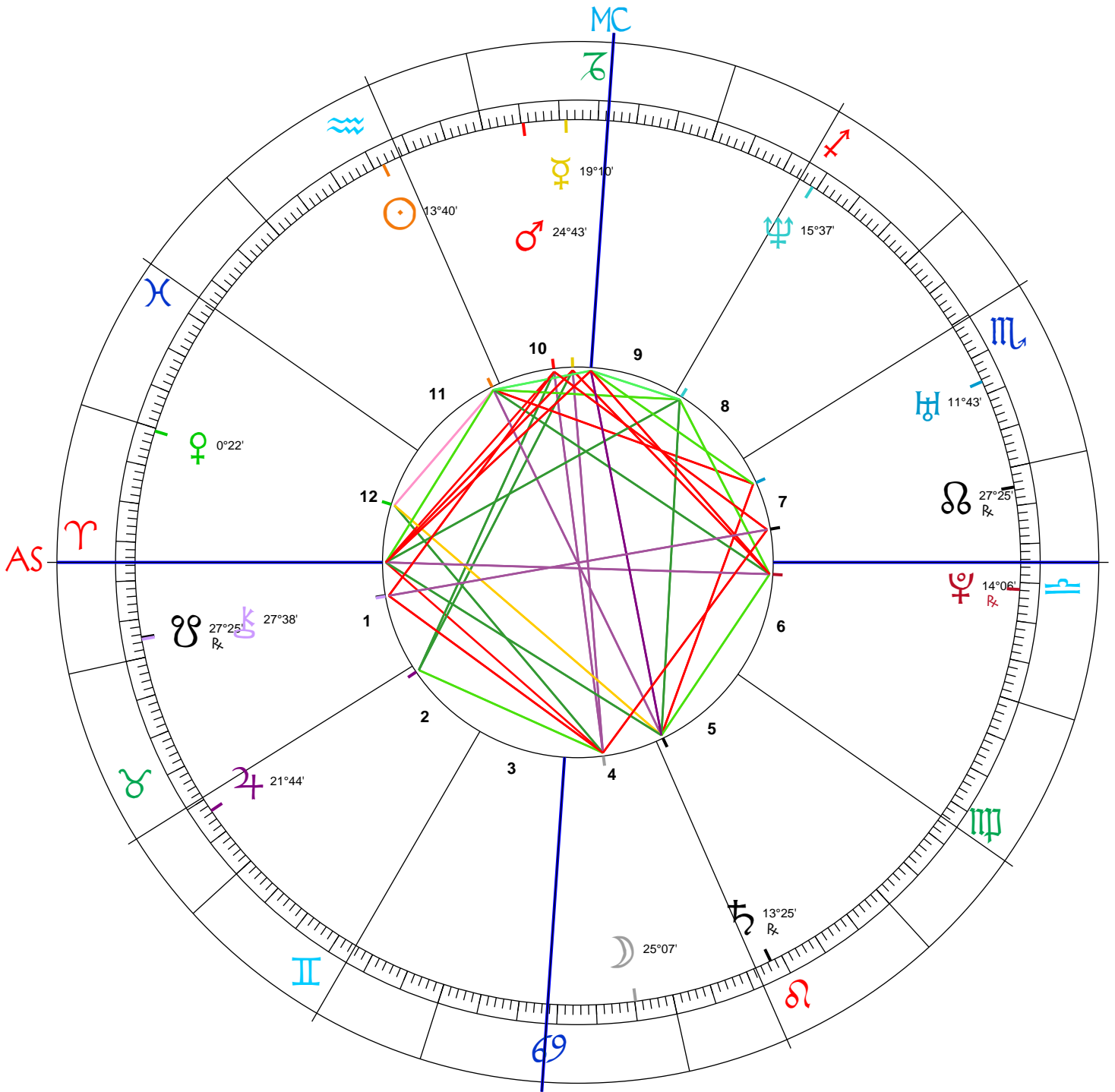


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Personal Outlook



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Barranquilla, Colombia Long:74°47'W Lat:10°57'N

