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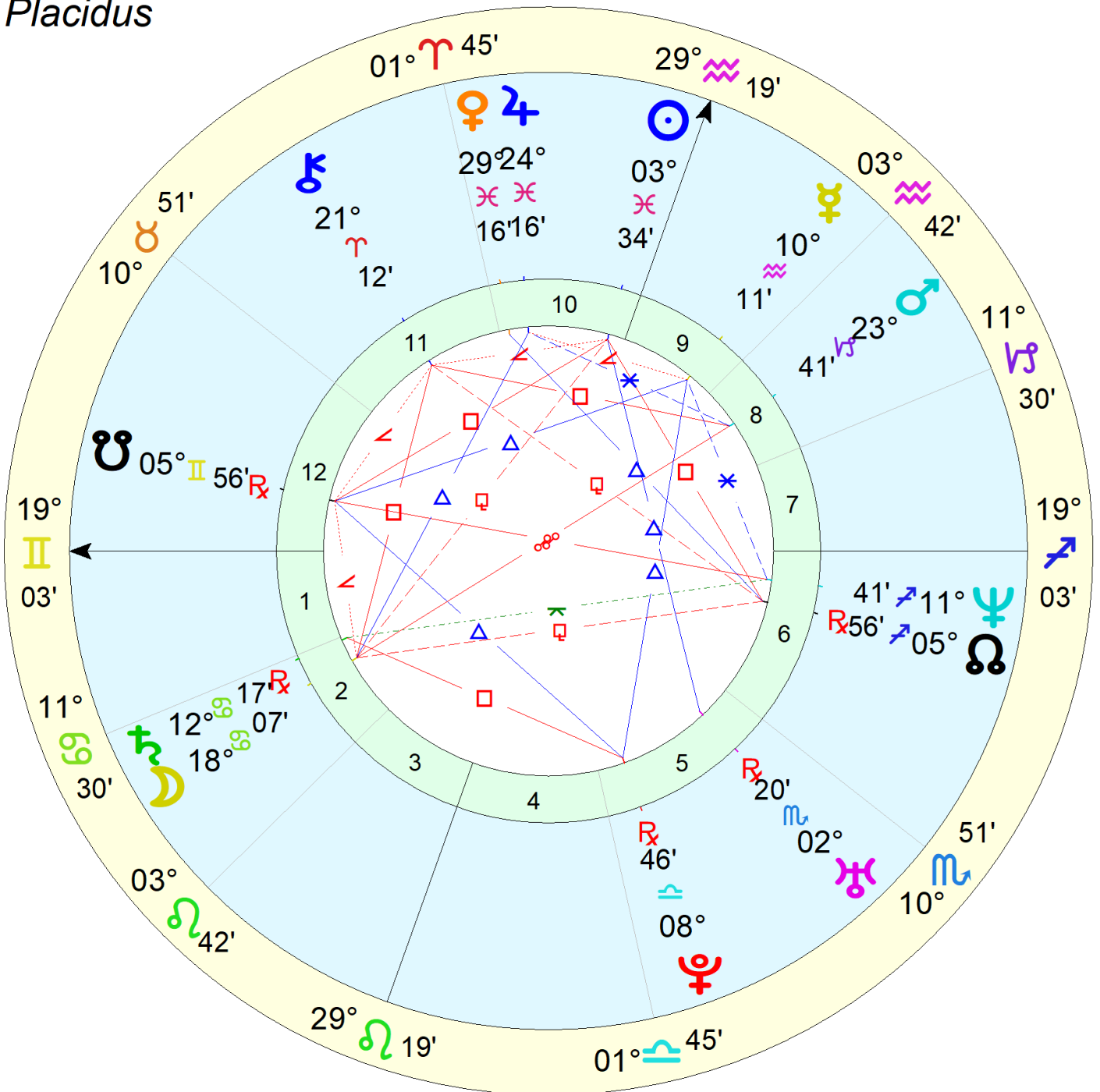
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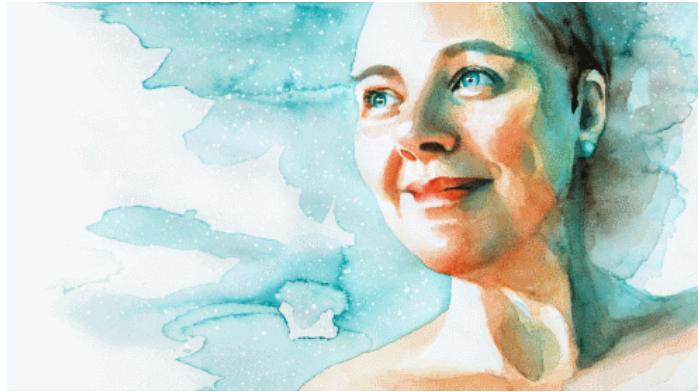
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INTRODUCTION



This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and earth; and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a Horoscope, natal chart, or Birth Chart, records the relationship between the planets and the Signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The Horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretation of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences, and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

LIFE GOALS



*If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it;
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.
Longfellow, Elegiac Verse 1880.*

The Sun

Just as the Sun is the centre of the earth's Solar System, so does the Sun play a vital role in your life on earth. Your life goals are linked to your Sun - its Zodiac Sign and its position in your chart. Contrary to popular belief, the Sun isn't the only planet to be considered in a person's chart, but it is an important component. The Sun gives you an indication of how you can shine in your life. You will feel truly alive when you're living the traits indicated by your Sun. Therefore it's likely that you will spend much of your life on a journey to self discovery, aiming to incorporate these traits into your life. Understanding the energy of your Sun is a good starting point to understanding yourself and your purpose in life.

