednesday 29 April 1970 Local Time 01:51 PM Universal Time 05:51 PM

Boston, Massachusetts, United States Long:71°03'W Lat:42°21'N

Geocentric Tropical Placidus True Node

Planetary Positions

Planet/Point	Glyph	Sign	Glyph	Position	House
Sun		Taurus		8°59'19"	9th
Moon		Aquarius		22°27'50"	6th
Mercury		Taurus		22°24'45" Rx	9th
Venus		Gemini		2°18'10"	10th
Mars		Gemini		7°29'36"	10th
Jupiter		Scorpio		0°04'02" Rx	3rd
Saturn		Taurus		11°42'40"	9th
Uranus		Libra		5°26'28" Rx	2nd
Neptune		Sagittarius		0°05'00" Rx	4th
Pluto		Virgo		25°00'57" Rx	2nd
Ascendant	AS	Virgo		1°57'35"	~
MidHeaven	MC	Taurus		26°16'34"	~
North Node		Pisces		10°05'44"	7th
Chiron		Aries		0°00'00"	8th

House Cusp Positions

House	Sign	Position	House	Sign	Position
1		1°57'35"	7		1°57'35"
2		24°47'30"	8		24°47'30"
3		22°56'12"	9		22°56'12"
4		26°16'34"	10		26°16'34"
5		1°34'45"	11		1°34'45"
6		4°01'07"	12		4°01'07"

Element Emphasis - Total Points

Air	Fire	Earth	Water
11	1	16	2

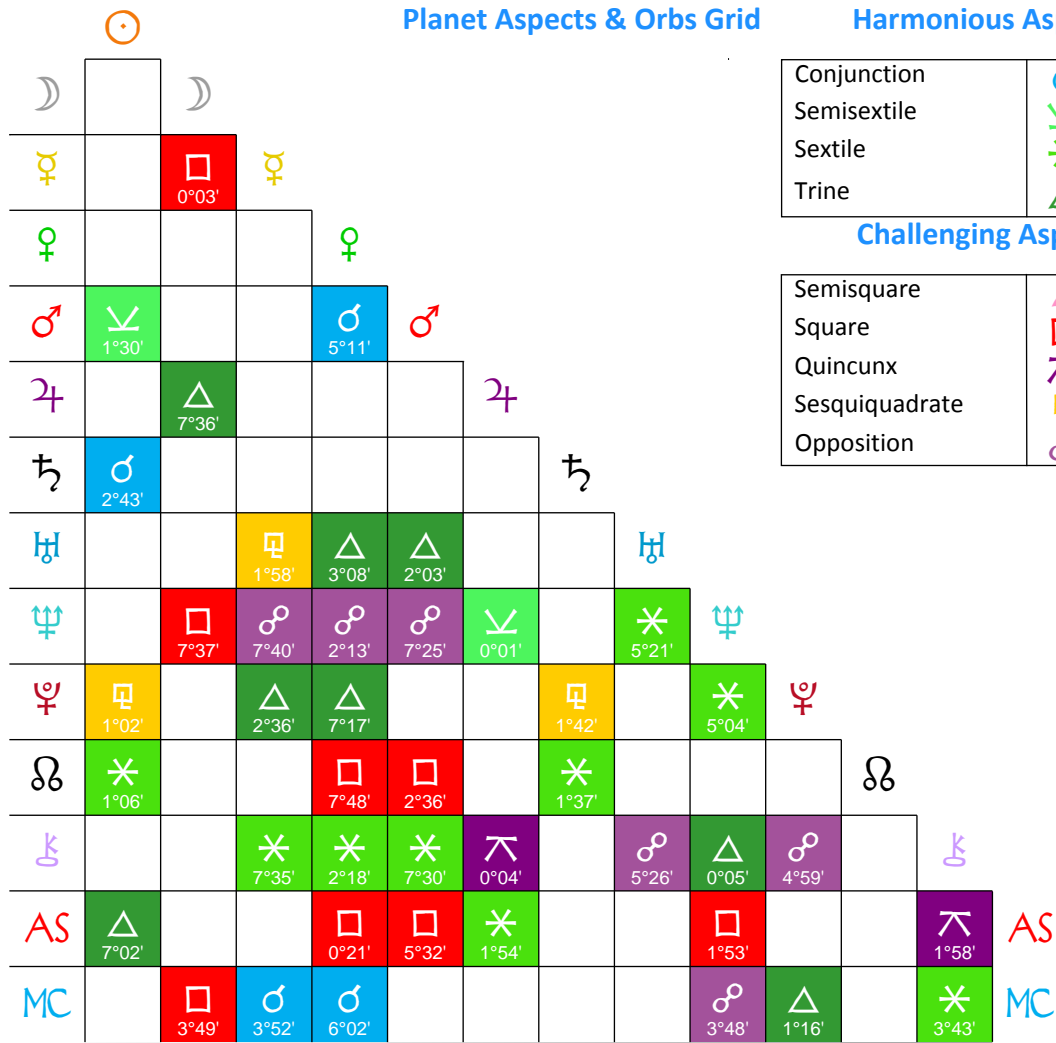
Modality Emphasis - Total Points

Cardinal	Fixed	Mutable
1	17	12

Planetary Weight Point System

Sun & Moon	4 points	Uranus, Neptune & Pluto	1 point each
Mercury, Venus & Mars	3 points	Ascendant (Rising Sign)	4 points
Jupiter & Saturn	2 points	Midheaven	2 points

Planet Aspects & Orbs Grid



Harmonious Aspects

Conjunction	♁	0°
Semisextile	♁	30°
Sextile	♁	60°
Trine	♁	120°

Challenging Aspects

Semisquare	♁	45°
Square	♁	90°
Quincunx	♁	150°
Sesquiquadrate	♁	135°
Opposition	♁	180°

Planet Aspect List

- ♁ ♁♁ Sun Semisextile Mars
- ♁ ♁♁ Sun Conjunction Saturn
- ♁ ♁♁ Sun Sesquiquadrate Pluto
- ♁ ♁♁ Sun Trine Ascendant
- ♁ ♁♁ Sun Sextile North Node
- ☾ ♁♁ Moon Square Mercury
- ☾ ♁♁ Moon Trine Jupiter
- ☾ ♁♁ Moon Square Neptune
- ☾ ♁♁ Moon Square MidHeaven
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mercury Sesquiquadrate Uranus
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mercury Opposition Neptune
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mercury Trine Pluto
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mercury Conjunction MidHeaven
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mercury Sextile Chiron
- ♀ ♁♁ Venus Conjunction Mars
- ♀ ♁♁ Venus Trine Uranus
- ♀ ♁♁ Venus Opposition Neptune
- ♀ ♁♁ Venus Trine Pluto
- ♀ ♁♁ Venus Square Ascendant
- ♀ ♁♁ Venus Conjunction MidHeaven
- ♀ ♁♁ Venus Square North Node
- ♀ ♁♁ Venus Sextile Chiron
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mars Trine Uranus
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mars Opposition Neptune
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mars Square Ascendant
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mars Square North Node
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Mars Sextile Chiron
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Jupiter Semisextile Neptune
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Jupiter Sextile Ascendant
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Jupiter Quincunx Chiron
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Saturn Sesquiquadrate Pluto
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Saturn Sextile North Node
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Uranus Sextile Neptune
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Uranus Opposition Chiron
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Neptune Sextile Pluto
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Neptune Square Ascendant
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Neptune Opposition MidHeaven
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Neptune Trine Chiron
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Pluto Trine MidHeaven
- ♁♁ ♁♁ Pluto Opposition Chiron
- AS ♁♁ Ascendant Square Venus
- AS ♁♁ Ascendant Square Mars
- AS ♁♁ Ascendant Sextile Jupiter
- AS ♁♁ Ascendant Square Neptune
- AS ♁♁ Ascendant Square MidHeaven
- AS ♁♁ Ascendant Quincunx Chiron
- MC ♁♁ MidHeaven Square Moon
- MC ♁♁ MidHeaven Conjunction Mercury
- MC ♁♁ MidHeaven Opposition Neptune
- MC ♁♁ MidHeaven Trine Pluto
- MC ♁♁ MidHeaven Square Ascendant
- MC ♁♁ MidHeaven Sextile Chiron

THE BASIS OF YOUR PERSONALITY

SUN, MOON AND ASCENDANT

The Sun, Moon and Ascendant (situated in the Rising Sign) are the central elements of your horoscope, and from just these three points a clear picture of yourself can be gained. The Sun represents the Essential You - your ego and conscious self, whilst the Moon represents the Inner You - your feelings and emotional needs. Like light and shade, they are complementary principles, the one balancing the other. It is often the case that men are more comfortable embodying their Sun sign, and women their Moon sign, but to be truly whole people, both need to be developed and understood as integral parts of oneself.

The Ascendant on the other hand symbolises your outward personality, your physical appearance and how others see you, which may be quite different from how you really are.

The following pages look at these three central elements of your horoscope, the signs of the zodiac they were in at the moment of your birth, their house positions, and the way they integrate with the other elements of your birthchart.

THE SUN

The SUN symbolises the ESSENTIAL SELF; the WILL; CONSCIOUSNESS; GROWTH; the EGO; LIBIDO; OBJECTIVITY; INDIVIDUALITY; WHOLENESS; and the SPIRIT. It is the MASCULINE PRINCIPLE in contrast to that symbolised by the MOON. It is personified by RULERS; LEADERS; PUBLIC FIGURES; the FAMOUS; and PERSONALITIES.

In the horoscope it is the point where we shine and are most ourselves. It also symbolises how we experience (or experienced) our father, or dominant parent. The sign and house in which it is found, together with the aspects it makes to other planets show our primary orientation towards life; the area of life in which we put forth our best energies; and how our ego integrates with the rest of our psyche. The relative strength or weakness of the sun shows the strength or otherwise of our ego and the extent to which we manifest our potential individuality.

SUN IN TAURUS

KEYWORDS: PERSEVERING; MATERIALISTIC; PRACTICAL; SEEKS SECURITY; PHYSICAL; OBSTINATE; PLEASURE LOVING; MONEYED; PATIENT; BUSINESS SKILLS; GROUNDED; LOVES PROVIDING.

Your SUN is in TAURUS, indicating that you are essentially a practical, determined and stable person. You have a strong set of values that are founded on practical common sense or on your experience of the world around you. For instance, you may be determined to steadily accumulate wealth by working hard to get ahead in your career (Taureans often have excellent business skills). Alternatively, you may prefer a simpler lifestyle that is guided by a respect for nature, the land or even by artistic values such as love of beauty. If you can do both, then you have the best of both worlds! You enjoy building things up slowly and patiently, and this applies as much to your home or garden as it does to your business interests, and even your relationships. The sensory world is your domain, and with your keen senses and love of beauty in all its aspects you no doubt have an interest in (and perhaps a talent for) the arts, as well as a fondness for being close to nature. You have a particular love for the texture, feel, smell, and taste of things and probably have more than a few objects of beauty around the home. Sex is likely to be as much a necessity (and a pleasure) to you as eating and drinking, and your physical charms are likely to be obvious to others. Taureans are great food-lovers too, and often make great cooks! To give a good meal to friends and ensure that they have a good time is a pleasure you relish. At your best, you radiate a relaxed, earthy warmth that stems from your natural enjoyment of life and your physical rootedness in the Earth.

Sometimes, you become stuck in a rut of comfort, routine and habit, giving rise to lethargy and dullness. So take time occasionally to expand your horizons, pursue your passions, or do something completely unexpected. You may also identify too strongly with your possessions or finances, becoming overly materialistic or status-oriented. However, eventually you realise that 'to be' is more ultimately more fulfilling than 'to have'.

THE SUN IN THE NINTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: HIGHER EDUCATION; TRAVEL; LEARNING; SEEKING; RELIGION; TEACHING; FOREIGN CONTACTS; CREATIVE PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE; SEEKS FREEDOM; BROAD-MINDED; TOLERANT; BELIEF; INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP.

Your SUN is in the NINTH HOUSE of your horoscope, which means that you are at your best when teaching, learning or broadening your mind and your horizons. You have a strong faith, whether this be in God, an ideal or vision, or simply that there is meaning and order in the Universe. The truth is very important to you, and you are highly curious about life. You love knowledge and want to experience the world fully - preferably at first hand, by travelling. You love the feeling of freedom from the restrictions of day-to-day life that travel brings, and you may have many foreign contacts or possibly even live abroad. In the same way, holidays, be they at home or abroad, and spending time in the open air or in the 'great outdoors' replenishes your vitality and fires your enthusiasm for life. You may shine on the sports field or at school and may continue your education beyond what is compulsory. You have a broad vision of life and tend to be more attuned to the future or to the major questions of life than to its immediate and practical demands and considerations. At times, you may lose track of your life and just drift, denying responsibility and living merely for the moment. You enjoy learning and are drawn to working in education. Publishing, writing, journalism and broadcasting appeal to you too, as these offer a way of engaging with ideas and expanding your mental and social horizons. It is possible that religion or spirituality plays an important role in your life, and you may have quite a strong, probably quite paternal, image of God. Your relationship with your earthly father is likely to be good, although in order to establish your own identity you may have needed to rebel against his ideas or philosophy and as a consequence more clearly defined your own.

SUN CONJUNCT SATURN ★★★★★☆



KEYWORDS: MATURE; STRONG; SERIOUS; DETERMINED; INHIBITED; RESERVED; AMBITIOUS; LONELY; TOUGH; STRONG FATHER-IMAGE; LIMITATIONS; HARD-WORKING; SELF-DISCIPLINED; CONTROL; STRICT; PRACTICAL; RIGID; DELIBERATE; UN-SPONTANEOUS; SUCCESS BY OWN EFFORTS; GOAL-CONSCIOUS; DIFFICULTIES WITH FATHER; NEED TO PROVE ONESELF; SELF-DOUBTING; GUILT; PESSIMISTIC; ANXIOUS; SELFISH; RESPONSIBLE; WISE; REALISTIC; FOCUSED; STRUGGLE; AUTHORITATIVE; PATIENT; ORGANISED; ACHIEVEMENT.