Geocentric Tropical Placidus True Node

Planetary Positions

Planet/Point	Sign	Element	Modality	Position	House
Sun	Aquarius	Air	Fixed	13°40'	11th
Moon	Cancer	Water	Cardinal	25°07'	4th
Mercury	Capricorn	Earth	Cardinal	19°10'	10th
Venus	Aries	Fire	Cardinal	0°22'	12th
Mars	Capricorn	Earth	Cardinal	24°43'	10th
Jupiter	Taurus	Earth	Fixed	21°44'	2nd
Saturn	Leo	Fire	Fixed	13°25'	5th
Uranus	Scorpio	Water	Fixed	11°43'	7th
Neptune	Sagittarius	Fire	Mutable	15°37'	8th
Pluto	Libra	Air	Cardinal	14°06'	6th
Ascendant	Aries	Fire	Cardinal	17°37'	~
MidHeaven	Capricorn	Earth	Cardinal	13°43'	~
North Node	Libra	Air	Cardinal	27°25'	7th
Chiron	Aries	Fire	Cardinal	27°38'	1st

House Cusp Positions

House	Sign	Position	House	Sign	Position
1st		17°37'	7th		17°37'
2nd		19°42'	8th		19°42'
3rd		17°32'	9th		17°32'
4th		13°43'	10th		13°43'
5th		11°17'	11th		11°17'
6th		12°40'	12th		12°40'