The Sun is in the 10th House

Your Sun is in the 10th House of your Birth Chart meaning that you're the sort of person who likes to make your mark on the world, in particular through your profession. Depending on other influences in your chart you're likely to be born to parents of good standing in the community. From this favourable start in life, you're likely to steadily improve on your status. Success usually comes easily in whatever business or profession that you choose. People in high places are likely to look on you with favour, helping you further your ambitions. You're also likely to rise to a prominent position in society, perhaps even in government office. You've high moral standards, which you apply to yourself and to other people. Fortunately your vitality and health are usually good and therefore you're well able to achieve your goals. You're likely to carefully consider your proposed primary partner, before entering into a commitment which affects your standing in the community. As a result, depending on other influences in your chart, you're likely to benefit through your primary partnership. Ancient astrologers consider that the Sun is well-placed in the angular 10th House of a chart, and therefore you're likely to be successful in achieving your goals.

The Sun is in Pisces

Your Sun is in the Zodiac Sign of Pisces indicating that you're an imaginative and serene individual with a strong wish to be allowed to live in a world where harsher realities fade into the background and the dreamier aspects come into focus. You're a very talented individual, and it is indeed important for you to find a channel for all of your creative energies, otherwise you find yourself slipping into a world of unreality and apathy. You need to avoid any negative avenues of escapism, such as drugs and focus on your highest aspirations. You're the type of person who finds it is important to set aside time each day for meditation or artistic pursuits. Quiet activities such as sitting on a beach or listening to soothing music may appeal, in fact you need to find time to pursue any activity which suits your gentle nature. Pisces is a Water sign indicating

in your case that still waters run deep. Therefore you may find yourself drawn to the mystical or spiritual side of life, in particular pastimes or studies which develop your intuition and understanding of the sacred side of life. Generally speaking you benefit greatly from such interests, but you do need to be wary of a tendency to lack discrimination, which can lead to you becoming devoted to spiritual teachers rather than listening to your own intuition. Your sensitive nature and pure heart are also well suited to caring for others. At times you can be so kind and understanding that you've difficulty saying "no" to troubled friends. You do need to beware of becoming the victim of other people's unnecessary demands. You enjoy healing other people's hurts, both emotional and physical, but don't wish to take on the role of martyr. On a physical level, you may be particularly sensitive to drugs, recreational and medicinal. Therefore you need to proceed with caution and explore all side effects, including possible allergies. Preventive measures are more suited to your nature, rather than invasive ones. This again emphasizes your need to slow down and smell the roses, and perhaps even paint them.

The Sun is Trine Uranus

The Sun is making contact with the planet Uranus in your Birth Chart meaning that you're a highly-talented and unique individual, determined to carve your own destiny rather than follow traditional paths. You're brimming with original and innovative ideas, which you're eager to put into action. Your goals may change during the course of your life, but this doesn't concern you, as long as you've a range of options. Doggedly independent, you like to be given the freedom to explore your talents and to learn by your own mistakes. You respect other people's individual rights, and expect them to respect yours. It's not that you're selfish. Quite the contrary. Your goal is to use your talents and ideas for the benefit of other people, perhaps even the whole of humanity. You've strong will power and are a leader rather than a follower, refusing to bow to another person's will. Others may see you as arrogant, wilful and disruptive at times, but they are attracted to your electric personality. Like moths to a flame they are fascinated by your tremendous energy and the unique manner in which you view life. You often have flashes of intuition and are capable of sudden, decisive action, which can take other people by surprise. It's possible that you've inherited your talents from a male member of your family, in particular your father. It's likely that your father, or an important father figure, has had a marked effect on your life. Perhaps you were encouraged to break free of tradition in order to develop your interests, or perhaps the absence of a dominant male meant that you experienced a lot of freedom as a child. In some cases this influence can indicate a strong father figure against whom you rebel. Either way, it's your need to be treated as an individual that's paramount. Life is full of surprises and that's the way that you like it.

The Sun is Sesquisquare The Moon

When the Sun and the Moon are combining unfavourably in your chart, it means that you're likely to have difficulty succeeding in life. You may have trouble in money matters, struggle with employment, and suffer at the hands of other people. You should be particularly wary of troublesome women, who could create obstacles to you achieving your goals. In some cases, this combination can also mean that you suffer from ill health, which further hinders your chances of success.

Jupiter

The planet Jupiter tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers called Jupiter "the Great Benefic" and believed that it bestowed riches and rewards on individuals. This planet was associated with Kings, Lords and others in high places.

Jupiter is associated with being plentiful and benevolent. It is tolerant and expansive. The first of the social planets, Jupiter seeks insight through knowledge. This is the planet of exploration through study, travel or higher learning. It is the getting of wisdom.

Jupiter is in the 10th House

The Gods are shining fortunate rays on you! The lucky planet Jupiter is in the 10th House of your Birth Chart

signifying that you're a high achiever, with a tendency to land on your feet no matter what difficulties are strewn on your path. This is particularly true of your career, in which you strive to set goals and achieve them. You're likely to succeed with a little help from those in high places. Perhaps your parents have also helped to give you a good start in life. You're the type of person who is able to climb the ladder of success all the way to the top executive position. You may also have the ability to influence a large number of people through your work. Your job may also be connected with education, religion, philosophy, law, politics, philanthropy, publishing, public relations or sports. Whatever your choice of career, you're likely to benefit from promotions and opportunities to learn, explore and perhaps even travel. The 10th House is also considered to be the House of Marital Status. Therefore, you have high moral standards and can benefit from a good marriage. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's Birth Chart. They also believe that it's most powerfully favourable in the Angular 10th House. This means that you're likely to be successful in achieving your goals. You can aim for your true north and arrive there with aplomb!