Your SUN is CONJUNCT SATURN, which means that you are essentially a serious and self-determined person. As a child, your parents may have done their best to provide security, stability and solid values. They are likely to have been strict, but only so that you would grow up knowing good behaviour, and right from wrong. There were probably clear boundaries to your world, providing a sense of safety and identity as you grew up. Self-reliance, responsibility, discipline and duty were probably ingrained in to you, and at times you may felt older than your years, possibly even isolated from children your own age. Approval from your father in particular may have been, or still is, important. You have a strong desire to achieve, which is connected with your need to live up to your parent's expectations of you. Your work and your position or status in society may define your sense of identity, which is fine so long as you balance this with the emotional nourishment of a close relationship, rewarding friendships, or family life. You focus on your goals with a single-minded determination, and will work hard in your chosen career. You inevitably rise to a position of authority, leadership, trust or responsibility within an organisation, and are suited to work that demands integrity, dedication and professionalism. Although strong and capable on the surface, you suffer from crises of confidence, and during these periods it is important to remind yourself of your achievements rather than dwell on any perceived failures or failings. So-called 'failure' is better understood as the kind of lesson that makes us stronger, wiser, or better at what we do in the future. It is something none of us can avoid, but we which we can all learn from.

SUN TRINE ASCENDANT ★☆☆☆☆



KEYWORDS: POPULARITY; AMBITION; CONFIDENCE; POSITIVE; RECOGNISED; PUBLIC; FORTUNATE CONTACTS; OPTIMISM; SUNNY DISPOSITION.

Your SUN is TRINE the ASCENDANT in your horoscope, meaning that there is an easy and harmonious flow of energy between your ego and your outward persona. You have a strong personality, and impress people with your confidence and dynamism. You have a notably cheerful and sunny disposition, and tend to meet life with a youthful optimism. You have abundant energy, which may be constructively channelled into such activities as sport, outdoor pursuits, or perhaps into your work. Your vitality has a beneficial effect on your health and your constitution. You are capable of earning a good living and of being successful in what you do, and probably seek a career that allows scope for leadership and initiative, or possibly for playing a publicly visible role - for example, being a spokesperson, publicist or actor. You want to be admired for performing your job well and you expect your abilities to be recognised. Your confidence and generosity of spirit also attracts you lovers, with whom you are likely to have wholehearted, mutually respectful relationships.

SUN SEXTILE THE MOON'S NODE ★★★★★

KEYWORDS: CREATIVE POTENTIAL; LEADING; RESTING ON ONE'S LAURELS.

Your SUN is SEXTILE the MOON'S (NORTH) NODE, indicating that there is a harmony between your ego and your ability to grow as an individual. You have a certain degree of leadership potential, and should take any opportunities to shine or prove yourself in this area. There may be a tendency to 'rest on your laurels', i.e., to be satisfied with past achievements and neglect possible future ones.

 **THE MOON**

The Moon symbolises protective urges, the unconscious mind, emotion, the home, feeling, reflection, instinctual responses, the family, rhythm, self-image, heredity, and nurturing. It represents the feminine principle, and complements the Sun. It is personified by the mother, wife, women in general, supportive figures, and those who protect.

In the birthchart it is the point that reveals what makes us feel most secure, and the qualities, activities or things that we need in order to feel good about ourselves and to have a more flowing response to life.

The Moon also symbolises how we experience our own mother (or most nurturing parent), and the type of home life we create. The sign and house in which it is found, together with the aspects the Moon makes to other planets, show our unconscious orientation towards life, the area of life in which we are most at home, and how our feelings are integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength or weakness of the Moon shows the extent to which we feel in touch with sources of internal or external security.

 **MOON IN AQUARIUS**

KEYWORDS: FRIENDLY; HUMANITARIAN; DETACHED; IDEALISTIC; SOCIABLE; GROUP-ORIENTATED; UNUSUAL HOME-LIFE; MODERN; PROGRESSIVE PARENTING; NEEDS FREEDOM.

Your MOON is in AQUARIUS, and this shows that you need personal freedom and friendship in order to feel emotionally secure. You are open-minded, intelligent, and interested in people, because of which you make an excellent and undemanding friend. You have a modern outlook on life and are likely to be interested in science, progressive ideas, politics and reform. You refuse to be inhibited by conventional ways of thinking and can be original, inventive and inspired. You realise the importance of seeing the world in new and better ways and have little attachment to the security of custom, tradition and narrow-mindedness. You may be seen by some as slightly eccentric but this does not especially worry you - in fact you probably rather enjoy it! At times you love to shock people, though this is rarely done out of insensitivity, but more from a desire to awaken people out of their ruts and routines. Because of your need for freedom, long-term relationships may at times be a source of difficulties as you can quickly find yourself feeling hemmed in, especially if your partner is dull or unimaginative. Your family life may be unusual in some way, and your home might be a meeting place for friends or groups that you belong to. You give expression to your humanitarian instincts by joining associations, clubs or societies that have unusual or progressive views. You spend much of your time in the company of friends and enjoy an active social life.

Emotionally, you may not realise how detached your feelings are and you may spend much time thinking about what it is that you actually feel about a person or situation. You find remote or unconventional people fascinating and may consequently sometimes choose partners who are incapable of any firm emotional commitment. Ideally, your lovers are also friends with whom you can communicate openly. Because of your detachment, you are often able to offer extremely sound advice on people's problems.

THE MOON IN THE SIXTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: NEEDS WORK; DEDICATED; PSYCHOSOMATIC ILLNESSES; DAILY ROUTINE GIVES SECURITY; PRACTICAL CARE OF OTHERS; NURSING; BUSY; SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM.

Your MOON is in the SIXTH HOUSE of your horoscope, meaning that you bring sensitivity to your work life. Work is as much an emotional as a practical need for you, for you enjoy performing a role, function or service that is valued by other people. Unemployment or problems at work affect your self-image and have a clear effect on your emotions and close relationships, even your health. On the other hand, praise or appreciation for a job, project or task well done motivates you to do your best. You have a good relationship to your co-workers (if employed), and tend to be supportive or caring towards them, which is usually reciprocated. Work that involves caring, nurturing or playing a parent

role gives you a great deal of satisfaction. You have an instinctive understanding of how to treat and get the best out of the tools, utensils, skills etc. that you use either at work or at home. You may also have inherited many of these items.

Your domestic life is likely to be orderly and smooth-running, or at least you are happiest when it is. Daily routines such as taking baths, cooking and cleaning give you a feeling of order and security in the world. Having something to take care of or to look after makes you feel needed, and this is important to you. At some stage in your life you may tend to someone who is sick or who is incapable of looking after themselves. Your health tends to fluctuate and is to some extent dependant on your feelings or moods. Prolonged worry, stress, anxiety or depression may take their toll on your body, which is particularly sensitive to tension and illness. For this reason, a caring attitude to your physical needs and to such things as diet, exercise, relaxation etc. pay dividends. If you are especially faddy about your diet, ask yourself whether you are using food as a substitute for liking and valuing yourself.

MOON SQUARE MERCURY ★★★★★



KEYWORDS: CHANGEABLE; SUBJECTIVE; ANXIOUS; VOLUBLE; GOSSIP; TRIVIA; WORRY; FLUCTUATING INTELLIGENCE; CLEVER; IRRATIONAL; SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM; MISUNDERSTANDINGS; INSECURE; TEASING WIT.

Your MOON is SQUARE MERCURY, meaning that you experience a conflict between feeling and thinking. This aspect can manifest in two seemingly diametrically opposite ways. On the one hand, you could find it hard to separate your feelings from your thoughts, leading to a highly subjective mentality and even to irrational ideas and opinions. If this is the case, then you can be easily hurt when people disagree with your opinions (even when they are trying to be constructive), because it feels as though they are trying to put you down. Rise above pre-occupation with purely personal concerns! Learn to 'step into other people's shoes' (or even walk a mile in their moccasins...) and experience life from a variety of angles, not just the comfortable ones you have become familiar with. That way you can relate to situations and people with a new flexibility, whilst keeping your outlook on life fresh and responsive.

If, on the other hand, your mental faculties are detached from your feelings (which is the other possibility with this aspect), you may downplay or even ignore feelings and emotions altogether. An 'intellectual' attitude that values knowledge, learning and objectivity, over relationships, emotional needs and personal value judgements, can lead to coldness, interpersonal problems and a sense of being cut off from the immediacy of life. In extreme cases, this detachment from self can lead to fears, phobias and 'irrational' behaviour. To be whole means to acknowledge all parts of ourselves: the mental, the physical, the emotional, the social and the spiritual. We are all highly complex beings who exist within a web of inter-relationships and dimensions, and the rational mind alone is simply not equipped to understand, let alone operate efficiently, within every sphere of life. This is why we have evolved so many ways of interacting with the world: from the physical senses to the logical mind, from visualising in three (or four) dimension simultaneously (such as an architect, engineer or artist does) to the ability to empathise and share another person's reality. Acknowledging these other parts of yourself is the first step towards integrating them into the person you seek to become. Learning to discuss your feelings with people also brings insight that you would otherwise have missed, and relieves some of the emotional pressure that would otherwise get bottled up.

Moon square Mercury people tend to collect facts, general knowledge and trivia of all kinds, and they have a great memory for details. Ask them what they were doing five years ago to the day and they will probably tell you - and what you were doing too! This makes them good at quizzes and often at exams - but they do need to be in the right mood to perform well. Finally for this aspect, do you spend a lot of time worrying about things? Do you let anxiety get the better of you? If the answer is yes, learn to discriminate between those things you can do something about - and do something positive, however small, and those you cannot - for which you should cultivate the faith that they will probably work out in the way they were meant to, even without your intervention. Make sure too that you give yourself plenty of rest every day, in order to promote a calm and resilient nervous system.

MOON TRINE JUPITER ★☆☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: INNER SECURITY; GOOD-HUMOURED; HAPPY; EMOTIONAL RICHNESS; TOLERANT; EASYGOING; GOOD MOTHER; SOCIAL CONSCIENCE; POSITIVE; LARGE FAMILY; ALTRUISTIC; GENEROUS; LOVE OF HOME AND FAMILY LIFE; KIND; WARM; GOOD HEART; FINANCIALLY SECURE; INSTINCTIVE OPTIMISM; GOOD FEELINGS; SELF-CONFIDENT; RELIGIOUS FEELINGS; SATISFACTION; SELF-INDULGENT; SINCERE.

Your MOON is TRINE JUPITER, which means that your feelings and emotions are in harmony with your ideals. You were brought up in a warm and loving atmosphere which has given you a deep sense of inner security and an ability to exchange your feelings openly with people. Having been loved in this way enables you to give of yourself generously to people, as well as to respect yourself, and you are markedly free of the neuroses and emotional problems that many suffer from. You have a fundamentally positive attitude to life and relate to people openly and with good humour. People greatly appreciate your warmth and generosity of spirit, and in time of difficulty, many friends are there to offer you support.

You enjoy family life and get a great deal of pleasure from raising your own children. Since this is a fertile combination of planets, you may well have (or come from) a large family. You enjoy spending time and money on improving your home, which is likely to be both spacious and secure, and perhaps rather grand or elegantly furnished in a way that reflects your feelings of status and confidence. You enjoy entertaining and have a gift for making people feel welcome and relaxed. Stuffy formality is not your style. Your marriage is likely to be happy unless there are strong indications to the contrary in the rest of your birthchart. No matter what good fortune you experience, you rarely ignore other people's problems, particularly those of people less fortunate than yourself. You have a strong social conscience and may be involved in charitable or voluntary work, or some form of social service.

MOON SQUARE NEPTUNE ★☆☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: HYPERSENSITIVE; SEDUCIBLE; VULNERABLE; IDEALISTIC; WEAK; FRAIL; INSPIRED; RETREAT; CONFUSED; LONGING; ADDICTION; SELF-DECEPTION; MEDIUMISTIC; IMPRESSIONABLE; INTUITIVE; RECEPTIVE; DEVOTED; RESTLESS; DISSATISFIED; LAZY; SPIRITUAL FEELINGS; OPEN; LOVING; MARTYRDOM; ROMANTIC; FANTASIES; HELPING/HEALING; ESCAPIST; DELUSIONS; UNREALISTIC.

Your MOON is SQUARE NEPTUNE, indicating that you experience a conflict between your feelings and your imagination. You are a very sensitive person, and highly imaginative too, preferring to live in your inner world than in the 'real' world outside. This can be a neurotic need but not necessarily so. In fact, your strong need to live in an ideal world may be the motivation to beautify, uplift or help the world in some way, for example by being involved in charitable work or in caring for the underprivileged or the sick or vulnerable in society. However, you need to learn to establish boundaries - your needs are no less important than those of other people. If involved in a healing or therapeutic profession (to which you are highly suited), this is a particularly important lesson to learn.

You find it natural to identify with other people's feelings, and are very open to the emotional atmosphere around you - so much so that you seem to absorb people's thoughts and feelings unconsciously, much like a 'psychic sponge'. This ability can sometimes leave you feeling drained. Similarly, being in ugly, depressing environments or with negative people can have a markedly deleterious effect. Because of this, you need to create an uplifting and supportive environment around you. For instance, your home could be a place of sanctuary, beauty and spiritual nourishment. You should also be discriminating in your choice of friends and lovers. You can be less than wise in this area of your life, and thus prone to exploitation or deception. You feel happiest when inspired, or when your feelings or perceptions are heightened or intensified somehow - you may enjoy alcohol or other stimulants, although such is your physical sensitivity that excesses should be avoided at all costs.

Spiritual ideas may have a great influence on your life, but all such ideas should be balanced by a healthy dose of common sense. You sometimes feel confused and weak, but somewhere inside you is a deep current of faith in life, and this supports you in difficult times.

MOON SQUARE MIDHEAVEN ★★☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: FLUCTUATING GOALS; CARING WORK; SENSITIVE TO BEING IN THE PUBLIC EYE; UNRELIABLE; VACILLATING; SENTIMENTAL; NEED FOR SECURITY; ATTACHMENT TO PAST; DISLIKE OF GROWING UP; DISSATISFIED WITH JOB OR HOME LIFE.