Element Emphasis - Total Points

Air	Fire	Earth	Water
5	10	10	5

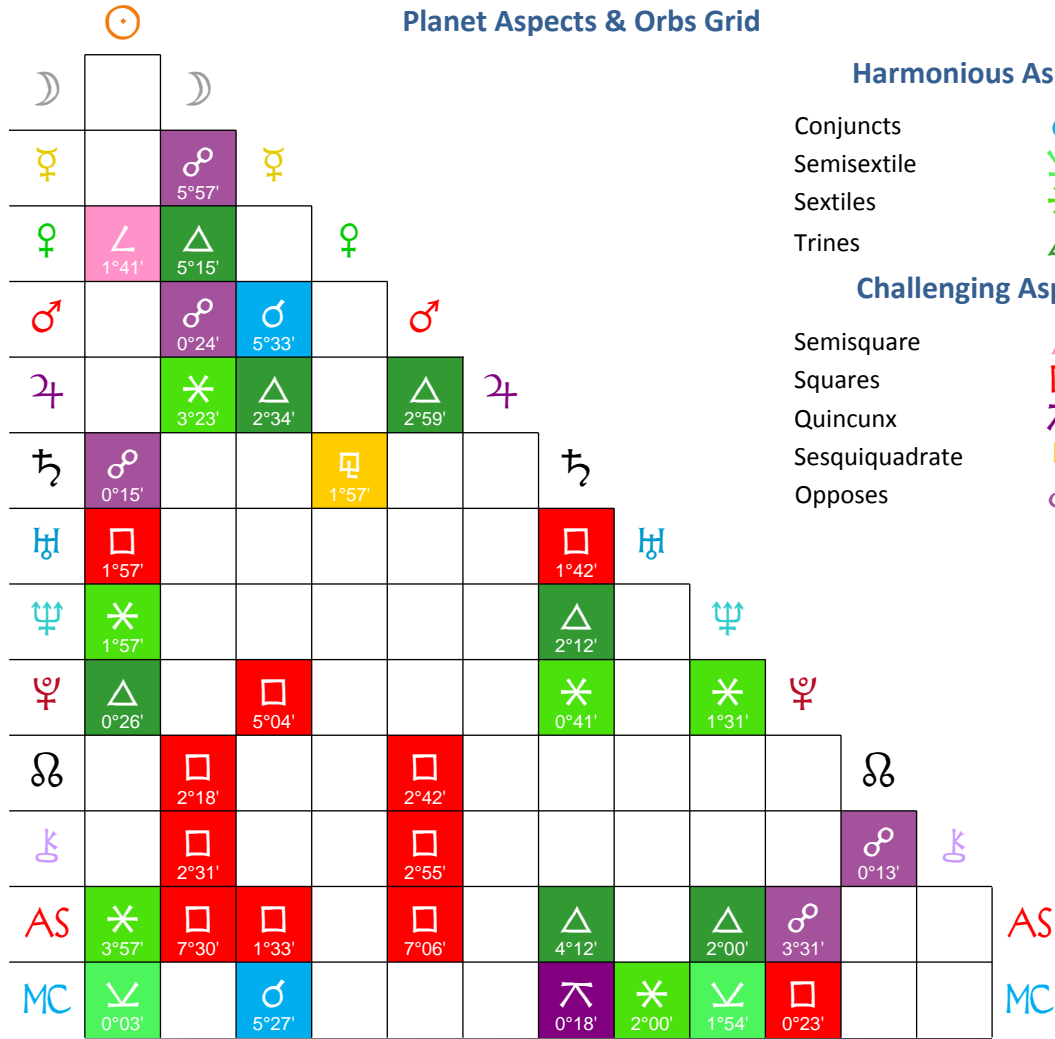
Modality Emphasis - Total Points

Cardinal	Fixed	Mutable
20	9	1

Planetary Weight Point System

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

Planet Aspects & Orbs Grid



Harmonious Aspects

- Conjuncts 0°
- Semisextile 30°
- Sextiles 60°
- Trines 120°

Challenging Aspects

- Semisquare 45°
- Squares 90°
- Quincunx 150°
- Sesquiquadrate 135°
- Opposes 180°

Planet Aspect List

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| Sun Semisquare Venus | Mars Squares North Node | MidHeaven Sextiles Uranus |
| Sun Opposes Saturn | Mars Squares Chiron | MidHeaven Semisextile Neptune |
| Sun Squares Uranus | Saturn Squares Uranus | MidHeaven Squares Pluto |
| Sun Sextiles Neptune | Saturn Trines Neptune | MidHeaven Squares Ascendant |
| Sun Trines Pluto | Saturn Sextiles Pluto | North Node Opposes Chiron |
| Sun Sextiles Ascendant | Saturn Trines Ascendant | |
| Sun Semisextile MidHeaven | Saturn Quincunx MidHeaven | |
| Moon Opposes Mercury | Uranus Sextiles MidHeaven | |
| Moon Trines Venus | Neptune Sextiles Pluto | |
| Moon Opposes Mars | Neptune Trines Ascendant | |
| Moon Sextiles Jupiter | Neptune Semisextile MidHeaven | |
| Moon Squares Ascendant | Pluto Opposes Ascendant | |
| Moon Squares North Node | Pluto Squares MidHeaven | |
| Moon Squares Chiron | Ascendant Sextiles Sun | |
| Mercury Conjuncts Mars | Ascendant Squares Mercury | |
| Mercury Trines Jupiter | Ascendant Trines Saturn | |
| Mercury Squares Pluto | Ascendant Trines Neptune | |
| Mercury Squares Ascendant | Ascendant Opposes Pluto | |
| Mercury Conjuncts MidHeaven | Ascendant Squares MidHeaven | |
| Venus Sesquiquadrate Saturn | MidHeaven Semisextile Sun | |
| Mars Trines Jupiter | MidHeaven Conjuncts Mercury | |
| Mars Squares Ascendant | MidHeaven Quincunx Saturn | |

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 AQUARIUS

KEYWORDS: SOCIABLE; HUMANITARIAN; SEEKS KNOWLEDGE; POLITICAL; PROGRESSIVE; RADICAL; INTELLECTUAL; UNCONVENTIONAL; MODERN; ECCENTRIC; REBELLIOUS; LOVES FREEDOM.

Your SUN is in AQUARIUS, indicating that you are essentially a friendly, intelligent and forward-looking person. You have many interests - for instance science, politics or even metaphysics, and people consequently find you a stimulating and sometimes provocative friend. You believe in progress, change and innovation, and have many advanced ideas about society and humanity, some of which you incorporate into your day-to-day life. Freedom to live the way you want, which may strike others as being unorthodox or even eccentric, is a vital necessity to you. Too much security and run-of-the-mill normality saps the life out of you and eventually results in feelings of alienation and stagnation.

In behaviour you vary from studiously tranquil and moderate, to surprising and unpredictable - delighting in shocking people out of their routines or set ways of thinking and seeing. You also oscillate between necessary periods of aloneness and then great social activity amongst various types of friends, especially those who share your unorthodox ideas. Your identity is revealed most clearly to you and others in the context of friendship or within groups of people sharing a common bond. Being part of something larger than yourself gives you a great sense of fulfilment (unless of course your individuality is sacrificed in the process). Your intuition is excellent, and your ability to analyse and understand people with detachment a great gift. Occasionally your thinking and perceptions verge on genius, sometimes madness. Your approach to love is modern and somewhat detached, since you are emotionally rather cool and discriminating. You allow your lovers a great deal of space and freedom but insist on being granted the same in return, which some find difficult. You need to be stimulated and interested by any partner you have, and need a great deal of variety and change within your relationships in order not to be bored. Possessiveness and excessive dependency are a definite turn-off.