Jupiter is in Pisces

You've the planet Jupiter in the Zodiac Sign of Pisces in your Birth Chart indicating that you are a kind-hearted person, who is interested in pursuing matters of the heart rather than of the intellect. This doesn't mean that you're not intelligent. Quite the contrary. It's simply that you're an intuitive and sensitive person, who wants to contribute to humanity in a meaningful way. You want to reach other people through the emotions and the heart. For these reasons you could be involved in charity work, or helping a spiritual group spread its message, or nursing sick and unfortunate people, possibly even animals. You're the original champion of the underdog. You're also on a search for spiritual meaning in your own life, which could lead to studies and overseas travel. Travel by water may particularly appeal. Once you've discovered some meaning, you could be a spiritual or religious teacher. You are a perceptive person, possibly with psychic abilities, and you've a great deal to contribute to the world. Astrologically speaking the planet Jupiter is considered to be in a favourable position in the Zodiac Sign of Pisces meaning that you're likely to succeed in your goals.

HOME



*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
Hymn, The King of love my Shepherd is 1868.*

The Moon

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a Birth Chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is in the 2nd House

The Moon is placed in the 2nd House of your Birth Chart suggesting that you seek emotional security through accruing possessions, although this can be frustrating at times because your personal fortunes have a tendency to fluctuate during your life. Consequently, you face periods of economic insecurity when your fortunes suddenly change. Fortunately you've the inner resources to adapt to these changes in income and usually you gain rather than lose money. However, you need to be wary of other aspects in your Birth Chart which could indicate failing fortunes. Your finances are closely tied to your work, and you're likely to benefit from a job that is connected with either water, or with the public at large rather than one where you've little contact with other people or contact with only a few people. You may also work in a profession that caters for people's needs such as the hospitality industry or child care. Your personal finances may also receive a boost through a prominent woman in your life, perhaps your mother or her side of the family.

Your basic need for material and financial security influences your choices. For instance you seek emotional security through accruing possessions, building a safe foundation and gathering reliable friends and family. Money in the bank may be more important to you than sharing your resources. When your own resources are threatened then you are likely to be quite reactive. For instance if your roof starts leaking then you are likely to be quite alarmed, wondering why those around you are not so concerned. This is because your security is threatened. Debt is something that you rarely consider. You would rather have the money to pay for an item. Your credit cards definitely have a lower limit than other people's (unless you have negative influences in your astrology). You may be very good at financial planning if you have other positive monetary influences. However, your basic lesson in life is to focus on emotional rather than material security. As the saying goes, "How many U-hauls do you see following a hearse"? Build up your self-esteem; establish

values of love, compassion and communal care. These things help give you a firm foundation.

The Moon is in Cancer

With the Moon in the Sign of Cancer you're the homebody of the Zodiac, enjoying the comfort of being surrounded by loved ones in your own home. You enjoy the feeling of belonging to a tribe, be it your own family or a tribe of friends. You're an understanding person, with strong feelings of sympathy. You also enjoy looking after others either through cooking them something tasty or simply lending an ear to their troubles. For this reason you are often the person to whom others turn in a crisis. Friends and family can often be found in your kitchen with a comforting cuppa. In fact have you noticed how you also have a tendency to attract stray animals? Loyalty features strongly in your life, although you need to take care that you bestow your loyalty with some discrimination. Sometimes strong emotions, which seem true at the time, can be seen to be misplaced with hindsight. Depending on other aspects in your chart, it's likely that you'll feel a strong emotional bond with your mother. You may have difficulty in breaking this bond, and therefore in leaving home. Astrologically speaking, the Moon is in its own rulership in Cancer, emphasising the benefits of emotional satisfaction through caring for others.

The Moon is Trine Jupiter

The Moon is making a positive aspect to the beneficial planet Jupiter in your Birth Chart suggesting that you enjoy your home and family life. This is a favourable aspect for health, wealth and family life. Depending on other influences in your Birth Chart you're likely to enjoy good fortune with your home, and any property investments. It's possible that you've a large family, enjoying connections with close and extended family members. You've a generous and expansive nature and an easy-going, philosophical approach to life. This makes your home a very hospitable environment. You enjoy catering for friends and family in your home, and may live in a large home or in spacious surroundings. Your optimistic view on life means that you're usually rewarded with many visitors. Family relationships are favourable, particularly with the women. It's likely that your good fortune has been influenced by your positive relationship with your mother, or an important female member of your family. You have fond memories of a warm and loving mother and want to share your good fortune with others. Perhaps there's a benevolent matriarch in the family tree. In some cases it's possible that your childhood relationship with your mother wasn't a positive experience. In this case you may be determined, as an adult, to be everything that your mother wasn't. Either way you are likely to benefit through your relationships with family members. You may also benefit through shared religious or spiritual beliefs.