Your MOON is SQUARE the MIDHEAVEN, which means that you experience a conflict between your emotions and your career or public life. You may take longer than most to discover your direction in life and to accept your role in the outside world - the world of work and social responsibility. Perhaps your upbringing was rather sheltered, so that you were to some extent unprepared for the demands of the adult world. You do have goals and ambitions however, but they tend to change as you change in life, and this can make sticking to one track or career unlikely. You are best in a job or career that gives you scope to express your feelings or your caring side, or that doesn't threaten your need for emotional security. Working at home could prove a particularly apt option, as could childcare, nursing, teaching young children, agriculture or working with food.

At times you experience a conflict between your home and family life and your work. For example, the demands of child rearing may take up all your time, leaving you frustrated at not being able to be 'out there' in the world of work, utilising your skills and talents. The opposite may be the case too, in that focusing on your goals and career may lead to family members feeling neglected, or you might be neglecting your own emotional needs in favour of chasing success. The answer lies in realising that both sides of your life are important, and that both need adequate outlets.

AS THE ASCENDANT

The ASCENDANT symbolises the PERSONALITY; APPEARANCE; BODY-TYPE; MASK; ENVIRONMENT; SURROUNDINGS and BIRTH CIRCUMSTANCES. It is the part of ourselves that is most readily shown to (and seen by) the outside world.

Its' sign position and the aspects it makes to the planets in the horoscope show the nature of one's personality and physical appearance, and how they are integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength or weakness of the Ascendant (and the First House) indicates the strength or otherwise of one's personality.

♍ ASCENDANT IN VIRGO (VIRGO RISING)

KEYWORDS: RESERVED PERSONALITY; PERFECTIONIST; SHY; CRITICAL; QUIET; PRACTICAL; HARDWORKING; RATIONAL; EFFICIENT; ORDERLY; HELPFUL; ANXIOUS; TENSE; ANALYTICAL; ORGANISED; DISCIPLINED; OBJECTIVE; REFLECTIVE; THOUGHTFUL; DEDICATED; HEALTHY; CAUTIOUS; METHODOICAL; CEREBRAL; NERVOUS; MODEST; CORRECT; INTELLIGENT; BUSY; FUSSY; COOL; INTELLECTUAL; HUMBLE.

BODY-TYPE AND APPEARANCE: SLENDER; WIRY; RUDDY OR BROWN COMPLEXION; HEALTHY-LOOKING; DELICATE FEATURES; NATURAL.

Your ASCENDANT is in VIRGO, indicating that you are outwardly calm and intelligent. You are not an especially 'life and soul of the party' sort of person, unless that is the rest of your birthchart disagrees. You may seem cool and detached at times, probably because you spend a great deal of time thinking, analysing, and reflecting (and often worrying). You are self-possessed, and unlikely for the most part to let yourself be carried away by your feelings or by momentary impulses, creating the mistaken impression to some people that you are rigid or fearful.

You are discriminating in all things and used to making fine judgements between right and wrong, good quality and poor, worthwhile and worthless. One of the consequences of this is that your advice is likely to be highly valued. You prefer an orderly lifestyle in which you utilise both your own and nature's resources wisely and efficiently.

From your relationships you seek magic, healing and an almost spiritual unity through love. Your marriage partner may be artistic, sensitive or possibly dependent on you in some way.

In appearance, Virgo Rising people tend to range from the excessively neat and smart to the frankly slob-like, but with both poles sharing a preference for natural, earth colours (sand, cream, greens and tans), and a dislike of overstatement. Quality, tailoring, and detail, in clothing appeal, and small items of exquisite craftsmanship, such as cufflinks in men or brooches for women (especially when made of silver) suit well. Physically you are likely to be average height, with a neat, agile, and slim frame. Your complexion may be quite pale, with fine or delicate features, and clear, intelligent eyes.

ASCENDANT SQUARE VENUS ★★★★★

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KEYWORDS: DISHARMONIOUS ATTITUDE; SELF-INDULGENT; DIFFICULTIES IN RELATIONSHIPS; ATTRACTIVE; INSINCERE; PLAYING ON ONE'S CHARM; LAZY; SHALLOW; CREATIVE POTENTIAL; PLEASURE-LOVING; UNCOMMITTED; FLIGHTY; SUPERFICIAL; SYBARITIC; FASHION; WASTE; SEDUCTIVE; FLIRTATIOUS; OSTENTATIOUS; EXTRAVAGANT.

Your ASCENDANT is SQUARE VENUS, indicating that there is a conflict between your desire to relate, and your outward persona. You are no doubt attractive, either physically or as a personality, or both, and you are likely to be aware of the fact. You put a high value on appearance, sexual and physical attractiveness, possibly on wealth and social status too. This can be the cause of friction with other people, who may see you as being competitive, and a threat to their own sense of being attractive or popular. You can also be flirtatious, and this can lead to hostility from members of your own sex. Be wary of entering a relationship only to prove how desirable you are. You love to be surrounded by beauty, and indeed your home and what you wear probably reflect this. Don't overdo it though, or the result might be not good taste but ostentation and gaudiness. You may find it difficult to resist pleasure, which could have serious consequences on your shopping bills!

ASCENDANT SQUARE MARS ★☆☆☆☆

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KEYWORDS: AGGRESSIVE PERSONALITY; COMPETITIVE; QUARRELSOME; RESTLESS; ROUGH; ABRASIVE; CRUDE; FIGHTING; OVER-ASSERTIVE; ILL-MANNERED; DISAGREEMENTS; FRUSTRATION; RASH; HASTY; STORMY RELATIONSHIPS; ANGER.

Your ASCENDANT is SQUARE MARS, which indicates that your capacity to assert yourself conflicts with your outward personality and relationships. You have a fighting spirit and attack life with gusto. You also have much energy and strong desires, and if frustrated in any way can become irritable and even aggressive. This makes you rather 'hard to handle' and may also give rise to difficulties within your more intimate relationships, which may be characterised by arguments, fights, or by their drama. On the whole, your relationships work better if you and your partner are able to pool your energies to some common purpose. 'Domestic tranquillity' is neither something you are likely to find, nor is it something you would find especially satisfying if you did.

You should be aware of your tendency to act rashly or jump to conclusions over-hastily. Often you immediately assume that people are 'out to get you' or that their interests are in opposition to yours, when in fact this may not be the case, and thus you sometimes act against your own interests. Learn to trust the unspoken rules of social behaviour, and you will avoid coming across as ill-mannered or uncivilised.

ASCENDANT SEXTILE JUPITER ★★★★★☆

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KEYWORDS: HAPPY MARRIAGE; MANY LOVES; GOOD HUMOUR; TOLERANT; RESPECTED; RELAXED; GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS; FORTUNATE CONTACTS; CO-OPERATION; CHEERFUL; KNOWLEDGEABLE; PROFITABLE RELATIONSHIPS OR PARTNERSHIPS; AGREEABLE; RECOGNISED; ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE; ATTRACTIVE; SUCCESSFUL OR WEALTHY PARTNER(S); GENEROUS; GOOD INFLUENCE; OPULENT SURROUNDINGS; MANY CONTACTS; BENEVOLENT.

Your ASCENDANT is SEXTILE JUPITER, which shows that you enjoy relating to people. You have the knack of getting on easily with most types of person, and of relating confidently but sincerely in social situations. You have an active social-life and many contacts, some of which may be highly beneficial to know. Your agreeable disposition towards people attracts them to you, and it is unlikely that you will ever be short of friends, or indeed lovers. This aspect is a particularly good indication of a happy or fortunate marriage, and of happy love-relationships in general. Long-term partnerships, including those brought about for business-purposes or for work of some kind, are especially well starred. You have a talent for generating enthusiasm, involvement, and co-operation, which is particularly useful for projects requiring team-work or harmonious participation. You prefer surroundings that are tasteful and that perhaps have a touch of grandeur or opulence, and this may be reflected in your choice of furnishing or decor within the home.

ASCENDANT SQUARE NEPTUNE ★★★★★



KEYWORDS: SENSITIVE PERSONALITY; CONFUSED; IMPRESSIONABLE; VULNERABLE; SYMPATHETIC; ESCAPIST; OPEN; SENSITIVE TO ENVIRONMENT; AMORPHOUS; SELF-SACRIFICIAL; EASILY DISCOURAGED; SELF-DENYING; SHY; UNASSERTIVE; IMAGINATIVE; UNUSUAL; REFINED; DRUGGED OR INDUCED BIRTH.

Your ASCENDANT is SQUARE NEPTUNE, which means that you experience a conflict between your imagination and ideals on the one hand, and your outward personality on the other. You are a very sensitive and perhaps quite shy person, or at least you appear to be so on the surface. Whether this is just the impression you give on first meeting is dependent on other factors however, such as your Sun and Moon sign. You believe the best about people and often overlook their less noble side, for which reason those who set out to deceive you can easily fool you. Negative people tend to depress you, whilst aggressive or manipulative behaviour tends to undermine your self-confidence, for which reason it is important to learn discrimination in your choice of friends. Your immediate environment influences your state of mind strongly too, and being in beautiful or peaceful surroundings has a restorative effect on your soul. Regular, even daily, periods of rest and reflection, for example reading or meditating, enables you to recharge your spiritual batteries and stills the often confusing battery of feelings and impressions that you tend to absorb during daily life.

Although you may not assert yourself easily in the world, and sometimes find the ordinary struggles and setbacks of life hard to bear, you have a rich inner world that compensates to some extent for any external disappointments. Be careful not to take this to an extreme however, or it could become a retreat into fantasy - or worse still, a reliance on drink or drugs, with disastrous effects on your life and your relationships. Learn to use your imagination to enrich your life (and other people's), and it can become one of your greatest assets.

ASCENDANT SQUARE MIDHEAVEN ★☆☆☆☆



KEYWORDS: CONFLICT BETWEEN PERSONALITY AND PUBLIC IMAGE/ HIGHER SELF AND LOWER SELF/ACTUALITY AND AIMS; UNDIRECTED.

Your Ascendant is square the Midheaven, which means that your outward personality conflicts with your public image. This is not an especially important aspect, but shows that the image you present to people at work or in your career or public life is quite separate from your everyday personality - a different 'front' if you like. Generally, you prefer to keep your career life separate from your social or private life, and you are quite successful in this aim. You may be distressed sometimes at the gulf between your goals in life and the actualities of your existence, but equally this may work as a strongly motivating factor.

HOW YOU RELATE TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU

MERCURY, VENUS AND MARS

The inner planets of the solar system (excluding the Earth) symbolise in astrology the way you communicate and interact with other people, be they friends, strangers or partners. Mercury represents your everyday communication style and thinking patterns, and thus rules speech, writing and the way we process information about the world. Venus and Mars on the other hand represent the two principles of relating to other people - approval by others, and asserting one's own interests. Where Venus is the realm of social harmony, adapting to others' interests, making oneself attractive (and the qualities that one finds attractive in others), Mars is the realm of action, self-assertion, and getting what one wants. Good relationships are made easier when we are able to communicate effectively with others, and know when to give and when to take.

MERCURY

MERCURY symbolises one's INTELLECT; MIND; INTELLIGENCE; COMMUNICATION; MEDIATION; LOGIC; ADAPTABILITY; MOBILITY; REASON; ANALYSIS; DISCRIMINATION; HUMOUR; KNOWLEDGE and SPEECH Unlike the Sun and Moon, it is a NEUTRAL planet, and is personified by SIBLINGS; FRIENDS; THINKERS; WRITERS; TALKERS and those who MEDIATE.

In the horoscope it is the planet that shows how one communicates and thinks. The sign and house in which it is found, together with the aspects Mercury makes to other planets, show the manner and style in which one communicates to others, the area of life in (or about which) one is most communicative and intelligently detached, and how one's powers of speech and mind are integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength or weakness of Mercury in the horoscope shows the extent to which one uses one's reason and communicative abilities.

MERCURY IN TAURUS

KEYWORDS: THOROUGHNESS; DOGMATIC; PATIENCE; SENSIBLE; ONE-SIDED; LOGIC; ORGANISATION; PONDEROUS.

Your MERCURY is in TAURUS, indicating that you are mentally methodical and practical. This position of Mercury brings the mind and mentality down to Earth, and as such you probably use your mind a great deal to ensure your material and financial security. You think (and try out) ideas in your mind quite slowly and cautiously, and are capable of deep and sustained thought. You rarely jump to quick conclusions or change your mind without careful consideration. You are somewhat obstinate in holding a viewpoint and can stick to your opinions with great stubbornness. When you decide on an idea or course of action you generally pursue it to the end. Mental work and communications that demand thoroughness, acumen, depth and experience bring out the best of your abilities, and you would probably make a good business-person, book-keeper or accountant as a result. You dislike intellectual abstraction as a rule, and are more likely to trust solid 'facts' and fundamentals that are proven to be of worth. You have a sound understanding of the practical realities of life and are a good manager of both your own and other peoples' resources. You also have an appreciation for art and beauty, and may be knowledgeable about both. Your relaxed and congenial disposition makes you socially at ease and quite charming in your conversation. With Mercury in Taurus there is the possibility of a strong singing voice.

MERCURY IN THE NINTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: HIGHER EDUCATION; LEARNING; TEACHING; TRAVEL; FOREIGN CONTACTS; ETHICAL; HIGHER MIND; PROPHETIC; SCATTERED; FRIENDLY; OPEN; IDEAS; DEBATE; PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION; PUBLISHING; WRITING; IDEALS; RESTLESS; BROADENING THE MIND; BELIEF-SYSTEMS; EXPLORATION.

Your MERCURY is in the NINTH HOUSE of your horoscope, meaning that you seek to broaden your mind. You enjoy learning, and are likely to be knowledgeable and widely read. You are interested in cultures other than your own, and may have many personal contacts abroad. You will travel far in your life, both physically and mentally. You enjoy communicating, and are enthusiastic about expressing ideas, as well as your own opinions. Indeed, it may be hard to stop you once you have started! You are likely to have literary gifts, and may be drawn to publishing, writing, journalism or broadcasting. You want to communicate your ideas to people in general, and to participate in the cultural debate that is present in all societies. Indeed, you are adept at voicing your opinions in such a way that they are heard. Though you believe in freedom of speech, you can be surprisingly dogmatic at times, as though only you were in possession of The Truth. There is a tendency to seek to convert other people to your own way of thinking that can actually stifle the debate you are seeking. You are a confident communicator, and good at conveying broad concepts, the Big Picture, philosophical

ideas etc., and putting them in context, for which reason you would make a good teacher, lecturer, motivator, or inspirer.