THE SUN IN THE ELEVENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: HUMANITARIAN; COLLECTIVE; GROUP ORIENTATED; FRIENDSHIP; IDEALISTIC; SCIENTIFIC; UNORTHODOX; UTOPIAN; LIBERAL; POLITICAL; MODERN; EXPERIMENTAL; DETACHED ATTITUDE; RADICAL; ECCENTRIC; VISIONARY.

Your SUN is in the ELEVENTH HOUSE, meaning that you are at your best in group or collective situations in which you are bound together with other people by common ideas or ideals. You see yourself as a part of something

greater than yourself, and this sense of belonging may encompass anything from an organisation or club to humanity itself. You are highly idealistic, and motivated to change society by your thought or action. For this reason politics, as well as reform on any level, may be important to you. Some of your ideas may be unorthodox, or simply ahead of their time. Because of this some people may find you unsettling, radical or even eccentric. You may not be averse to taking revolutionary measures to bring about change, both in your own life and in society. You are probably aware of the latest trends of thought and are certainly not tied to tradition or orthodoxy for its own sake. You derive your identity to some extent from the group of which you feel yourself to be a member, be this your friends, your social group or your culture. This can give you a strong sense of identity but it may also rob you of your individuality, so that you become merely a mouthpiece for the party/subculture/group etc. There is a need with this house position of the Sun to retain your own identity whilst simultaneously accepting yourself as a part of something larger than yourself. Friendship is important to you and through friends you come to a greater understanding of who you are. You prefer the company of people who are creative and perhaps prominent in some way, or who have strong personalities. Your relationship with your father is likely to have been good, and you may have seen him more as a friend than an authority figure. You may often feel like an 'outsider' who does not belong to the mainstream of society, and you may feel more allegiance to those who live on its fringes. You need to have a vision or dream to actualise, and you should set yourself concrete goals to aim for. When motivated, you are capable of highly independent and self-aware action.

SUN OPPOSITE SATURN ★★★★★



KEYWORDS: DIFFICULT STRUGGLES; ILL-HEALTH; PESSIMISM; ANXIETY; LONELY; INFERIORITY COMPLEX; CREATIVE BLOCK; LOW VITALITY; LIMITATIONS; PROFESSIONALISM.

Your SUN is OPPOSITE SATURN, which shows a conflict between your conscious self and the principle of limitation. With this aspect you may often fall prey to doubts, fears and anxieties about your capabilities and worth as a person. Many of your feelings of inadequacy are likely to stem from your early relationship with your parents, especially perhaps your father, who you may have experienced as remote, cold, or sternly authoritarian. Your attempts at winning his affection or respect may have been met with stony disapproval, and consequently you could have grown up with a feeling that nothing you could ever do was good enough. The standards you set yourself in adulthood may be impossibly high, so that in effect you are setting yourself up for failure.

You may not have the self-confidence or self-love to let yourself be what you are, or to let others love you for who you are. As compensation for feelings of inadequacy, you might become highly ambitious, struggling hard to achieve success in life in order to win the approval and acknowledgement you feel you missed out on. Admitting to your father (or perhaps simply to yourself) that you feel this way might prove a very healing experience, as it may have been only his inability to express his feelings or voice his approval that led to your feeling rejected by him. Stop judging yourself and instead learn to accept yourself as you are - only then will you find it easier to accept praise and love when sincerely given.

You are capable of doing well in your chosen career, thanks to your professionalism, commitment, and sense of duty. You are well suited to positions of administrative, technical or financial responsibility, but make sure that you pay equal attention to other areas of life apart from work. There is more to life than doing a good job, after all!

SUN SQUARE URANUS ★★★★★☆

KEYWORDS: REBELLIOUS; WILD; INDIVIDUALISTIC; RADICAL; REVOLUTIONARY; SELF-WILLED; IMPATIENT; TENSE; SHOCKING; UNCONVENTIONAL; ECCENTRIC; PROGRESSIVE; REFORMING; MODERN; ANARCHIC; DISLIKE OF RULES AND RESTRICTIONS; ERRATIC; ORIGINAL; TROUBLE-MAKING; RASH; HEADSTRONG; ACCIDENT-PRONE; NERVOUS; UNSTABLE; RESTLESS; ELECTRIC; DYNAMIC; FAST; MANY CHANGES; ARROGANT; LEADING; CREATIVE; INTUITION; RADICAL DEPARTURES; UNCOMPROMISING; INDEPENDENT; VISION; HUMANITARIAN; IDEALISTIC; ABSTRACT; TECHNICAL; SCIENCE.