The Moon is Conjunct Saturn

Much of your adult life has been spent trying to overcome the difficulties that you faced as a child in your home and family. Astrologically speaking this is because the planet Saturn is contacting the Moon in your Birth Chart. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Saturn had a negative influence in a person's chart. In your case your early home life has been adversely affected. The extent of this effect depends largely on other influences in your chart. In some cases it can mean that your childhood home lacked spontaneity and warmth, but was well-organised and structured in a manner which helped you to feel supported and safe. However, it's more likely that circumstances in your family led to you feeling that home was a cold and unsupportive environment. This could have been one painful incident such as the loss of a family member, or it could have been the result of years of hardship. It's possible that one of your parents, perhaps your mother, was a strict and severe influence, unable to show you the affection that you felt you deserved. As a result it's likely that you're somewhat shy as an adult, lacking in self-confidence and sensitive to criticism. You may be emotionally reserved. Perhaps you decide to live in solitude rather than risk the lack of affection and warmth that you felt as a child. As you grow older, you're likely to become more confident in your personal relationships. You learn about personal relationships through life experience, and your loved ones also become more mature. As a result your relationships with other people become more stable and satisfying as you grow older. You also develop an inner self-confidence which helps you build firm foundations in your life and achieve your ambitions, as well as loving family relationships. You work solidly to build yourself a secure and firm footing, earning the respect of those around you. You can succeed in business and in your career, particularly through being noticed by your superiors. You may also benefit

through investments in land and property.

The Moon is Opposite Mars

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Mars in your chart indicating that arguments and emotional disputes abound in your home life. These upsets could be caused by another member of your family, but it's more likely that you're quick-tempered and intolerant around your loved ones. Your intentions are good, but you've difficulty containing your anger in certain situations. At times you feel as though you've been unfairly misjudged and this adds fuel to your already well-lit fire. Unfortunately your impatience and irritability can result in periods of loneliness because others would rather leave you alone than bear the brunt of your bad moods. You may also find that your loved ones are angry at your attitude or it could be that they simply find it impossible to relax in your company, which is a problem if they want peace and quiet at home. You need to find an outlet for your nervous tension. For instance, letting off steam in sports or activities that demand high energy or concentration will help. Finding an absorbing project which can be based in your home could also prove beneficial. You certainly have plenty of energy and this could be directed into new enterprises or working around the house.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION



*There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit
and encourage a will to learning, as is praise.
Roger Ascham, The Schoolmaster 1570.*

Mercury

Our academic schooling and learning through life experience are linked to the planet Mercury. This planet stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. It tells us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.

Mercury is in the 9th House

The planet Mercury in the 9th House of your chart signifies that you're keen to explore the realms of knowledge - anything which expands your mind and gives you an idea of the bigger picture of the earth and its activities. In fact why limit yourself to the earth, when there are whole galaxies out there waiting for exploration. You're not really interested in discovering more about life's details, rather you're curious about the bigger picture. "What makes people act the way they do?" "How did ancient civilisations differ from modern ones?" "Is there life on Mars?" and other such questions are likely to be intriguing. You've a natural ability to expand your thinking through study, reading, travel and perhaps writing. You're fascinated by foreign cultures and religions, and are keen to experience the joys of foreign lands first-hand. For this reason you're eager to travel abroad, and perhaps even study in overseas universities or schools. You've a keen and studious mind and are capable of developing your intellectual abilities. It's likely that you spend at least a few years studying at an institution of higher learning. Religious topics may also hold an appeal, although you're likely to be interested in studying more than one way of life rather following a single religious path. Publishing, law and philosophy may also appeal as areas to explore.

Mercury is in Aquarius

The planet Mercury in the Zodiac Sign of Aquarius indicates that you're brimming with original and unique ideas, which you want to share with all of your friends and colleagues. You enjoy exchanging ideas with other people, particularly friends and groups of people. You have a wide range of interests, and an ability to converse on a variety of topics. You're particularly interested in the new and original, and also in subjects which affect the world as a whole, rather than individuals. For this reason you may delve into environmental issues, science, metaphysics or politics. You're an inventive thinker, capable of communicating your original ideas to others. At times, however, you rebel against old and traditional ideas, chafing at the bit when you stumble across the more staid thinkers of the world. You like to think of the world as one large family, and can't understand small-minded thinking such as racism. On the whole though your understanding of human nature stands you in good stead for helping others to see your point of view.

Mercury is Sextile Neptune

The planets Mercury and Neptune are making favourable contact in your chart suggesting that you've a fertile imagination which, if encouraged, can lead to success in education, communication and any creative projects. You're receptive to new ideas and have a resourceful mind. You may also be inspired by the beauty of nature and the expanse of the ocean. Although at times you can seem a little vague, it's more likely that you're lost in a world of creative thought. If left to your reflections, then you're likely to express your thoughts in an artistic or creative manner. This could be through art, poetry, literature, story-telling, or music. It's possible that you possess genius in one of these fields. You're also likely to excel in medical or spiritual circles, where your heightened sensitivity to other people can be truly appreciated. You're more likely to follow an unconventional, rather than orthodox, path if you become involved in medicine. This is because you're attracted in psychic and spiritual phenomenon. In fact you may possess psychic gifts in the form of clairvoyance, psychometry, crystal gazing, trance and inspirational speaking and writing, and prophetic dreams.