MERCURY OPPOSITE NEPTUNE ★☆☆☆☆



KEYWORDS: FANTASY; DREAMING; ILLUSIONS; VAGUE; LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN ONE'S MENTAL ABILITIES; DREAMS WITHOUT REALISATION; DECEPTION; CONFUSED; LACK OF LOGIC; INTUITIVE PERCEPTION; SUBTLE; IMAGINATIVE; FANCIFUL; UNREALISTIC; ANXIETY; UNNECESSARY WORRY.

Your MERCURY is OPPOSITE NEPTUNE, which means that you experience a conflict between your mind and your imagination. Your mental abilities are often coloured by your fantasies, expectations and fears, which can lead to a rather confused or distorted perspective on things and an inability to see things exactly as they are. You are something of a dreamer and spend much of your time indulging your imagination. This can be a good thing if something creative comes of it but less so if it becomes merely an escape from reality. Some with this aspect tend to be preoccupied with vague fears and anxieties that sap their energy, in which case a more relaxed and positive attitude (and perhaps a more spiritual outlook) to life should be cultivated. Like our bodies our soul needs feeding to, so learn to express your fertile imagination through the written word, for example poetry or fiction, or just by recording your thoughts in a journal or diary, and you will feel inspired and uplifted rather than anxious or confused.

Care should be taken in any negotiations, contracts or important communications that you thoroughly understand exactly what is involved or meant, for you are apt to being confused by details and are easily hoodwinked. At times you lack clarity yourself, which can lead to misunderstanding or unnecessary complications.

Finally for this aspect, resist the temptation to substitute your version of reality (or the truth) for what is actually the case, as this will only lead to self-deception or to being mistrusted by others.

MERCURY TRINE PLUTO ★★★★★



KEYWORDS: PENETRATING MIND; BITING WIT; ACUTE; SHARP; INTELLECTUAL POWER; CUNNING; PERSUASIVE; HYPNOTIC SPEAKER; CONVINCING; INFLUENCING OTHERS MENTALLY; OBSERVANT; CYNICAL; CRITICAL; DEEP THINKING; INVESTIGATIVE; SCIENTIFIC OR OTHER RESEARCH; CONCENTRATION; LOVE OF MYSTERIES/PUZZLES ETC; STUDY; STUDYING PEOPLE; PSYCHOLOGY; FASCINATING; DEPTH OF UNDERSTANDING; MENTAL CHALLENGES; PERCEPTIVE; MENTALLY DOMINATING; FINANCIAL/BUSINESS SKILLS; PROBLEM-SOLVING; INTENSE; OBSESSIVE; PROFOUND; SINGLE-MINDED; INSIGHT.

Your MERCURY is TRINE PLUTO, which means that you have an intense and penetrating mind. Since early on in your life you have probably been less interested in surface appearances than in the often more complex reality beneath them. You are highly observant, with the consequence that you possess great insight, especially into human nature and people's motivations. You are fascinated by mysteries, and love delving into obscure, complex or even taboo subjects. Scientific research, investigation of any kind, study, detection, or the dynamics of making money may all appeal strongly, and you are likely to be quite talented in these areas. Because you think deeply about things, the conclusions you come to often carry great weight, and you are persuasive in your communication of them to others. You may have a talent, even an instinctive desire, for public speaking or writing, and are able to express yourself with force, conviction and subtlety. Even in ordinary conversation, you can be fascinating and spellbinding. There is no fooling you, since you can virtually smell dishonesty, or when somebody is trying to hide something. In an argument, you present your case with devastating confidence since you rarely speak out unless sure of your facts. You can be highly dominating intellectually, but usually this is simply because you are often right rather than due to a need for power over others. You can be obsessive at times and occasionally thoughts or ideas dominate your thinking, making it difficult to see things from a balanced perspective.

MERCURY CONJUNCT MIDHEAVEN ★★☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: INTELLECTUAL CAREER; COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC; MANY CONTACTS; ELOQUENT; THE MEDIA; MOBILITY AT WORK; KNOWLEDGE; INFORMATION; STRONG INTELLECT; WELL-INFORMED; CONSCIOUSNESS OF OWN IDEAS; PUBLIC OPINIONS; DEBATE; FLEXIBLE AIMS; SHARP MIND; OBJECTIVE; PUBLIC SPEAKING; PLANS; PRINTING; PUBLISHING; TEACHING; EDUCATION.

Your MERCURY is CONJUNCT the MIDHEAVEN, which means that your work/career utilises your intelligence and ability to communicate. You know your own mind well, and are a clear and objective thinker, able to comprehend ideas quickly and express your view and opinions confidently. You are eloquent, persuasive, and skilled in communicating with people, and these qualities are likely to strongly impress both employers and the public, with whom you are likely to have much contact. Publishing, journalism, the media, writing, teaching, lecturing, research, libraries, information technology, training, the travel industry, telecoms, commerce, printing, marketing and advertising are all fields in which you could excel. You are clear about your aims in life, though are not rigid about sticking to a single set of plans or goals. Indeed, you are remarkably flexible about them and are capable of changing track quickly if necessary, or if your interests change.

You could have a talent for public speaking, lecturing or presenting, and at some time in your life your ideas or opinions are likely to be heard or discussed by the public. You know many people, and are adept at fostering contacts that might be advantageous to your future prospects.

VENUS

VENUS symbolises RELATIONSHIP; HARMONY; LOVE; ATTRACTION; ART; BEAUTY; PLEASURE; RELAXATION; FRIENDS and SEX. It is FEMININE SEXUALITY in contrast to the masculine sexuality of MARS. We thus each have a masculine and feminine side, to a greater or lesser degree. Though sexuality is a profoundly complex subject, and cannot be reduced to a mere formula, it is often the case that in a man's birthchart Venus represents an IDEAL FEMININE IMAGE. This gives rise to attraction to those who embody or evoke it, whilst in a woman's birthchart Venus often symbolises her own sexuality and attractiveness. It is personified by WOMEN and GIRLS in general, and also ARTISTS, LOVERS, MUSICIANS, DANCERS, ROMANTICS, POETS and DIPLOMATS.

In the horoscope it is the point that reveals what give one pleasure and how one relates to others. Its sign, house position, and the aspects it makes to other planets show the type and quality of one's relationships, the area of life in which one has a sense of wellbeing and satisfaction, and how one's capacity to relate is integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength of Venus in one's chart indicates the importance or otherwise of love and friendships in one's life and the extent to which one adapts or harmonises with people.

VENUS IN GEMINI

KEYWORDS: CHARM; FLIRTATION; FUNNY; SOCIABLE; EASYGOING; ADAPTABILITY; COURTESY; LOVE OF CONVERSATION AND EXCHANGE; POETRY.

Your VENUS is in GEMINI, indicating that you relate intellectually and verbally. You are very sociable and talkative, and enjoy communicating with people. You attract people with your humour, with or intelligence, and you are probably a wonderfully amusing and entertaining conversationalist or humorist. You can be highly versatile with words, be they written or spoken, and enjoy them as a medium of expression. Indeed, you may be fluent in languages other than your native tongue. You make contact easily with people and have a knack of making friends wherever you go. You enjoy social stimulation, may spend much of your time in the company of friends, at parties, hosting dinners etc. You can be somewhat changeable and fickle, for which reason your love affairs need to provide mental stimulation and communication, as well as physical closeness. Once you feel you know all there is to know about your partner, you may become restless and begin to look elsewhere. You love to flirt, and may find it hard to resist temptation. You are fond of movement, variety, and change, and enjoy travelling and being on the go.

VENUS IN THE TENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: LOVE OF CAREER, SUCCESS, STATUS; LOYAL; FAITHFUL; SOCIAL AMBITION; RESPECTED; SOCIAL STANDING; DIPLOMAT; ADMIRER; GOOD REPUTATION; ARTISTIC CAREER; HARMONIOUS WORK ENVIRONMENT; FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES; CULTIVATED/CULTIVATING.

Your VENUS is in the TENTH HOUSE of your horoscope, which means that you enjoy gaining status and

recognition in the world. Your image of the world of achievement, career, and goals in life is a positive one, and this stems partially from early parental guidance. For instance, you may have inherited a positive set of expectations about life, or the belief that that you have the qualities or advantages that lead to success. You thus bring a confident but relaxed attitude towards your work or career that in itself draws others to support you. Your relationship with your work-mates, employers, employees (if you have them), and even to your professional competitors, is likely to be friendly and affable rather than aggressive, tense, constrained or backbiting, which it might be if Mars or Saturn were in your tenth house. You work best in harmonious work-conditions, and especially with other people's support and co-operation. You are a good 'team-player' and prefer working with others to working on your own. You may choose a career that is Venusian in character, for example the visual and musical arts, the beauty, cosmetics or fashion industry, design, commerce, diplomacy, or even the entertainments industry. You want to be seen to be attractive, fashionable or stylish, or as a creator of beauty or harmony.

You are a natural 'networker' who finds it easy to make friends and useful connections through your work, and you relate easily to those who have power or influence. Women are likely to exert a strong influence on your career. You may sometimes use friendship or social acquaintances as a means to climb the ladder to greater status or prestige. You can be quite class-conscious however, seeing people in terms of their background or 'socio-economic status' rather than their intrinsic qualities or achievements. Your mother may be, or have been, a notably attractive or charming woman.

VENUS CONJUNCT MARS ★★☆☆☆



KEYWORDS: PASSIONATE; LIVELY; SEXUALLY ATTRACTIVE; SENSUAL; HIGHLY SEXED; MAGNETIC; VIVACIOUS; EXCITABLE; COARSE; CREATIVE; LOVE; WARM; IMPULSIVE; STRONG EMOTIONS; DEMANDING; LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIPS; SEXUALLY ASSERTIVE; ATTRACTED TO STRONG OR ASSERTIVE PEOPLE; SOCIABLE; LOVE OF COMBAT; ACTIVELY SEEKS LOVE; DESIRE FOR APPROVAL; JOIE-DE-VIVRE; STORMY RELATIONSHIPS; CREATIVE ENERGY; PROLIFIC; ENERGETIC OR PASSIONATE ART.

Your VENUS is CONJUNCT MARS, which means that you desire love. Wow - you're so sexy! That's what people probably think (and maybe even say!) when they first meet you, for you have an undeniable magnetism, and an almost animal beauty. You project a lively, bubbly energy, and things are always much more fun when you are around. You enjoy being with people and have an active and stimulating social life. Pleasure and 'good times' are high on your list of priorities. You have abundant sexual energy, and your relationships are usually based strongly on physical attraction. When you are attracted to someone your feelings towards them are usually very strong, and you are open and direct about expressing them. Luke-warm or detached relationships are just not your style. For you however, there is a fine line between love and hate, and in a relationship your feelings can frequently oscillate between the two. Naturally this makes for the occasional display of fireworks between you and your partner, for which reason you get on best with those who are capable of 'giving as good as they get', much like yourself! In fact, you probably get on better in general, both as lovers and as friends, with assertive types rather than those who are more passive or retiring. You get what you want in life by using your charm, and occasionally by capitalising on your sex appeal. This of course can give rise to friction with people around you, and even jealousy. If creative (which with this aspect is likely), then you express yourself with a definite force, dynamism and passion, and are especially drawn to media that require physical energy, such as dance.

VENUS TRINE URANUS ★★★★★☆

KEYWORDS: UNUSUAL LOVERS OR FRIENDS; EXCITING RELATIONSHIPS; MODERN LOVE; FREE LOVE; EXPERIMENTAL; EXOTIC; SPARKLING; ORIGINAL ART FORMS; SUDDEN ATTRACTIONS; SHORT-LIVED AFFAIRS; RHYTHM; STYLE; UN-POSSESSIVE; CREATIVE; MODERN ART; INDEPENDENCE IN LOVE; UNCOMMITTED; INTRIGUING; CONSCIOUS RELATIONSHIPS; ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE; IMPERSONAL; COOL; MAGNETIC.

Your VENUS is TRINE URANUS, indicating that you relate in an unconventional and exciting manner. You have a certain personal magnetism and style that people find fascinating and attractive. You love to socialise and in the right company you sparkle like a diamond. You seek out people, both as friends and potential lovers, who are different, unconventional or mentally stimulating. Friendships and relationships often start very quickly, or you meet in unusual circumstances. Freedom is important in all your relationships, and those who try to restrict you or who are emotionally possessive are a definite turn-off. Not that you fear commitment, it's just that you dislike the exclusivity that often seems to go with 'being a couple'. Often your relationships follow an unpredictable course, and through them you experience change, new ideas and new experiences. You believe in the idea of 'free love' and try to build freedom and openness into your relationships. You seek to relate as consciously and as intelligently as possible, and this attitude enables you to stand back and work out any problems that arise between you and your partner. You may be artistically talented, and certainly you display a great flair and imagination in almost everything you do. If artistic, your methods and ideas are likely to be unusual, experimental and innovative. You are in tune with modern forms of art and entertainment and are aware of the latest trends within them.

VENUS OPPOSITE NEPTUNE ★★★★★☆

KEYWORDS: CONFUSED RELATIONSHIPS; HOPELESSLY ROMANTIC; INNOCENT; EASILY LED; IMPOSSIBLE LOVES; IDOLISATION; FICKLE; SEDUCIBLE; ARTISTIC IMAGINATION; FANTASY ART; ESCAPIST FICTION; FANTASIES; UNSELFISH; UNDISCRIMINATING; MARTYR RELATIONSHIPS; DECEIVED; BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE; DISILLUSIONMENT; MAGICAL FRIENDSHIPS/LOVES; INTOXICATED; ROMANTIC HAZE; CREATIVE; LYRICAL; SECRET LOVE AFFAIRS; SCANDAL; CLANDESTINE FRIENDSHIPS; EROTIC FANTASIES; UNIVERSAL LOVE; SACRED SEXUALITY; EXPLOITED; LAZY; ADDICTABLE.