Your SUN is SQUARE URANUS, meaning that your ego is in conflict with your desire for freedom. You are a rebel at heart, and much your own person. You go your own way, or at least seek to, and hate being restricted by rules or regulations imposed on you from outside. This makes your relationship to authority and authority-figures strained, to say the least. At school for instance, you may have been openly rebellious and difficult to handle, and your relationship with your father may have been, or still is, particularly tense. You have a highly progressive outlook on life and are impatient for changes to occur in society, and this can make you appear radical or even threatening to more conservative types. You are idealistic and uncompromising in your desire to manifest your vision of how life could be, but sometimes you can alienate those whose co-operation you seek, because you are unable to adapt your demands to accommodate their reluctance to change immediately. Your life is always in a process of restless change, primarily due to love of the new, and your dislike of being in a rut. However, in your desire for the new you often you 'chuck out the baby with the bath water', abandoning much that you later realise was worth keeping hold of.

You have a strong feeling of being different to most people, and at times this can grow to the point of alienation, from society and even from yourself. This is particularly likely to be the case if you are (for whatever reason) unable to utilise your abundant creativity, or if you feel confined or tied down. Following your own path does you far more good than following other people's expectations of you, which in any case you probably find impossible to do!. You have a strong need for friends who will submit to your ego, something that may, if you are unaware of it, prevent the formation of lasting friendships. You are not impressed with tradition or orthodoxy for its own sake and you may be regarded by some as highly unconventional, even eccentric in your behaviour and attitudes.

SUN SEXTILE NEPTUNE ★★★★★☆

KEYWORDS: OPEN; IMAGINATIVE; IDEALISTIC; ABILITY TO 'FIT IN'; CREATIVE; TOLERANT; HUMANITARIAN; SYMPATHETIC; BROAD OUTLOOK; CREATIVE.

Your SUN is SEXTILE NEPTUNE, which means that there is a harmony between your ego and your imagination. Even if there are strong indications to the contrary in the rest of your horoscope, it is unlikely that you are totally grounded in the practical 'realities' of life, but are instead open to higher possibilities or ideals beyond 'getting and spending'. You have an imaginative approach to life and bring creativity to most things you do - even your work. You mix equally with people of all types, since you are tolerant and do not judge people by superficial standards. You are sympathetic to those who are underprivileged or handicapped in any way, and prefer to live in a society where there is a sense of collective care and consideration for people.

SUN TRINE PLUTO ★★★★★

KEYWORDS: INFLUENTIAL; SURVIVOR; LEADING; STRONG CHARACTER; CREATIVE POWER; MAJOR CHANGES; RECUPERATIVE STRENGTH; DYNAMIC; TRANSFORMATIONS; PIONEERING; GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS; AWARENESS OF AIM IN LIFE; STRIVING FOR POWER; RUTHLESS; STRONG-WILLED; SELF-KNOWLEDGE.

Your SUN is TRINE PLUTO, which means that your ego harmonises well with your deepest instincts and ability to use power. You periodically undergo major transformations in life that are characterised by a death or loss of what is old and outworn (such as old attitudes, modes of behaviour, relationships, lifestyles) and a rebirth into a new and more authentic and alive state of being. Such transformations may be psychological, intellectual or even physical. Such is your resourcefulness and your instinct for survival that you are able to cope with trials and crises that would crush lesser souls with courage and fortitude. In such circumstances you find that you can draw on reserves of strength and energy that normally lie dormant. You usually grow from such tests, and usually put into practice the lessons that you learn from them. Some find your strength and willpower daunting, though more than a little fascinating too.