Mercury is Trine Pluto

The planets Mercury and Pluto are combined in your Birth Chart suggesting that your education and communications are coloured with highs and lows. On the positive side you've a probing mind and the ability to assess situations rapidly, which can lead to success in your studies. You're likely to excel in any education process which requires research and intense work. It's also likely that these gifts will help you excel in any professional or personal situation which involves counselling or crisis work. Your insightful mind proves invaluable in such situations. You enjoy investigating mysteries and probing for hidden truths. Secretive by nature, you find it easy to appreciate other peoples need for privacy. Your gift for being able to keep secrets means that other people often confide in you. It's likely that you've learnt to rely on your own judgement from an early age. Perhaps a threatening environment, at home, in your neighbourhood, or at school, meant that your instincts were a vital means of survival. It could also have been a crisis, ranging from a traumatic change of school or a death, that led to your ability to see situations clearly and honestly. These gifts can be used to benefit your adult life, and other people. However, problems are likely to arise because of your inability to see the lighter side of life, and to accept that occasionally you might be wrong! You are a deep thinker with wonderful powers of concentration, but you can become obsessive, seeing only innuendos and subtleties in communications, rather than the bigger and often brighter picture. This obsessive side of your nature means that you also tend to believe that others are opposed to your thoughts and ideas, when perhaps they're not. You need to battle to overcome your tendency to create conflict and then seek revenge in such situations by finding a positive outlet for your energy. For instance you may benefit from writing down your feelings of anger and resentment, making sure that they don't reach the party involved. If you believe that you're losing sight of the plot, then seek advice from a trusted friend or colleague. You are at your most powerful when using your insights for positive purposes. In particular your honesty and insights can be useful in a counselling situation, but be careful of taking these talents out of the consulting room unless invited to do so. Friends and loved ones may not always appreciate your ability to get straight to the point, particularly if they're feeling vulnerable or emotionally distraught. You need to learn tact and diplomacy and sensitivity to other people's pain. Your gifts, combined with compassion, make you a powerful advocate in any field.

Mercury is Semisquare Jupiter

The planet Mercury is making an unfavourable aspect to the planet Jupiter in your chart indicating that you're likely to encounter obstacles in your education. This could be for a number of reasons. Perhaps you've so many ideas and plans that you're not sure which ones to follow, and as a result never seem to get started. It's also possible that you've many unfinished projects, because your attention span is limited. Perhaps you lack good judgement. In all of these scenarios your intentions are good, but you lack the discipline to accomplish your goals. You make promises you can't keep and are prone to exaggeration. As a result your credibility is generally low. You may even become the subject of scandal and gossip. Of course this all depends on other influences in your chart. And the good news is that you learn a great deal from your mistakes, growing older and wiser with each passing year. As a result you're likely to overcome your obstacles, and achieve your goals, particularly in the areas of communication and education. It's also

possible that you choose to communicate your experience through teaching, writing or public speaking.

RELATIONSHIPS



*Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love isn't love
Which alters when it alteration finds.
Shakespeare Sonnet 116.*

Venus

The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

Venus is in the 10th House

When the planet Venus is placed in the 10th House of your Birth Chart professional relationships are important. Success and honour are likely to favour your doorstep. Both your career and your primary relationship are favoured by this beneficial placement of the planet Venus. Depending on other influences in your Birth Chart, you succeed in your professional ambitions and in attracting a primary partner of high status. It's possible that you marry above your station. You enjoy pleasurable professional relationships, particularly with women, and can create a harmonious and comfortable atmosphere in the workplace. This leads to greater productivity, either your own or other people's. Your professional attitude to work, and harmonious working relationships, usually results in good promotional prospects and increases in salary. Your career may be linked with decorating, beauty products, women's interests, personnel management or any field that requires teamwork. The planet Venus is considered to be in a powerful position in the angular 10th House of a Birth Chart, meaning that you're likely to succeed in your ambitions.

Venus is in Pisces

With Venus in the Sign of Pisces you're sympathetic and understanding in your relationships, often letting your kind heart rule your head. You are charitable and like to help others, perhaps even choosing a career in which you take care of those less fortunate than yourself. You feel drawn to nurture the underdogs in society, which is an admirable intent as long as you're careful to ensure that your trusting nature isn't being taken advantage of. It's important that you constantly remind yourself of your own personal power. This helps you avoid any tendency to put yourself at risk or fall into a victim role. This is also true for your primary relationship. You're a kind and loving person, and need to make sure that you enter into a relationship with someone who appreciates these qualities. Fortunately the planet Venus is considered to be honoured in the Sign of Pisces. Therefore you're likely to eventually fair well in your primary relationship. With the right person you'll enjoy sharing inspirational activities with your partner, whether it be listening to beautiful music or visiting an art gallery, or taking a peaceful walk by the ocean.

Venus is Conjunct Jupiter

"Lucky in love and money". This could be your personal motto because the favourable planets Jupiter and Venus are combining to shine good fortune on your relationships and finances. You're fun loving, generous and popular. With your sympathetic and kind nature, you've a talent for putting other people at their ease. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your horizons, perhaps even joining your travels around the world. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals. Other influences in your chart may indicate that you prefer to keep the home fires burning, but it's more likely that you seek adventure and romance with your partner.

MOTIVATION



*Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.
To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.
Horace, Epistles 65- 68BC.*

Mars

Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

Mars is in the 8th House

With Mars placed in the 8th House of your Birth Chart joint ventures and finances play a major role in your life. This can be sharing money and investments with your marriage partner, or it could be ventures with business partners, or both. You enjoy working towards your goals with other people, pooling ideas and resources, but the path is not always smooth. This could be because of circumstances beyond your control or because you rush into agreements without reading the fine print. You're so keen to do business with other parties that you brush aside the details in the belief that they will sort themselves out later, but this is not necessarily so. You need to take more care, particularly in connection with joint finances with your spouse. This is another problem area. It's difficult for you to agree with your marriage partner on the subject of joint money. Perhaps your spouse is extravagant, or perhaps you are. Either way money is likely to be a hot subject in your marriage. Legacies and wills are also likely to be fraught with difficulties. You may have difficulty trusting someone else to look after your financial matters, but this may provide a solution as long as you have a contract that protects your interests. It's also possible, depending on other influences in your Birth Chart, that you can benefit financially through joint enterprises that involve good honest hard work.