Your VENUS is OPPOSITE NEPTUNE, which means that your desire for love may conflict with your spiritual ideals. You have a romantic view of life and in many ways are seeking the perfect love. This may be a little hard to find here on earth, and it can be difficult for any human being to live up to such an ideal. Disillusionment when friends and lovers reveal their ordinary faults (or rather, when you see them as they are, rather than as you want them to be) necessitates the cultivation of forgiveness and understanding, and perhaps of a wiser, more spiritual attitude to love. Be aware however of the distinction between compassion and being a martyr or victim. Sometimes your good nature and open-heartedness can lay you open to being deceived or even exploited by those who see such qualities as weakness. If you feel yourself becoming a saint to someone else's sinner (or victim to their abuser for that matter), affirm to yourself (daily if necessary) that you deserve love. Write it down or say it out loud! It's amazing how life changes for the better once you have decided to really value yourself. Be aware too that a desire to 'save' someone, for example choosing a partner who is an addict of some kind, can sometimes be a way of avoiding coming to terms with your own problems and insecurities. Venus/Neptune can prompt one to be indiscriminating in ones affections and to be involved in deception in relationships or the blurring of erotic boundaries, leading to all manner of confusion and possibly even scandal. Honesty with oneself (at least) is vital with this aspect. Music, alcohol and other intoxicants put you in an open, relaxed and romantic frame of mind, but be careful not to become dependant on artificial stimulants in order simply to be able to relate to people.

You have a wonderful imagination and are likely to be highly creative, although you may spend more time daydreaming than actually turning your visions into reality! You are probably drawn to symbolic, poetic, lyrical, richly metaphorical, fantastic or even religious art that engages not only the senses but also the unconscious mind. There may be something revelling, inspired and even otherworldly about the images that especially interest you. Wherever possible, you should utilise your talent for beautifying your environment, for you well realise the undermining effect of harsh or depressing surroundings on the human spirit.

VENUS TRINE PLUTO ★☆☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: DEPTH OF LOVE; PASSIONATE RELATIONSHIPS; STRONG POWERS OF ATTRACTION; CREATIVE POWER; INTENSE ART; TALENTED; PROLIFIC; MAGNETIC; FASCINATING; SEXUAL POWER; PROCREATION; FANATICAL LOVE; DEVOTED; FATED MEETINGS; STRONG VALUES; WARMTH; TRANSFORMATION THROUGH LOVE; INTIMATE; DESIRE; SEX.

Your VENUS is TRINE PLUTO, meaning that there is a harmony between your instincts and your ability to give and receive affection. You have a strong need for relationships and for love, and are able to attract both thanks to your magnetism and intense sexuality. You believe strongly in the power of love, and consequently give a great deal of yourself to your partners and to those you are fond of. Rarely could your affairs ever be described as casual. Indeed, they often have a fated quality, as though you and your lover were destined to meet. For you, love always exerts a transformative influence, changing you irrevocably, deepening your experience and understanding. You may reach the heights and plumb the depths, but for you this is what life is all about - you are not a person with lukewarm feelings, by any stretch of the imagination. Sexually very attractive, many people find you alluring, fascinating - even magnetic. Some may envy your power of attraction. Always aware of the subtle sexual signals people give each other, you get a thrill from playing the game of attraction, chase and conquest, and are to an extent always in control, always ahead of the game. You possess a vivid and fertile imagination, and enjoy transforming, moulding and giving life to things. If artistic, you put as much passion into your art as you do into your love life, and are highly prolific.

VENUS CONJUNCT MIDHEAVEN ★★☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: ARTISTIC CAREER; PUBLIC RELATIONSHIPS; PUBLIC RELATIONS; PROFESSIONAL WOMEN; CREATIVE; ATTRACTIVE; SEXY; APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY; LIKED BY MANY; BEAUTY WORK; FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP TO AUTHORITY; CO-OPERATIVE; ENTERTAINMENT; SOCIAL SKILLS; FRIENDLY; GRACEFUL; DIPLOMATIC; SOCIAL AMBITION; SOCIALLY PROMINENT.

Your VENUS is CONJUNCT the MIDHEAVEN, which means that your goals are linked to your ability to attract. You are an attractive person, both physically and in terms of your personality. People like you, probably because like yourself, and because you are genuinely friendly towards them. You may be known publicly for your friendliness, beauty, artistry, diplomacy, sexiness, or in connection with one or more of your relationships, partnerships or love-affairs. You have a charming 'front' and possess social grace and flair, for which reason you make an excellent host or representative. You know how to present yourself in terms of style, looks and clothes, so as to make the best impression on people. You sometimes consciously use your charm to fulfil your social or career ambitions.

You are suited to work that involves people skills, such as customer service, public relations and diplomacy, or that involves beauty and the arts, such as interior design, graphic design, floristry, painting, beauty therapy, the cosmetics industry, fashion design, modelling, hairdressing, exhibition design, consultancy, photography, music, composition, crafts and furniture making. You have the knack of getting on well with people who are in the position to benefit your career or your future, and have a large network of friendly contacts 'in the industry'. You get on well with your colleagues and generally enjoy your relationships with co-workers, employers or employees.

VENUS SQUARE THE MOON'S NODE ★☆☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: SOCIAL LIFE CONFLICTS WITH GROWTH POTENTIAL; LAZINESS ENCOURAGES STAGNATION; RELATIONSHIPS AS ESCAPE FROM INNER CONFLICT.

Your VENUS is SQUARE the NORTH (and SOUTH) NODES OF THE MOON. This indicates that there is in your psyche a conflict between the principles of pleasure and relationship on the one hand, and growth and the development of your potentials and unique talents on the other. Because of this, you tend to use pleasure, be it sexual or social, as an escape from treading your personal path to fulfilment. This of course does little either for your relationships or your chances of growth and development. You may choose to stagnate rather than rise to the challenge of what you know to be your true path in life, and consequently waste your talents. Laziness may prevent you from growing beyond your present or past achievements. You may at times vent your frustrations on other people, not with anger but with a surprising lack of obligingness or willingness to maintain harmony with them. This aspect can indicate artistic talent of unusual depth and strength that manifests itself when you divert your energy from hedonistic pursuits to the more demanding, but deeper, pleasures of self-expression and creativity.

MARS

MARS symbolises DESIRE; AGGRESSION; WILL; ACTIVITY; IMPULSE; COMPETITION; SEX AND SEXUAL DRIVE; INITIATIVE; BATTLES; ANGER and MASCULINITY. It is MALE SEXUALITY in contrast to the feminine sexuality of VENUS. In a woman's birthchart, it often symbolises the IDEAL MALE IMAGE within the psyche that gives rise to attraction to those who embody or evoke it. In a man's birthchart, it often symbolises his unconscious image of masculinity, and relates closely to the 'male ego'. It is personified by MEN IN GENERAL; FIGHTERS; COMPETITORS; ATHLETES; MECHANICS; THE POLICE; AGGRESSORS; ENGINEERS ETC.

In the horoscope it is the point that reveals the nature of one's desires and how one asserts oneself. Its sign, house position, and the aspects it makes to other planets show the manner in which one asserts oneself and gets what one wants, the area of life in which one is most energised and aggressive, and how one's desires and ability to assert oneself are integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength or weakness of one's Mars indicates one's assertiveness or otherwise, and the extent to which one fights or competes with others.

II MARS IN GEMINI

KEYWORDS: ACTIVE; MOBILE; MENTALLY ASSERTIVE; AGILE; ARGUMENTATIVE; FORTHRIGHT; BUSY; HASTY; RESOURCEFUL; DEBATE; SARCASTIC; BITING WIT; CRITICISM; ALERT.

Your MARS is in GEMINI, indicating that you assert yourself mentally and intellectually. You speak forcefully and rapidly, and tend to be restless and impatient. You live largely off your nerves and are continually on the move, meeting people, making contacts, rushing around in cars or trains etc. Variety and stimulation are vital to you, and boredom is rarely tolerated for long. You enjoy reading and other intellectual pursuits but may lack the persistence and focus to complete a project or course of action once begun. You are well able to defend yourself verbally (or in writing), and can cut an opponent down to size with a few well-chosen words. You impress people with your knowledge, persuasiveness and passionate delivery, but are prone to pick arguments and incite others to challenge your views, perhaps in order to flex your mental muscles and prove your mastery. You may at times be cruel whilst thinking that you are being witty, and occasionally you are apt to talk people into the ground. Sexually, you seek variety and change, and good communication is a key ingredient of any successful relationship with you. You have a great deal of mental and nervous energy and may need to consciously learn to take things easier when appropriate. You would make an excellent writer or lecturer, salesperson, lawyer or politician, and would do well in any job that demands persuasiveness, communication skills, mental agility and the ability to make quick decisions.

MARS IN THE TENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: AGGRESSIVE PURSUIT OF GOALS; AMBITIOUS; COMPETITIVE; EXECUTIVE ABILITY; INDUSTRY; HARD-WORKING; DETERMINED; DEFIANT; TOUGH; ENDURANCE; ORGANISED; SELF-RELIANT; ENERGETIC WORK; ACHIEVEMENT; INITIATIVE; ENTERPRISING; CHALLENGES.

Your MARS is in the TENTH HOUSE of your horoscope, indicating that you pursue your goals in life aggressively and with determination. You are ambitious, and have a strong desire to 'rise to the top' and to that end are prepared to work hard and fend off competition from rivals. This attitude impresses some and threatens others. You are organised, capable, and know how to effectively marshal your resources, for which reason you make an effective leader. You seek work that demands initiative, energy, strength or daring. For this reason you may be drawn to business, industry, politics, engineering, the armed forces, the emergency services, surgery, or high-pressure environments such as sales, the financial markets, or competitive sports. However, you are highly enterprising and would do well running your own business. Temper your natural aggression with diplomacy, to avoid unnecessary battles or hostilities between employers, employees, or colleagues.

MARS TRINE URANUS ★★★★★☆

KEYWORDS: INDEPENDENT ACTION; STRONG WILL; ENERGETIC; BRAVE; QUICK DECISIONS; UNYIELDING; URGE FOR FREEDOM; HASTE; REVOLUTIONARY; LEADING; MECHANICAL SKILLS (VEHICLES, ENGINES ETC.); ADVENTURE; EXCITING; UNPREDICTABLE; FLAIR; DYNAMIC; IMPATIENT; SELF-DETERMINED; ENTERPRISING; INVENTIVE; PROGRESSIVE; SEXUAL ENERGY; IMPULSIVE; RESTLESS; ALIVE; DARING; ASSERTIVE; CONFIDENT; UNCOMPROMISING; FIGHTING.

Your MARS is TRINE URANUS, indicating that there is harmony between your ability to assert yourself and your individuality. You have a strong will and an equally strong desire for freedom, and are prepared to fight to preserve it. You are also highly independent and self-determined. You are not afraid to break free of social, political or any other conditioning that limits you and to do things that less liberated people might find shocking or unconventional. You assert your individuality openly and often provocatively, but not with the intention of being deliberately threatening. You can be uncompromising and rarely bend to another's will. Much of your activity is motivated by a certain idealism, which can make you a highly effective campaigner for social reform, if that is what you want. Your confidence, originality and capacity for making quick decisions make you an effective leader, a role that you perform with flair and dynamism. You are impatient, and slowing yourself down or adjusting to other people's incompetence is not usually your style. You are adventurous and sometimes reckless and not afraid to take risks in life. Similarly, you can be highly enterprising and innovative and will branch out into areas that are new or untried. You have abundant nervous energy and may find it difficult to relax. You may have mechanical or technical skills and a love of speed and danger.

MARS OPPOSITE NEPTUNE ★☆☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: LACKING ENERGY; ESCAPIST ACTIVITIES; SEXUAL FANTASIES; MOODINESS; LAZY; UNCONFIDENT; UNDERACHIEVING; NEGATIVE REINFORCEMENT; EASILY DISCOURAGED; WEAKNESS; UNCONSCIOUS OR REPRESSED DESIRES; UNRESISTING; WEAK MALES; SECRET OR DECEITFUL ACTIONS; UNMOTIVATED; ARTISTIC ACTIVITY; SELF-SACRIFICE; COMPASSIONATE ACTIVITY.

Your MARS is OPPOSITE NEPTUNE, which means that you experience a conflict between activity and imagination. In the past, you may have been easily discouraged by failure and by cynicism about your abilities from both other people and yourself. This may have given rise to a general lack of motivation and a fear of going for what you want in life. Similarly, experiences of defeat by stronger opponents when you tried to assert (or defend) yourself may have encouraged you to define yourself as weak or defenceless - in short, as a victim. Again, this may have made asserting your own interests in life problematic. If you examine your behaviour, you may discover that you have often avoided challenges and run away from confrontation. Alcohol or drugs could seem an attractive alternative to facing your fears, but they are only likely to make the situation worse since they do not address the real underlying issue, which is one of self-esteem. They are also likely to have a destructive effect on you both physically and in terms of your good character. Learning to assert your own interests constructively, for example by attending assertiveness training classes, would be a great step forward. However, the most important step to make is to decide that you truly value yourself. This is a decision that only you can make! Once made, you will find it much easier to tell people when you don't like some aspect of their behaviour, and also to communicate your needs and desires openly. In this way, your relationships are likely to become healthier and more successful, and your confidence levels rise dramatically.

You are most effective when your activities are selflessly motivated, such as working on behalf of the poor, underprivileged, weak or voiceless. Unlike some people, you are less effective when working towards your own selfish goals. You are also more comfortable working behind the scenes than taking centre stage or in a leadership role. You have a fertile imagination and may be gifted at creative activities demanding passion and energy, such as dance or music.

Sexuality may be a source of confusion, anxiety or imaginative creativity for you, depending partly on your confidence in yourself and whether you were brought up to believe that sex is sinful. The blurring of sexual and erotic boundaries may be a recurrent theme in your life.