You are capable of great commitment to a cause, idea or plan, and also of great achievements should you so wish. In pursuit of your goals you are ambitious and determined, and you excel at marshalling all the necessary resources. You are dynamic, effective and influential, and people naturally look to you for leadership, since you seem to know what you are doing and why you are doing it. It is likely that you will make quite an impact on people's lives, be this on a small or a large scale. If you are so motivated, you can be highly effective in helping to bring to light some societal injustice and in pressing for change or reform. Whatever you do, you bring to it an intensity, thoroughness and energy. You often push both yourself and others hard, although rarely beyond your own or their capacities. Personally, you possess a magnetism and a personal power that can be quite charismatic, although daunting to some. Sex is an important outlet for your creative energies, which otherwise might accumulate and be released explosively or destructively.

With this aspect it is likely that your life is punctuated by meetings, events or circumstances that could be described as 'fated', in that they seem to reveal some kind of hidden pattern or purpose to your life that is inexplicable in everyday terms. It is as though you are able to penetrate the surface of ordinary life and glimpse a deeper and more powerful realm of reality.

SUN SEXTILE ASCENDANT ★☆☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: OPEN; FRIENDLY; BRIGHT; PERSONALITY; ENERGETIC; POPULAR; POSITIVE; SELF-CONFIDENT; MANY CONTACTS; SOCIABLE; MOBILE; EXPRESSIVE; CREATIVE ENERGY; ENTHUSIASTIC; LIVELY RELATIONSHIPS; HAPPY MARRIAGE; OUTGOING; ACTIVE; RESTLESS; CHARMING; BREEZY; HUMOUR; GOOD CONTACTS; HONEST; INDEPENDENT.

Your SUN is SEXTILE THE ASCENDANT, meaning that your ego harmonises with your outward personality. You are generally bright, energetic and have a certain confidence, all of which goes toward you being popular and well-liked. You love activity and prefer to be 'on the go' - meeting people, socialising, and travelling, to being sedentary or inactive. You are naturally at ease with yourself, which enables other people to be at ease in your company. Your cheerfulness and good humour not only enables you to cope well with life's vicissitudes but is also one of the qualities potential lovers are drawn to. This aspect exerts a favourable, creative influence on marriage and any long-term partnerships (friendships, loves or business relationships) that you enter into.

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 CANCER

KEYWORDS: SENSITIVE; CARING; DEEP FEELINGS; RECEPTIVE; ATTACHMENTS; AFFECTIONATE; THE PAST; NOSTALGIC; PARENTAL; PROTECTIVE; NEEDS EMOTIONAL SECURITY.

Your MOON is in CANCER, and this shows that you are strongly emotional and need the security of love and a good home life. The Moon is in its own sign here, which means that the qualities symbolised by the Moon form a major part of your character. As such, you are highly sensitive, warm and caring. You are also easily hurt, with bad feelings sometimes lingering inside you for a long time. Your life flourishes when you have found the right relationship, preferably with someone who loves you as you need to be loved. Indeed, with the background of a strong and enduring relationship in your life you are able to function better in all areas. Without love, or without feeling needed, you tend to become broody, moody and melancholy. You may try to convince yourself that you don't need emotional sustenance though, and attempt to mask your feelings behind a wall of self-sufficiency or a show of strength and independence. However, this does not fool those who know you best - least of all yourself. It is vital for your own happiness that you learn to understand your needs and not be afraid to voice them. At the same time, it is good to cultivate a little detachment from your feelings so that you can occasionally laugh at the drama rather than be its victim.

You love ease and comfort and are most relaxed in surroundings that are familiar and with people that you trust. As such your home is especially important to you, both as a place of safety and peace, and as the place where you can raise your family. You have strong parental instincts and feel unfulfilled without a family of your own. As a parent you are highly protective, nurturing and supportive. Your childhood influenced you more than most and particularly important was the relationship with your mother, as this to some extent determined your capacity to find emotional security in adulthood. You may need to examine your past objectively and jettison old fears, irrational ideas and attachments that are no longer appropriate to your present life.

THE MOON IN THE FOURTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: DEPTH OF FEELING; NEEDS EMOTIONAL SECURITY; RICH HOME LIFE; FAMILY TIES; PARENTHOOD; CHERISHING; NURTURING; LOVE OF MOTHER; SMOTHERED; CARING; HABITUAL; DOMESTIC; STABLE; THE PAST; CHILDHOOD IMPORTANT.