Mars is in Capricorn

The planet Mars in the Sign of Capricorn indicates that you're motivated by ambition. "A job worth doing is a job worth doing well" could be a good motto for your approach to both your personal and professional life. You have a serious side to your nature which seems to hold you back when you're young, but stands you in good stead as you grow older. You're cautious, slow to take risks, preferring the tried and true path trodden by others before you. It's not that you want to rely on other people. Quite the contrary. You're self-reliant and independent. It's simply that you're a serious person, who prefers to take things slowly and make sure that your responsibilities are carried out properly. You're a quiet achiever, reliable and trustworthy. You may not be as good as others at sounding your own trumpet, but you quietly achieve all that you set out to achieve, even if you do take a little longer than others. For this reason you're easily noted for promotion and leadership roles later in life as those in authority come to value your skills. It's also possible that you prefer

working independently of other people, in which case you'll benefit through your business or professional associations. This is fortunate because you're eager to get ahead in life. The planet Mars is considered to be in a favourable position in the Sign of Capricorn and therefore it's likely that you achieve your ambitions, although perhaps later in life.

Mars is Sextile Jupiter

Your friends have difficulty keeping up with you because the planets Mars and Jupiter are combining to give a boundless source of energy. On the whole you're a lively and resourceful person, who delights in good health and keeping busy. Any course of action is entered into with confidence and determination to succeed, which you're likely to do. You're always ready to help those who will help themselves, but you've no qualms about leaving behind those who are determined to rest on their laurels. You certainly know how to get yourself and other people motivated, and can make a good leader or manager. In fact you're quite ambitious, not afraid of tackling big projects. Others may think that you've taken on more than you can handle, but you usually prove them wrong. You're generous, self confident and lucky, with a tendency to go where angels fear to tread. You're also courageous, approaching life with gusto regardless of the consequences. You may be particularly keen to travel, enjoying the stimulation of visiting other venues. You could direct your energy to achievement in sports, politics or travel. Your only problem will be suffering from "burn-out" because you don't know when to stop and rest.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS



The road up and the road down are one and the same
Heraclitus, *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker* c540-480BC.

Saturn

The planet Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets. This planet is also linked with our ambitions, and how we approach the practical side of life. Saturn tells us about the traditions that have stood the test of time. This planet often represents the professional side of our lives, how we work to build what we need to survive.

Saturn is in the 2nd House

The planet Saturn placed in the 2nd House of your Birth Chart suggests that money is a serious business, with your personal finances requiring careful thought and planning. Your ability to earn money is influenced by other aspects in your chart. If you've good influences then you're able to slowly and steadily earn your person income through hard work and prudent investment. However, if you've difficult influences then earning money is likely to be a source of concern. Perhaps you work hard, but only seem to earn enough money to pay your bills, with little left over for luxuries. You could suffer monetary losses through loss of employment or unwise investments. Whether your finances gradually improve or continual to be a struggle, you need to plan carefully rather than make hasty decisions. Avoid impulse buying and get-rich-quick schemes. Don't let the lack of money affect your self-esteem, but learn to value other achievements and assets in your life. The good news is that the planet Saturn teaches us lessons through the school of hard knocks. Therefore you can achieve your personal financial goals later in life, even if the earlier years have proven a little challenging.

Saturn is in Cancer

The planet Saturn in the Sign of Cancer signifies that although you work hard to achieve your objectives in life, you suffer from feelings of discontentment. Sometimes you even feel jealous of all that other people seem to have. These mixed emotions can prompt you to change your aims, which can result in frequent changes of mood, pursuits and residences. You can become quite resentful if you feel that other people are standing in your way, putting up obstacles to your latest change of heart. As a result you can sometimes feel quite isolated from other people, and also quite revengeful and deceitful. You need to be wary of feelings of suicide. The reason for your struggles, astrologically speaking, is that the planet Saturn is considered to be in detriment in the Sign of Cancer. On a brighter side you do have the ability to overcome this side of your nature and to aim towards emotional satisfaction at work and home. You need to make sure that the vengeful and restless side of your nature is kept to a minimum, and to be honest with yourself and other people. In this way you can slowly and surely work towards achieving a happy home and workplace.

Saturn is Quincunx Neptune

The planets Saturn and Neptune are combining in your chart suggesting that you've difficulty achieving your career ambitions. It's likely that you're a highly creative individual, but that you either lack the confidence to follow your true path, or the ability to make your dreams a reality. This doesn't necessarily mean that you aren't successful in your career, but rather that something is missing. It could be that you're dissatisfied with your career choice, because you're not following your true vocation. It's also possible that you enjoy your work, but aren't being paid well, which leads to frustration and disappointment. No matter how much other people urge you to stand up for your rights, you believe that you're not in a position to do so. The problem may be that you've difficulty stepping back and appropriately assessing all of your options. You lack the confidence to pave your own professional path, afraid to leave the security and comfort of your current job, or you're too busy chasing rainbows to manage your career. At some stage in your life you're forced to learn to believe in yourself, to find the right mix of creativity and practicality. Once you've made steps along this process you gain the confidence to continue. Like a child learning to walk for the first time, you're soon off and running.