MARS SQUARE THE MOON'S NODE ★★★★★☆



KEYWORDS: TENSION CAUSED BY DESIRE TO GROW; OBSTACLES; CHALLENGES; IRRITABILITY; CONFLICTS CAUSED BY PERSONAL GROWTH.

Your MARS is SQUARE the MOON'S (NORTH) NODE, which means that you experience conflicts when following your unique path in life. You want to fulfil the potentials symbolised by the North node in your horoscope, but often find obstacles in your way when you try to do so. Sometimes you have to fight to follow the path that you know is yours, even if this means going against other peoples' wishes, for instance your parents', or battling against difficult circumstances. The conflict between stagnation and fulfilling your potentials often gives rise to tension, irritability and anger, which can only be resolved by direct action.

YOUR PLACE IN SOCIETY

THE MIDHEAVEN, JUPITER AND SATURN

These three points in your horoscope represent the way you interact with and adapt to the larger world of society - your public face, your ideals and ambitions. The Midheaven represents your inner aims and overall direction in life, as well as your public image. This is the way the public at large are likely to see you and to assess your life. Jupiter and Saturn on the other hand represent the two principles of establishing your place in the world - having a vision of what is possible, and knowing how to adapt to the reality. Jupiter brings expansion, optimism, good fortune, Saturn brings contraction, realism and sometimes painful, but always valuable, lessons. Successful adaptation to the outside world lies in developing one's social strengths, knowing when to take advantage of opportunity and when to strengthen the foundations of one's life.

MC THE MIDHEAVEN

The MIDHEAVEN (or Tenth House cusp) symbolises one's PUBLIC IMAGE; ASPIRATIONS; CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY; CONSCIOUSNESS; AIMS; DIRECTION; FUTURE and PROFESSIONAL LIFE. It is one's Public Face in contradistinction to the private one symbolised by the IMMUM COELI (or Fourth House cusp) which is always directly opposite the Midheaven.

The sign position and aspects to the planets or Ascendant show the nature of one's orientation to society and the public, and how one's goals integrate with the other elements of one's life. The relative strength or weakness of the Midheaven and the Tenth House indicate the importance or otherwise of relating to the public and of contributing to society.

MIDHEAVEN IN TAURUS

KEYWORDS: SOCIAL STATUS; AMBITIOUS; PERSISTENT PURSUIT OF AIMS; STRIVING FOR SECURITY; WEALTH; SLOW DEVELOPMENT; DETERMINED; CONSERVATIVE; PATIENT; TENACIOUS; PLODDING; PRODUCTIVE; STABLE; SUBSTANTIAL; ARTISTIC, ATTRACTIVE OR MONEYED PUBLIC IMAGE.

Your MIDHEAVEN is in TAURUS, which indicates that you strive for physical and financial security, and to lead a productive and substantial life. Money is important to you, and you are willing to work hard to get it. You seek a career that will bring financial rewards and a comfortable or wealthy lifestyle. Fields such as business, commerce, sales, finances, agriculture, the retail trade, the arts, modelling, the beauty or glamour industry may all suit your particular talents. You believe in the value of stability, wealth and material satisfaction, and you may be seen as a person who embodies or supports such values in a public way. You may wish to be seen by people in general as a person of substance - someone who has by your own efforts created something of worth and lasting value. This could mean anything from building up your own business, to having a well-rewarded job, or owning a beautiful home. Whatever you may be known for, it is important to you that you are valued by society, either for what you are, or for what you have done. Taurus symbolises physical beauty too, so the public may know you as being sexy or attractive.

MIDHEAVEN OPPOSITE NEPTUNE ★★☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: LACK OF DIRECTION; AIMLESS; CONFUSED HERITAGE; UNAMBITIOUS; HYPER-SENSITIVE; FEAR OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD; UNUSUAL OR ARTISTIC CAREER; MAGICAL CHILDHOOD; SENSITIVE TO FAMILY; IDEALISATION OF PARENT(S); RETREAT; SPIRITUAL HOME; ATMOSPHERES AT HOME; AT HOME NEAR OR ON THE SEA; LOVE OF THE EARTH; MEMORIES, DREAMS, REFLECTIONS; NOSTALGIA; RECOLLECTION.

Your MIDHEAVEN is OPPOSITE NEPTUNE, indicating that you have a sensitive home-life. You remember your childhood as being a magical time when life seemed more wonderful, more mysterious and safer than in adulthood, and often you wish that things were as they were then. You are a highly sensitive person and occasionally find the world a harsh place to be. You long to be able to retreat from the outside world and live a simple, quiet, idealised existence, close to nature, or perhaps near the sea. Community living, especially where people share resources and a common artistic or spiritual vision, may appeal strongly. Ambition probably has little meaning for you unless it is closely allied to an inner sense of purpose, and you find little value in the worldly accolades of status, 'success' and social power. However, you may be drawn to work in a humanitarian, artistic or religious field, for example films, charity work, missionary work, aid work, nursing, religious ministry, pastoral care, healing or counselling.

You are receptive to the undercurrents and feelings that exist in your home, and may feel an almost psychic link with your family, especially your mother or father. As a child, you may have had in some way to sacrifice yourself in some way for the sake of your family (or another family member), or they may have had to sacrifice their interests for your sake. Your background or ancestry may be slightly cloudy, and as a child you could have overheard tales of shocking or glamorous exploits by family members.

MIDHEAVEN TRINE PLUTO ★★★★★

KEYWORDS: AUTHORITATIVE; INFLUENTIAL; DESIRE FOR POWER; ENTERPRISING; REVOLUTIONARY; DEMANDING CAREER; ORGANISING SKILLS; RECOGNISED; GREATNESS; INNER TRANSFORMATIONS; SHAPING OF INDIVIDUALITY; ENDURANCE; GREAT DETERMINATION; EXPERT KNOWLEDGE; AMBITION; WILL TO SUCCEED; VOCATION; LEADERSHIP.

Your MIDHEAVEN is TRINE PLUTO, which shows that there is a harmony between your power needs and your career and objectives in life. You view your goals in life seriously and believe that you have an important contribution to make to society or to your chosen field. Deep experiences or psychological transformations may have had a profound effect on your attitudes and your objectives in life, leaving you with a strong sense of vocation, or even that you have a mission to fulfil. Work that is not personally challenging or that does not engage you wholeheartedly is unlikely to satisfy for long, even if highly paid. Whatever work you do, you are likely to develop specialised skills and build up expert knowledge, rising steadily to a position of influence or authority.

You have a strong desire for power and know how to wield it effectively in your career, although thankfully this is unlikely to degenerate into megalomaniac or dictatorial behaviour. You work best unsupervised or when required to set and achieve your own goals. Those who abuse their position of power over may end up wishing they had not, for you can be a formidable opponent. You may have revolutionary ideas about your work, or be part of a greater revolution in working methods or attitudes. At your most effective, you are able to exert moral force through the power of your personality or words, and you possess great insight into both yourself and other people.

Suitable fields for endeavour are many and varied, and include the law, law enforcement, high finance, the stock market, business, research, the military and politics.

JUPITER

JUPITER symbolises EXPANSION; OPTIMISM; PHILOSOPHY; EXCESS; GENEROSITY; WISDOM; OPPORTUNITY; GROWTH; RELIGION; LEARNING; ASPIRATIONS; ENTHUSIASMS; INDULGENCE; POSITIVITY and VISION. It is the opposite of the principle of contraction symbolised by Saturn.

In the horoscope it is the point that reveals how one connects with the larger order of things beyond ones everyday frames of reference. It shows what one enjoys in life and how one expands beyond one's normal limitations. It offers opportunity and luck, and promotes trust, faith and wisdom. The sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets indicate what one enjoys, the area of life in which one grows and which naturally presents opportunities, and how one's ability to relax and enjoy life integrates with the other elements of one's life. The relative strength or weakness of Jupiter indicates the extent to which one can stand back from oneself and one's life, and

appreciate them from a broader perspective.

♃ JUPITER IN SCORPIO

KEYWORDS: HIGHLY SEXED; METAPHYSICS; LOVE OF POWER; PSYCHOLOGY; EXCESS; DEBAUCHERY; CONFESSIONAL; SURVIVAL; SHREWD.

Your JUPITER is in SCORPIO, showing that you have a positive attitude towards sex and power. Human nature fascinates you, for which reason you may be drawn to study psychology, either on a professional basis or as an interested amateur. You realise that beneath surface appearances, people's desires and motivations are often complex and mysterious, even to themselves. Sex, death, crime, the occult, or other taboo subjects are likely to appeal strongly. You like to push the barriers of your own experience and challenge your own fears, for which reason you could be drawn to sexual experimentation, or to such activities as mountaineering, free-fall parachuting, etc. You like to live with an element of risk and even danger - it hones your survival skills and keeps you mentally alive. You are highly sexed and believe that 'the more, the better'. You are confident about expressing your sexuality, and seek to learn ways to maximise your own and your partner's pleasure.

Power, which you may equate with status, wealth, sex, physical strength, spiritual power, or the ability to influence people's minds, is a definite turn-on, and you know how to connect with the right people in the right way in order to get it. Be careful to use it wisely however, for if you use it to manipulate or dominate, your fall from grace will be swift. You are adept at performing well under pressure, and seldom lack confidence in your ability to gain the upper hand in situations. You have an aura of knowingness and insight that encourages people to confide in you, and are good at drawing the truth from people when necessary. You rarely betray people's confidences however, and would make an excellent psychologist, criminologist, or detective as a consequence. You are astute with money, and have a knack of making financial moves at the right time. You would be good in high-powered business, or in any work that involved looking after other people's resources.

JUPITER IN THE THIRD HOUSE

KEYWORDS: COMMUNICATIVE; TRAVEL; THE MEDIA; EDUCATION; LEARNING; LANGUAGES; SOCIABLE; INFORMED; PUBLISHING; LECTURING; LANGUAGES; RESTLESS; SCATTERED; MANY CONTACTS; NETWORKING; WRITING; DISORGANISED; COMMUNICATIVE; VERBOSE.

Your JUPITER is in the THIRD HOUSE, indicating that you are a confident communicator. You enjoy all sorts of exchange with people, be it talking, chatting, listening, exchanging views or just gossiping. You are voluble, well-informed and articulate, and have no trouble initiating conversation, even with strangers. Given the right company you can be eloquent, witty, and amusing. You would make an excellent writer, linguist, teacher, or counsellor - anything that utilises your gift for communication. You are also ably suited to working in broadcasting, journalism, or the mass media. Your networking skills are second to none, and your wide range of contacts is likely to be a great resource in your career. You tend to lack concentration however and often scatter your energies over too wide a field. You are constantly on the move, meeting people, visiting friends, starting new projects etc., but you may find it hard to actually complete anything that you initiate. You make friends quickly and easily, and enjoy being part of a social scene. You may overextend yourself socially however, and find that you have many acquaintances but few real friends. Travel appeals strongly, so it is just as well that you are no doubt proficient in at least one other language than your native tongue - and probably more. Your siblings, of which there may be several, may be notably successful, and you may admire them or learn much from.

♄ SATURN

SATURN symbolises RESTRICTION; LIMITATION; DUTY; WORK; CRYSTALLISATION; CONCENTRATION; INHIBITION; DISCIPLINE; FOCUS; INHIBITION, FORM and WISDOM. It is the CONTRACTIVE PRINCIPLE in contra-distinction to the EXPANSION represented by JUPITER. It is personified by THE ELDERLY; SERIOUS PEOPLE; BUSINESS-PEOPLE; THE SICK; WORKERS and JUDGES.

In the horoscope it is the point that reveals the nature of the limitations (either within or without) that one has to face and work with in one's life. It's sign, house position, and the aspects it makes to other planets show the nature of one's limitations, the area of life in which one is tested and in which one has to face one's limitations; and how one's capacity for taking responsibility is integrated with the other elements of one's life. The relative strength or weakness of Saturn shows the degree to which one can achieve enduring stability, both materially and psychologically.

♉ SATURN IN TAURUS

KEYWORDS: TRUSTWORTHY; GIVING SECURITY; STRONG VALUES; HONESTY; CONSTRUCTIVE; MATERIALISTIC; GRASPING; ENDURANCE; STABILITY; MONEY WORRIES; HARDWORKING; LACK; PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL POVERTY.

Your SATURN is in TAURUS, showing that you experience limitations and learn lessons in life about values and material security. During your childhood you may not have had a great deal in the way of possessions or material stability, and you may consequently have grown up with a fear of poverty and a strong desire for wealth and material or financial security. Much of your time may be given over to acquiring money and possessions, and you could have a great fear of somehow losing them - so much so that you may inadvertently bring about their loss, perhaps through simple greed or misfortune. You may desire to fill up a certain emotional vacuum in your life, perhaps brought about by a lack of tangible physical affection in your early years, by collecting more and more (or better and better) in an effort to get a solid sense of security - that in reality should be felt within you rather than projected outside of yourself onto money or status, or even food. This position of Saturn can coincide with lifestyles of either great austerity or great ostentation - which although at first glance are quite different, both betray an imbalance in the attitude towards 'materiality'. On the one hand possessions and the trappings of materialism or success are felt to be bad, perhaps even sinful, whilst on the other they are seen as the ultimate prizes that society can offer. Money is very important to you, as it is for everybody, - and a source of both great anxiety and great joy, but try to avoid extremes in your attitude towards it - it would be healthier to concentrate less on gaining money and more on what you are going to do with it once you've got it. At its best Saturn here can indicate a real appreciation for the material world, beauty, art, nature, sex etc. and a great skill in handling it - for instance through business, painting, farming, etc. You may have a finely developed sense of value, and know to your own satisfaction exactly what in the world is worth preserving or struggling for.

You are always searching for or trying to create a solid centre of stability and security in your life, be it with money or with love. Being loved is vital to you and you should never feel ashamed of asking for the support of those closest to you. With a solid base, you flourish: without it you feel empty or inadequate, and so you would best be advised to always admit your needs to yourself and go about fulfilling them. This also includes the domain of sex. You should again not be afraid to voice your fears or needs either to yourself or to your lover. You are somewhat traditional in your approach to love, but this is because you want, and need, a real and lasting experience that means something both to you and your partner. In the world of work and making a living you are highly competent, and probably regarded as dependable and trustworthy. You have a strong sense of responsibility, particularly towards handling or dealing with people's resources.