Your MOON is in the FOURTH HOUSE of your horoscope, meaning that you need a stable home life in order to feel emotionally secure. Your family is central to your life, and knowing that you are loved gives you inner peace. Problems that occurred in your relationship to your parents in childhood or infancy may with this house position of the Moon still linger in your unconscious mind and affect you even now. For instance, if you felt unloved then, you may feel a great need for a parent/child relationship in your loves or within marriage, which can obviously give rise to problems. Similarly, if your early home life did not give you the sense of security that you needed, you may search for a place or even a country where you can feel that you belong. You can be a very private person, and your home is very much a safe haven from the pressures of the outside world. When 'things get tough', you tend to go back to the places you have loved and felt happiest in. You think about the past a great deal and consequently may have a love of such subjects as history or archaeology. You can be very caring and kind to people, especially those who are unhappy or in pain, and people in need of help or reassurance seem instinctively to turn to you for support. Parental approval may be important to you, but you should learn to sometimes say no to them if they are too demanding.

MOON OPPOSITE MERCURY ★★☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: INDECISIVE; NERVOUS; VOLUBLE; HIGHLY-STRUNG; IRRATIONAL; OVER-RATIONAL; DIFFICULTY EXPRESSING FEELINGS; EASILY IRRITATED; WORRY; ANXIETY; GOSSIP; CHATTER; RESTLESS; SUBJECTIVE COMMUNICATION; HABITUAL THINKING; RASH; CHANGEABLE; VACILLATING.

Your MOON is OPPOSITE MERCURY, indicating that you experience a conflict between feeling and thinking. Your thought-processes and communications with others are often strongly influenced by your emotions and feelings - which sometimes leads to misunderstandings. For instance, you are apt to speak without forethought, blurting out what you feel (or saying what you think) without considering the consequences or the repercussions. On occasions too you let subjective feelings or momentary considerations override reason and clear thinking, leading later to regret over impulsive decisions or hasty actions. You tend to mistrust logic, feeling it to be cold, hard and impersonal, preferring instead to judge people and events subjectively and by your own set of strongly held, although perhaps not explicitly formulated, values. You can be defensive and react strongly if your ideas or opinions are questioned, probably because you invest a great deal of emotion in what you think and believe. You find it tricky sometimes to remain detached and neutral in situations that other people seem to sail through effortlessly. You enjoy talking, but often end up talking about trivial matters or about your own private problems. Some with this aspect use up a lot of energy worrying, fretting or being in a state of anxiety - often with little real reason. Your state of mind is intimately linked with the state of your feelings, and if you are upset for whatever reason, your mind tends to churn, as you dwell on your problems. In this respect, relaxation or time set by each day for simply being calm and peaceful is of enormous benefit. Getting away from your home environment, reading, learning, joining discussion groups, and most importantly of all, discussing your feelings with a close friend or confidante, all allow you a healthier perspective on your emotional needs, and to understand them better.

MOON TRINE VENUS ★★☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: GOOD TASTE; RELAXED; CULTURED; ATTRACTIVE; ELEGANT; WARMTH; LYRICAL; EASE; ARTISTIC; REFINED; HOSPITABLE; LOVE; AFFECTIONATE; SYMPATHETIC; ATTRACTIVE HOME; EMOTIONALLY RICH; GOOD RELATIONSHIPS; BEAUTY; INDOLENT; CHARM; POPULARITY; WELL-LIKED; RECREATION.

Your MOON is TRINE VENUS, which means that your feelings are in harmony with your ability to relate to people. You are warmly disposed towards people and able to express your feelings towards them with ease. Your manner is friendly and warm in a natural and unforced way. Consequently you get on well with people, and your relationships with people are generally characterised by their tact, harmony, and richness of feeling. You have a gift for putting people at their ease in such a way that those who are shy or socially un-confident are able to relax and open up in your company. You have a love of beauty and art, and your home is likely to be well-decorated and comfortable, reflecting not only your good taste but also the emotional atmosphere within it. You welcome guests to your home and will offer shelter to friends that need it. Arguments in the home are likely to be settled amicably and peacefully (unless, that is, you have contrary aspects such as Pluto square or opposite the Moon, or Mars, Saturn, Uranus or Pluto in the Fourth House). You get on especially well with women, and in general they are supportive and caring towards you. You dislike brutality and vulgarity and avoid them wherever possible.

MOON OPPOSITE MARS ★★★★★

KEYWORDS: IRRITABLE; MOODY; AGGRESSIVE; IMPULSIVE; RASH; EXCITABLE; REBELLION AGAINST RESTRICTION; POLARITY OR CHOICE BETWEEN FEELINGS/ HOME-LIFE AND ASSERTION OR SEX.