Saturn is Square Pluto

The combination of the planets Saturn and Pluto in your chart suggests that you're an ambitious, insightful and powerful person, but that you've some difficulty in achieving your ambitions. This could either be that you're overpowering in your attempts to pursue your ambitions, thereby alienating other people. This is particularly true in your relationships with anyone in authority. You don't take kindly to being ordered around by anyone. On the other hand you could also experience moments when you feel overpowered by a hostile world, uncertain of achieving your aims and objectives. The problems are likely to be rooted in your childhood, in which you struggled to find your own individual path. Perhaps one or both of your parents was particularly powerful, even violent during your childhood. It's also possible that your parents, or society's rules, couldn't handle such a powerful young personality. Either way you're likely to make a powerful impact on your friends, family, colleagues and loved ones, both as a child and an adult. At times you might be surprised by the extent of other people's reactions to your presence and opinions. You may even surprise yourself by your own reactions to some circumstances. Authority is likely to be a continuing source of difficulty in your life, as you attempt to find the right balance between your own individual rights, and those of the community. Of course there are many instances when these two rights coincide, but you're more likely to find yourself involved in the clashes. As a result you could be a powerful leader, perhaps in the government or as an executive or politician. You can be a powerful leader, but first you must learn to use your unique insights for positive purposes. The 19th Century author John Stuart Mill said in his work *On Liberty* (1859) that, "Everyone who desires power, desires it most over those who are nearest to him, with whom his life is passed, with whom he has most concerns in common, and in whom any independence of his authority is oftenest likely to interfere with his individual preferences". Herein lies a key to your chart. You've the ability to succeed in your ambitions, but first you must learn how to deal with the balance of power in your life, respecting both your own and other people's rights to succeed.

The Midheaven

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a Birth Chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words, how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

The Midheaven is in Aquarius

With a Midheaven in the Sign of Aquarius and ruled by the planet Uranus, you'll be attracted to any career which gives you the freedom to express your unique talents. You're ingenious and original, and likely to choose a career which reflects these talents. You may also choose an unconventional career path. You don't like routine and may feel trapped in a traditional office job. You prefer to work in a field where you believe you can make a difference, help humanity in some way. For these reasons it's also possible that

you'll change professions at least once in your lifetime. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include American zany actor Gene Wilder, jazz musician Miles Davis, Australian green politician Bob Brown and ballet dancer and choreographer Sir Robert Helpmann.

The Sun is Conjunct The Midheaven

This is a prominent placement of the Sun indicating that you are keen to make your mark on the world. You want to leave a legacy whether through your chosen profession, an official position in a group or club, or your children. You like to shine in the public eye. This could literally mean that you choose a career that propels you into the limelight such acting, singing, politics or teaching. However, it could simply mean that you are ambitious, keen to make it to the top in any field. Your reputation is important. This is a fortunate position of the Sun. Therefore you are likely to receive support enabling you to achieve your life ambitions. Others are happy to see you have your moment, or moments, in the sun. You need only set your goals, pace yourself and shine. As US General S Patton once said: *"I do not fear failure. I only fear the 'slowing up' of the engine inside of me which is pounding, saying, 'Keep going, someone must be on top, why not you?'"*

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY



*The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; one must sense him everywhere but never see him.
Gustav Flaubert, Correspondence 1857-64.*

Uranus

The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

Uranus is in the 5th House

The planet Uranus is in the 5th House of your Birth Chart suggesting that you've unusual, perhaps even unconventional creative abilities. This could be that your artistic talents display quite an unusual sense of taste, or that you're creative in a more scientific or metaphysical sense. Either way you like to be original both in your hobbies and your work. This placement also indicates unusual love affairs, and unconventional relationships with children. Perhaps you're too busy pursuing your creative interests to have time for children, or perhaps an unexpected event has prevented you from having children. If you do have children of your own, then they are likely to be independent, perhaps even unusual in some way. It's also possible that you and your children enjoy daring recreational activities together. In some cases you could experience a feeling of separation from your children. For example your children may assert their independence and go off on their own for a period of time, and you may find this emotionally painful and feel a sense of loss. On the other hand you may enjoy the fact that you have a child or children who value their autonomy. Scandal is likely to be a part of your life if you indulge in your fascination for love affairs. Gambling, or any kind of speculation, is also likely to be a rocky road, which is best avoided.

Uranus is in Scorpio

The planet Uranus was in the Sign of Scorpio from 1975 - 1981. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the Sign of Scorpio indicates that you belong to a generation which experiences highly-charged emotions and transformation in their lives. This generation holds many innovative ideas about change, and will need to call on these in order to transform the way in which the world uses its resources. This is the generation which will tackle the problems inherited from the past. It's likely that this generation will experience a world-wide upheaval during their lifetime.