SATURN IN THE NINTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: SERIOUS PHILOSOPHY; ORTHODOX RELIGION; MISTRUST OF EDUCATION; SEARCH FOR TRUTH; ETHICAL; DIFFICULTIES ABROAD; RELIGIOUS STRICTURES; FUNDAMENTALISM; PESSIMISM; DOGMA.

Your SATURN is in the NINTH HOUSE of your horoscope, which means that you learn deep lessons about the Truth. Truth, meaning and purpose in life are important issues to you, whether consciously acknowledged or not. Your upbringing may have lacked, or stifled, any sense of enquiry into the more abstract but nonetheless important questions of life, and instead you may have inherited a rather unimaginative, conformist or sternly authoritarian approach to the realm of religion, God, philosophy or morality. You may have grown up with an unquestioning and unconscious reliance on the outward authority of the state, society and religion. Religious or moral message may have been drummed into you as a child, and even now as an adult, preachers or ministers of religion may induce feelings of fear or obedience. The inevitable contact with suffering, whether your own or others', may have sown doubts in your mind about the teachings you have been given, or on the other hand you may see it as confirmation of their essential truth. The encounter with doubt and loss of faith can lead to several paths - that of cynicism and rebellion against the authorities that one formerly trusted, to an atheistic or materialistic outlook that denies purpose or meaning, or to a search for deeper, perhaps more personal, explanations. If the latter path is one you undertake, the decision to do so will not be taken lightly.

On a more mundane plane, Saturn in the Ninth can also indicate difficulties with travel and education, both aspects of 'broadening the mind', which is the key to the Ninth House. You may dislike travelling, having experienced delays or restrictions when doing so before. You work diligently towards your goals and plan the future carefully, since you feel it is uncertain, and do not like taking risks or 'tempting fate'.

SATURN SEXTILE THE MOON'S NODE ★★★★★☆

KEYWORDS: WORK AIDS GROWTH; RESTING ON ONE'S LAURELS; CONSERVATIVE; NARROW; ORTHODOX; GUILT.

Your SATURN is SEXTILE the MOON'S (NORTH) NODE, which means that you tend to be suspicious of personal growth. Conservatism, orthodoxy or even guilt may make it difficult for you to grow as an individual human being or to explore or capitalise on your own unique gifts and talents. If growth is taken slowly and linked with work or achievement however then it becomes far more acceptable to you. Be careful not to let yourself stagnate or rest on your laurels, for you have much to offer the world.

The NORTH NODE OF THE MOON (DRAGON'S HEAD)

The NORTH NODE OF THE MOON (DRAGON'S HEAD) symbolises GROWTH; DEVELOPMENT; INDIVIDUALITY; POTENTIAL; KARMA; THE FUTURE; PROVIDENCE; MEANING and THE PATH. The SOUTH NODE (DRAGON'S TAIL) (which is always directly opposite the North Node) symbolises THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE; STAGNATION; THE PAST; REPETITION; HABIT and LOSS OF SELF. One has to learn to balance the urges represented by the Moon's Nodes, overcoming the pull towards habit and the past symbolised by the South Node, whilst using the lessons learned in order to develop the potential symbolised by the North Node. By doing so one will experience the joy of inner fulfilment and the certainty that one is treading one's destined path in life.

In the horoscope the North Node's sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets indicate one's potentials, the area of life in which one is called to grow and fulfil one's destiny, and how one's ability to grow is integrated with the other elements of one's life. The relative strength or weakness of one's North Node indicates the degree to which one can become what ultimately one is meant to be.

MOON'S NODE IN PISCES

KEYWORDS: GROWTH THROUGH SURRENDER/SPIRITUALITY/MEDITATION; THE WAY OF THE HEART; UNIVERSAL LOVE; ENLIGHTENMENT; ILLUMINATION; ANXIOUS; COMPARTMENTALISED MENTALITY; OVER-ANALYTICAL; CRITICAL; INSECURE; GROWTH OF COMPASSION; WORKAHOLIC.

Your MOON'S (NORTH) NODE is in PISCES, which means that you grow as a human being in life when you discover and explore your spiritual potential. You carry (possibly from a former lifetime) a deep desire for order, which manifests itself as a tendency to cope with the world by analysing it or dissecting it into coherent and understandable parts. The thought of chaos and of the non-rational elements of existence frightens you and so you probably try to block them out of your existence. You may adhere to a strictly mechanistic or materialistic world-view and regard religion as purely an opiate for the masses, or simply a matter of delusion. However, many times in your life you come across experiences that force you to question your ideas on this score and also invite you to explore the possibility that you might contain within you vast universes of untapped and wholly mysterious potential. You might struggle very hard in your life to hold on to your own separate identity and the boundaries that define who and what you are, but it is precisely through having the courage to explore what is beyond those boundaries that you discover your greatest fulfilment in life. At some level you may intuit that your path in life involves exploring your inner or spiritual potential, or your capacity to flow with the universe, trusting the direction in which it seems to want you to move. However, you may repress this knowledge for fear that others might think, or perhaps for fear of abandoning yourself to the unknown. Nonetheless, despite yourself you may have what are technically called 'peak experiences' or experiences of perfection, beauty, ecstasy, joy or oneness with the universe that are too real and too positive in their effects to be ignored. You may thus be prompted to pursue or investigate further, perhaps by following a classical spiritual path such as Buddhism or mysticism, and if you do you are likely to gain a great deal. Your path in life is also likely to involve developing your compassion and your capacity to care selflessly for others. Again, you may have your doubts, and feel that once you begin, you may be overwhelmed - either by demands on yourself, or by your own feelings of empathy for those who are suffering. Once you start however you will probably discover that the experience is richly rewarding and one that you have a specific talent for.

There may also be with this position of the Moon's Node a tendency to downgrade yourself. This could manifest in relationships in which you play an unequal, and probably lesser, role than your partner, or in placing work above other forms of satisfaction - possibly to the point of becoming a workaholic. As an antidote to this, cultivate the ability to love and accept yourself as you are - because you are a beautiful human being.

MOON'S NODE IN THE SEVENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: HAPPINESS THROUGH LOVE OR PARTNERSHIP; LEARNING THROUGH CO-OPERATION; EXCESSIVE SELF-RELIANCE; ISOLATION; EGOTISM; OVER-CONCERN WITH SELF OR IMAGE; AGGRESSIVE; INDEPENDENCE; WANTING TO PROVE ONESELF; DEDICATION.

Your MOON'S (NORTH) NODE is in the SEVENTH HOUSE of your horoscope, indicating that you experience fulfilment in life through love and through relationships. The South Node (in the 1st House) tempts you either to be overly preoccupied with yourself and how you appear to others, or to be overly reliant on your own resources, strengths or energies. This may lead to difficulty in relating or co-operating with people. You could also be highly egocentric and have a 'self-first self-last' attitude to life that makes the compromises and understanding necessary in a marriage or long-term partnership difficult to achieve. You hate to admit to failure and try always to be seen in a good light. Your greatest growth occurs when you learn to relate as an equal to another person and share yourself with them. Certain relationships in your life are likely to be a constant source of learning and stimulation, and through them you may discover 'the way of the heart', or the satisfaction that comes with being in harmony not only with other people, or another person, but with the whole of life. You may realise with immediacy the needlessness and sheer effort involved in maintaining a separate and self-reliant identity. The discovery of art or beauty may also have an important influence on you, and consequently you may discover that you have artistic talent, or a gift for creating things, surroundings etc. that are beautiful or stylish.

BEYOND THE CONFINES OF EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE

URANUS, NEPTUNE AND PLUTO

Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are the farthest-out planets in the solar system, and in astrology, what they represent is similarly 'far out.' Because these three planets move slowly around the zodiac, they remain in particular signs for many years. This means that their influence is more readily seen in the generation (or seven-year 'mini-generation' in the case of Uranus) in which we were born, than in the individual. We are likely to experience their effects as individuals however if we have aspects to them from the Sun, Moon and Ascendant or the three inner planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars.

Uranus symbolises that part of ourselves that is free from, or that desires freedom from, the social rules and norms symbolised by Saturn. Through Uranus we experience the exaltation of liberation, or the chaos of anarchy. If we are too attached to our own freedom or individuality however, we become disruptive, eccentric or alienated, whilst if we try to cling on to the safety of that represented by Saturn in our lives, we can become narrow, rigid, and dogmatic, our lives becoming mechanical and stale. The middle way is to value freedom and individuality whilst recognising the need for boundaries and social structures.

Neptune is the realm of the imagination, soul and unconscious mind. Through it we transcend the confines of our limited ego and experience the sacred, the unbounded or the divine. The desire to merge with something greater than the self can lead us to heaven or to hell - and to a whole host of illusions and self-deceptions in between. Experiences of disillusionment, loss, beauty, confusion or suffering can all be the catalysts that prompt us to search for the Neptunian realm, be it through drink, drugs, creativity or spirituality. In its highest form, Neptune shows us that we are an integral part of an infinite and ultimately mysterious whole.

The furthest planet in the solar system is Pluto - the god of the underworld. His is the realm of Life and Death, of the deepest and most fundamental forces around us and within us. Pluto brings destruction, breakdown, and tests of survival, but it also brings renewal, regeneration, and new life. Through traumatic experiences, we discover our deepest strengths and our deepest fears, and if we are lucky, we learn how to cope with events or experiences that are beyond our control. With Pluto we also discover that beneath the surface of life there are powerful forces for good and ill. Though we cannot control them, and like all dictators are inevitably destroyed if we do, we can ally ourselves to them in order to bring fundamental changes to the world around us.

URANUS

URANUS symbolises SHOCK; CHANGE; INDEPENDENCE; THE NEW; INVENTION; REBELLION; INDIVIDUALITY; EXCITEMENT; ORIGINALITY; ECCENTRICITY; INSPIRATION; UNORTHODOXY and REFORM. It is personified by TECHNICIANS; REBELS; ALIENS; INDIVIDUALS; ECCENTRICS; ASTROLOGERS; REVOLUTIONARIES; REFORMERS, and those who are unusual or different in some way.

It is the principle of freedom and the breaking away from the rigid structures that Saturn represents. In the horoscope Uranus reveals how one expresses one's uniqueness and individuality. It's sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets show the nature of one's difference from the norm, the area of life in which one has to be free to go one's own way, and how one's desire for freedom is integrated with the other elements of one's life. Uranus is the first of the three 'higher octave planets', along with Neptune and Pluto, whose effects are less noticeable in the individual than in the collective, unless one is highly attuned to it by way of aspects to the inner planets or to the Ascendant. The relative strength or weakness of Uranus in the chart shows the extent to which one can free oneself of conditioning and the extent to which one needs and values freedom.

URANUS IN LIBRA

KEYWORDS: INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDE TO LOVE; RAVES; UNUSUAL RELATIONSHIPS; SOCIAL REFORM; FREE LOVE; SHORT-LIVED RELATIONSHIPS; MAGNETIC; ARTISTIC; IMAGINATIVE; STYLISH; SUDDEN ATTACHMENTS; AFFAIRS; UNCONVENTIONAL ART; UNCOMMITTED; SOCIAL INNOVATION; ECCENTRIC FRIENDS AND LOVERS; ENMITIES; HEDONISTIC.

Your URANUS is in LIBRA, which means that you are a member of a mini-generation (born between 1969 and 1975) who have an experimental attitude towards relationships and towards society. As a group, you are characterised by your lack of ties to social convention, friendships and partnerships. You have many friends, and enjoy a hectic social whirl amongst those who share your desire for excitement and new experiences. The people you relate to

best are unusual, highly individualistic or even eccentric in some way, and this applies both to your friends and to your lovers. Your generation tends to form sudden attachments, and your relationships may often be short-lived, though rarely dull. If you marry (you are unlikely to feel any particular duty to do so however), it may be for unusual reasons, or may be based on a 'whirlwind romance'. You have modern and highly individual tastes in art and music, and your sense of style and fashion are particularly developed.

URANUS IN THE SECOND HOUSE

KEYWORDS: FLUCTUATING CIRCUMSTANCES; UNPREDICTABLE FINANCES; RESOURCEFUL; INGENIOUS; GAINS AND LOSSES; SPECULATION; UNUSUAL OBJECTS; IMPRACTICAL; WHIZ-KID; ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT; FINANCIAL RISKS; MIND OVER MATTER; INVENTIVE; INDIVIDUAL OR UNORTHODOX VALUES; FREEDOM FROM POSSESSIONS; PROPERTY PROBLEMS; UNUSUAL SOURCES OF INCOME; TECHNOLOGY; FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE; SUDDEN WINDFALLS; ECONOMIC CHANGE; LIVELY WORK; PROSPECTING; STOCKS AND SHARES; HIGH-TECH TRADING; UNUSUAL PLEASURES; ECLECTIC; SPECIALISED.

Your URANUS is in the SECOND HOUSE, symbolising an individual attitude towards financial and material resources. The thought of slowly building up security and accumulating all the usual possessions - house/car/video/hi-fi etc doesn't particularly drive you wild with excitement. Firstly, you would rather not have to spend so much time and effort devoted to accumulating wealth. Secondly, you have your own ideas about the sort of things you want to own or aspire to (which may be very different from the norm), and thirdly, you may want to be as unencumbered as possible by possessions and property. Whilst the latter is a distinct possibility with Uranus here, more likely is that you find handling money and resources highly stimulating, displaying a brilliance in dealing with them. For this reason you may be attracted to the realm of stocks and shares, banking and high finance, business and economic theory. You are also drawn to working with technology and science, and are probably regarded as a bit of a 'whiz-kid' by many. Your own finances are never likely to be completely predictable. In fact throughout your life you are likely to experience surprising gains and losses. Sudden windfalls may come to you, whilst unexpected events may cause you to lose out with little warning. Money in your life is likely to come from unusual sources, for example through winnings or dividends, or perhaps from one of your many innovative ideas. You are likely to own some rather unusual possessions, perhaps rare, original or high tech.

URANUS SEXTILE NEPTUNE ★★☆☆☆



KEYWORDS: SPIRITUAL IDEALS; BELIEF IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FREEDOM; HUMAN RIGHTS; GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS; MIND-EXPANSION; INTEREST IN THE NON-MATERIAL WORLD; COLLECTIVE INNER VISION; UNUSUAL STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS; VIVID DREAMS; ASTROLOGY; SOCIAL REFORM; HUMANITARIAN.

Your URANUS is SEXTILE NEPTUNE, which means that your desire for freedom is in harmony with your imagination. Your parents were possibly born whilst Uranus trined Neptune (1939-'43), in which case you are 'carrying on what they started'. In other words, you may share their interest (which was strongest during the hippie/flower-power era of the late 1960's) in exploring the mind's potential and in preserving individual and social freedoms. You may however do it with more caution than they. As such you may pursue interests in meditation, spiritual or religious ideas, the occult, and even in mind-expanding drugs. You share with many of your peers an idealism, and an almost utopian vision of how society could be. Your inner life is likely to be unusual, for example you may sometimes experience vivid dreams, flashes of intuition, or even glimpses of higher states of consciousness than the normal waking state. You are instinctively humanitarian, and believe in universal brother/sisterhood. You are particularly sensitive to the erosion of personal and collective freedoms all over the world, be they due to politics, war or environmental causes.

♆ NEPTUNE

NEPTUNE symbolises SPIRITUALITY; SENSITIVITY; THE AURA; MEDITATION; CONTEMPLATION; DIFFUSION; MERGING; COMPASSION IMAGINATION; TRANSCENDENCE; INSPIRATION; UNIVERSALITY; ILLUSION AND DISILLUSION; UTOPIA; IDEALISM; THE DIVINE; DREAMS; E.S.P.; DRUGS; HALLUCINATIONS; THE OCCULT; SELF-SACRIFICE; THE UNCONSCIOUS AND THE COLLECTIVE UNCONSCIOUS; MYTH; BLISS; PSYCHOSIS; WEAKNESS and DELUSION. It represents loss, transcendence or escape from one's time-bound and finite ego and absorption in something vaster and more unbounded.

Neptune is the second of the three 'higher octave planets', along with Uranus and Pluto, whose effects are less noticeable in the individual than in the collective, unless one is particularly attuned to it by way of aspects to the inner planets or the Ascendant. Its sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets show the nature of what one's generation is particularly sensitive to, the area of life that one is individually sensitive to, and how one's capacity to

lose one's boundaries is integrated with the other elements of one's life. Its strength or weakness shows the extent to which one is able to transcend everyday reality.

NEPTUNE IN SAGITTARIUS

KEYWORDS: SPIRITUAL BELIEFS; VISIONARY; PROPHETIC; LITERARY; IDEALISTIC; PRESENTIMENT; RELIGIOUS EDUCATION; GURUS; HIGHER KNOWLEDGE; SPIRITUAL PATH; SEARCH FOR ENLIGHTENMENT; FOREIGN INFLUENCES; LONG JOURNEYS; CONFUSION ABROAD; SEA JOURNEYS; HIPPIES; MYSTICAL EXPERIENCES; GOD; HIGHER CONSCIOUSNESS; RELIGIOUS FREEDOM; RELIGIOUS CULTS; FALSE PROPHETS; MESSIAHS; OPTIMISTIC; TOLERANT; BROAD-MINDED; HUMANITARIAN; SCIENCE FICTION; PROPHECY; UTOPIAN.

Your NEPTUNE is in SAGITTARIUS, indicating that you are a member of the generation born between 1970 and 1984 who share an idealistic attitude towards life, and a sensitivity towards religious and spiritual ideas. In common with many of your peers, you have a need to discover a higher purpose and meaning to life. At some time in your own life you may experience a marked disillusionment with the assumptions and beliefs handed down to you by society and family, and this may prompt you to embark on a search for alternative answers to life's deepest questions. Because of this you could become interested in religious or spiritual ideas, such as the Buddhist idea of enlightenment for instance, and may actively pursue some form of spiritual path or quest. If this is the case then you may feel strongly that the Divine is to be found within you (or all around you), rather than solely within an established church. You should exercise as much discrimination as possible when it comes to religion, for you are apt to believe what you want to believe, and may be easily exploited. For this reason, any form of cultism should be studiously avoided. You are exceptionally tolerant of other people's views, and are not threatened by beliefs or cultures different from your own - in fact you probably feel drawn to study or directly explore foreign cultures and foreign lands. If you do make journeys abroad, or have foreign contacts, you are likely to find them both confusing and inspiring. You may have a talent for expressing your fertile imagination through the written word, with a love of literature, myth and possibly of science fiction.

NEPTUNE IN THE FOURTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: HAPPY OR MAGICAL CHILDHOOD; SENSITIVE; KIND; VULNERABLE; RELIGIOUS FEELINGS; COMPASSIONATE; IMAGINATIVE; SHELTERED; OVERSENSITIVE; MELANCHOLY; FAMILY TIES; LOVE OF HOME; HOME ATMOSPHERE; LOVE OF NATURE; CONFUSED FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS; CHAOTIC HOME; SPIRITUAL HOME; FAMILY MYSTERIES; CARING; SECLUSION; NEUROSES; BROODING; DREAM-HOME; PRIVATE WORLD; ESCAPIST; IDEALISED PARENT/S; THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND.

Your NEPTUNE is in the FOURTH HOUSE of your birthchart, meaning that you are emotionally sensitive and open. You may look back fondly on your childhood as being a time of protection, happiness and enchantment, and this of course may well have been the case. Often with Neptune however, nothing is as simple as it seems - you may be viewing your childhood through 'rose-tinted spectacles', preferring to overlook any unhappy circumstances or events that may have occurred. You may have been particularly open to the emotional atmosphere in the home (and probably still are), and may possibly have been called on to look after a sick parent or sibling, or in some other way sacrifice your own needs. You may have grown up with the feeling, emotionally speaking, that there was something missing in your relationship to your parents, but again, this is not necessarily the case unless emphasised by the rest of your chart. You are likely however to always feel that your home is a retreat or refuge from which you can completely escape the pressures of the outside world. Strangely perhaps, you do not completely isolate yourself from other people, for instance you would not hesitate to give shelter to a friend who needed it. You probably dream about your 'ideal home', and may have a strong desire to find your 'spiritual home' - some country or place where you feel you deeply belong. You may even have moved many times, perhaps unconsciously searching for such a home. Or perhaps you believe that the only true and permanent security is to be found within yourself, and that once one has this, one cannot be harmed by the outer vicissitudes of life, no matter what one experiences. You are a sensitive and sometimes vulnerable person, and can sometimes be your own worst enemy. Exercising compassion towards yourself counteracts the tendency to undermine yourself with anxiety or worries.

NEPTUNE SEXTILE PLUTO ★★☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: AN INTENSIFIED AND PURIFIED SOUL-LIFE; GREAT SENSITIVITY; ACTIVE IMAGINATION; ILLUSIONS; CLAIRVOYANCE; MYSTICISM; THE SUPERNATURAL; SELF-KNOWLEDGE (BY INNER REALISATION OF TRUTH).

Your NEPTUNE is SEXTILE PLUTO, indicating that there is a harmony between the principles of transcendence and regeneration in your psyche. As Neptune and Pluto are the two slowest moving planets in the solar system, this aspect was active in people's birth-charts from 1942 to 1986. Nonetheless it does have an influence, albeit very difficult to detect in the individual. It is associated with the emotional confrontation with the reality of suffering on a mass scale, something that the 20th century has experienced too many times, through war, revolution, poverty and environmental catastrophe. There is also a greater awareness of the impact of humanity on the environment, and a greater realisation that we are all inextricably linked together regardless of race, language or even distance.

PLUTO

PLUTO symbolises SEXUAL ENERGY; THE ORGASM; DEATH; TRANSFORMATION; DESTRUCTION; REBIRTH; POWER; EVOLUTION; THE MASSES; REGENERATION; THE WILL; REVOLUTION; THE UNDERGROUND AND UNDERWORLD; THE UNCONSCIOUS; WAR; ATOMIC POWER; BIOLOGY; SURVIVAL; PROCREATION and CONCEPTION. It represents the process of destruction of old forms and the release of the energy inherent in them in order to create new life.

Pluto is the third and last of the 'higher octave' planets, along with Uranus and Neptune, whose effects are less noticeable in the individual than in the collective (since they move so slowly through the signs). That is, unless one is particularly attuned to it by way of aspects to the inner planets or the Ascendant. Its sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets show the nature of one's generation's primary orientation to life, the area of life in which one is likely to experience major transformations, and how ones' power and will integrate with the other elements of one's life. Its relative strength or weakness shows the extent to which one can regenerate and transform oneself, ones life or surroundings.

PLUTO IN VIRGO

KEYWORDS: ANALYTICAL; HYPER-CRITICAL; INCISIVE; ACCUMULATED DETAIL; SCIENTIFIC; PROBING; TRANSFORMATION OF WORK; DRY; ACID; ASCORBIC; CEREBRAL; PROFOUND; IMPOSSIBLE.

Your PLUTO is in VIRGO, indicating that you are part of a generation that will deeply transform attitudes towards work and health. In comparison with the previous Pluto in Leo generation, who were extrovertedly self-expressive, and responsible for the youth explosion of the 1960s, yours is more reserved, more serious and more practical. Like Uranus in Virgo, the first of those born with Pluto in Virgo began to reach employable age during the mid nineteen-seventies, when unemployment began to be a major problem in western countries, for the first time since the 1930s. Pluto symbolises death, collective tensions, change, and revolution. Virgo symbolises work, health, and analysis, and the two together have given rise to mass unemployment and a transformation in attitudes to work. This transformation occurred during the 1980s, with the Thatcher/Reagan-inspired moves to a global market economy, in which individual countries, companies, and workers had to adapt to global economic forces, or perish. Reflecting the fact that Virgo is an Earth sign, your generation has been the first to show a mass concern with humankind's use of the Earth's resources, ecology, pollution, and nuclear power (Pluto 'rules' atomic energy). If Pluto is strong in your chart (depending on whether it aspects the inner planets or the Ascendant) you are likely to be intelligent, acutely discriminating, and have many specialised skills, together with excellent powers of recuperation. You can be penetratingly critical of the world as you see it.

PLUTO IN THE SECOND HOUSE

























KEYWORDS: FINANCIAL OR ECONOMIC POWER; ACQUISITION; STRUGGLE FOR SECURITY; MATERIALISM; WEALTH; GAINS AND LOSSES; EXPLOITATION; SEX AND MONEY; GREED; TERRITORIAL; NEED TO PROVE ONE'S WORTH; DEVALUATION; CHANGES IN VALUES; CONVICTION; LOSS OF POSSESSIONS; ENVY; PROFIT; BUILDING UP FROM NOTHING; CONTROL OVER POSSESSIONS AND FINANCES; INVESTMENT; RUTHLESS; SELF-MADE SUCCESS; DESIRE; LUST; INSATIABLE; DOGMATIC.
















Your PLUTO is in the SECOND HOUSE of your horoscope, meaning that you have a strong desire for financial and economic power. You know, perhaps from bitter experience, the anxiety and sense of powerlessness that come with financial insecurity, and because of this you are determined to create a solid base of economic security in your life. To this end you are prepared to work extremely hard. You may have business or managerial skills and a very hard head when it comes to making money. Although money can aid survival, be careful not to become too obsessed with it for











its own sake, or else circumstances might fatefully arrange themselves so that you are forced to deeply question your values. For example, a loved one might feel that you are more interested in work than him or her, or greed may tempt you to take short cuts with the law.

Another effect of Pluto in the second is of having a very strong value-system: you know what you believe in and what is truly worth striving for, and are prepared to fight to establish or defend such values. Consequently, some people may see you as being dogmatic, whilst others may see you as someone with genuine convictions.

You are capable of slowly building things up from the bottom and creating something of size and worth, and this could be a business, a family, or anything that requires patience and care in order for it to grow. Any work you do that earns you income is characterised by its depth and thoroughness. As a person, you have strong desires, and to you, sex, power, even money, are closely intertwined. You can be territorial and occasionally possessive in your close relationships, especially if you feel that your security is being threatened, but you also put great investment in them and are prepared to work long and hard to sustain them.

Sign		Keyword	Ruling Planet		Modality	Element
Aries		I Am	Mars		Cardinal	Fire
Taurus		I Have	Venus		Fixed	Earth
Gemini		I Think	Mercury		Mutable	Air
Cancer		I Feel	Moon		Cardinal	Water
Leo		I Will	Sun		Fixed	Fire
Virgo		I Examine	Mercury		Mutable	Earth
Libra		I Complement	Venus		Cardinal	Air
Scorpio		I Desire	Pluto		Fixed	Water
Sagittarius		I Seek	Jupiter		Mutable	Fire
Capricorn		I Use	Saturn		Cardinal	Earth
Aquarius		I Know	Uranus		Fixed	Air
Pisces		I Believe	Neptune		Mutable	Water

Harmonious Aspect			Challenging Aspect			Point		
Conjunction		0°	Opposition		180°	Ascendant		Persona
Trine		120°	Quincunx		150°	Midheaven		Image
Sextile		60°	Sesquiquadrate		135°	North Node		Growth
Semisextile		30°	Square		90°	South Node		Experience
Semisquare		45°	Retrograde			Chiron		Healing

Planet	Rulership	Element	Modality
Sun	 Self Expression	Air	Thought
Moon	 Emotion	Fire	Life Energy
Mercury	 Perception	Water	Emotions
Venus	 Attraction	Earth	Physical
Mars	 Assertion		
Jupiter	 Expansion		
Saturn	 Limitation		
Uranus	 Individualism	Cardinal	Creative
Neptune	 Compassion	Mutable	Adaptable
Pluto	 Compulsion	Fixed	Persistent

House	Rules	House	Rules
1st	Personality mask	7th	Relationships
2nd	Material security	8th	Ability to deal with life
3rd	Intellectual ability	9th	Philosophical beliefs
4th	Emotional security	10th	Personal status
5th	Enjoyment of life	11th	Social life
6th	Responsibilities	12th	Secret dreams

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