Neptune

Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

Neptune is in the 6th House

The planet Neptune placed in the 6th House of your chart means that your health is likely to be a concern, either aiding or abetting your creative projects. At worst, you may suffer from a chronic disease or from allergies, or from recurring illnesses. It's likely that these illnesses were more prominent when you were a child. The good news is that your adult life is less likely to be plagued by ill-health. However, you may still have a heightened sensitivity to your immediate environment, and must adhere to strict hygiene at all times. You can benefit from clean, pleasant and peaceful surroundings, but you're also likely to suffer in stressful or unpleasant situations. You're likely to be sensitive to foods and alcohol, and need to pay close attention to your diet. You should make sure that all eating utensils are clean, and that you eat only the freshest food obtainable, avoiding too much animal fat. Your acute sensitivity can also be linked with drugs, including medical drugs. You need to avoid narcotic drugs, and take care with prescribed medical drugs. Discuss your sensitivity with your doctor. You may benefit from natural medical therapies, particularly any which include diet and lifestyle in the diagnosis. You're also likely to benefit from moments of seclusion, perhaps time spent with nature. If you're self-employed then you're likely to be able to be in control of your own environment. However, if you work in an office, you should warn your co-workers and employees that you're sensitive to your environment, enlisting their help in keeping your working space clean and hygienic. There's a chance that your workmates may not be supportive, as this placement of the planet Neptune can sometimes indicate that you experience difficulty and loss through the deception of your co-workers or employees. You may also decide to use your own experiences to benefit others, pursuing an avenue of employment which is linked with health and hygiene.

Neptune is in Sagittarius

The planet Neptune was in the Sign of Sagittarius from 1970 - 1984. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the Sign of Sagittarius indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the gift of spiritual vision. You'll be able to help humanity focus on spiritual goals and become more expansive and inclusive of differing races and beliefs.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE



The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

Pluto

The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

Pluto is in the 5th House

The planet Pluto is in the 5th House of your Birth Chart indicating that you've a powerful need to express yourself creatively. This could be through an artistic project, a unique talent in your field of work, or a hobby. It's likely that a hobby might command so much of your time and energy that it threatens to impinge on other areas of your life. You might choose to make your hobby your career so that you can further pursue your talents. Children may present difficulties in your life. You may have difficulty having children of your own, or you could discover that their demands are impinging on your creative activities. As you a result you struggle to find the right balance between spending time with your children, and spending creative time on your own. You need to be careful of being too dominating in your behaviour towards children. You should also be wary of becoming involved in love affairs, which could become obsessive.

Pluto is in Libra

The planet Pluto was in the Sign of Libra from 1972 - 1984. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the Sign of Libra suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global justice and transforming human relations. Your generation possesses the ability to see the necessity for change in personal and global relations.

PURPOSE AND JOY



*He who binds to himself a joy
Doth the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise
William Blake, MS Note-book.*

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node

The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

The North Node is in the 6th House

Your North Node is in the 6th House and your South Node is in the 12th House of your Birth Chart indicating a quest to learn responsibility. You need to let go of the desire to escape into fantasy and develop a productive new life.

The North Node is in Sagittarius

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Sagittarius and the South Node in the Sign of Gemini denoting that yours is a quest for loyalty and one-pointed vision. You've a tendency to be unstable filling your life with many people and activities. You may also experience conflict in your decisions. You need to develop a sense of direction and a higher vision.

The North Node is Trine Venus

The North Node and the planet Venus are combining in your chart suggesting that your destiny is linked with the need to develop harmonious and balanced relationships. Relationships play an important role in your accomplishments. You are joyous when you're part of a team, working in collaboration with other people to

achieve your objectives.

The North Node is Conjunct Neptune

You're on a spiritual quest, and your destiny is linked with expressing your artistic and creative talents. This is indicated by the association of the North Node and the planet Neptune. Your challenge is to discover your highest potential, which may be expressed through spiritual or artistic groups.

The South Node is Trine Mercury

The South Node and the planet Mercury are combining in a way that suggests your communication skills are highly-developed, but you need to avoid your tendency for talk rather than action. You're being challenged to stop scattering your energy in all directions and put your communication skills to good use so that you can achieve your purpose.

The South Node is Trine Pluto

You've a tendency to become embroiled in the dramas and crises of life, whether they be real ones or in your imagination. This is because of the association of the South Node and the planet Pluto in your Birth Chart. It's true that you're familiar with the darker side of life: matters such as jealousy, malice, under-handed deals, abusive behaviour, criminal elements and depravation. Your challenge is to rise above the negativity, whether it's your own or other people's, and to use your insights and resources for the good of others. For instance you could prove skilled in the area of crisis counselling.

The Ascendant

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The Ascendant is in Gemini

The Sign of Gemini is considered to be "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Gemini is also a Mutable Sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety.

You're clever, cunning, intuitive and restless. Enjoying life at a fast pace you certainly live up to the mutable side of the Sign of Gemini. You delight in taking a flexible and adaptable approach to life, preferring to keep all of your options open rather than committing to one course of action. Your primary motivation is stimulation, because you do not like to be bored. For this reason you're rarely settled in one place for long. You enjoy exchanging ideas with other people, whether it be through the spoken or written word. Your inability to concentrate, combined with your hectic pace of life, can sometimes get in your way in pursuing your true purpose. You've so many ideas and projects that you can't be relied on to complete anything. This is more likely to concern other people than you because of your ambivalence. Sooner or later you're forced to listen to the advice of those around you, telling you to select a course of action. Or perhaps your curiosity leads you to find a satisfying intellectual pursuit. It's likely you'll excel in educational pursuits, such as academic studies. Communication is vital, and you soon develop a strong desire for knowledge and expression to help you overcome the distractions in your life.

In Esoteric astrology the Sign of Gemini is linked with bridging duality. In other words your purpose is linked creating links between two forces whether this is simply the ability to mediate between two opposing parties, or the ability to educate others about the links between heaven and earth. Your purpose is connected with

recognising and working with the differences between material and spiritual values.

CONCLUSION



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This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.

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