Your MOON is OPPOSITE MARS, indicating a conflict between your need for security on the one hand, and your ability to assert yourself on the other. One manifestation of this aspect is that you may be subject to strong inner tensions which express themselves outwardly as irritability, anger or moodiness. If so, your relationships with others, especially those closest to you, may be tense. Such tension may have its roots in childhood. As a child, one or both of your parents (probably your mother), may have found it hard to express or satisfy their emotional needs in a balanced or reasonable manner, and consequently he, she or they may have often gave in to strong emotions such as anger or aggression. You may have grown up thinking that this was entirely normal, and so feel that you have to constantly defend yourself against attack, or even attack others before they attack you. Needless to say, this can give rise to friction between yourself and others. Anger can be a very destructive emotion, although in the right circumstances it is an entirely healthy and appropriate response. If you find that you are often touchy, irritable or angry with other people (or even with yourself) ask yourself whether you are in control of your feelings, or whether they control of you. Maybe they are simply a habit, a reflex. There is the possibility with this aspect too of having 'introjected' parental anger as a child, so that in adulthood there is a reserve of anger directed inwardly at ones own being, which may obviously give rise to all sorts of symptomatic behaviour, such as eating disorders or bullying.

Because your emotional reactions are often quick and intense, you may be prone to tensions caused by stress. You would do well to have plenty of outlets for your physical and emotional energies, in order to give yourself healthy 'release valves'. Sport, exercise, competitive games, outdoor pursuits are good candidates.

Another side to the Moon/Mars opposition is of experiencing a conflict between your feelings and your sexual desires. For example, you could feel that your family or parents don't approve of your sex-life or your lovers, or alternatively, you may feel that sex and intimacy are separate things. With this aspect it is important to cultivate self-acceptance and a healthy sense of self-love, so that one learns to direct one's plentiful emotional energies to emotionally constructive, fulfilling ends, rather than destructive and unfulfilling ones.

MOON SEXTILE JUPITER ★☆☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: WARM; FRIENDLY; GOOD-HUMOURED; LIKED; CHEERFUL; GOOD RELATIONSHIP TO MOTHER; GOOD HOME; SYMPATHETIC; DOMESTIC HARMONY; HONEST; GENUINE; SINCERE; HAPPY WOMEN; IMAGINATIVE.

Your MOON is SEXTILE JUPITER, meaning that your feelings harmonise with your ideals. People like you because you are sincere and generally cheerful. Your childhood is likely to have been happy, and your relationship to your parents, especially your mother, good. This has given you a sense of inner security, born of the knowledge that there is always someone to turn to for support if you ever need it. You are instinctively honest and appreciate this quality in others. You are tolerant of people's failings and are prepared to give them a second chance if they let you down. People sometimes look to you for sympathy or to have their spirits lifted. Your home is probably a friendly, lively and comfortable place to live in.

MOON SQUARE ASCENDANT ★☆☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: OVERSENSITIVE; TOUCHY; MOODY; CHANGEABLE; EMOTIONS AFFECTING RELATIONSHIPS; HABIT; EARLY CONDITIONING; WITHDRAWAL; NEED FOR SECURITY; IMPRESSIONABLE; SENTIMENTAL; FAMILY TIES; SEEKS APPROVAL; NEED FOR DETACHMENT; SENSITIVITY; WARM; FEELING; SUBJECTIVE; CONCERN; CARING; PARENTING.

Your MOON is SQUARE the ASCENDANT, which means that you experience a conflict between your expressing your feelings and keeping them to yourself. This aspect can manifest in a number of different, sometimes contradictory ways, but each points to your being a sensitive, emotional person who sometimes finds it difficult to keep feelings under wraps, although you may try very hard. You may be notably warm and caring, but find it easy to become overly involved in other people's problems. Perhaps this is a way of avoiding dealing with your own. On the other hand, perhaps you are wary of expressing your feelings openly for fear of making yourself vulnerable, but even so, your strongly emotional nature will express itself as moodiness or irritability. Learn to respect and honour your own needs and feelings - they are what make you special, after all. Honouring your feelings means telling someone that what they said hurt, or that you are uncomfortable with their behaviour. It also means being honest about what you need and want in life, and about what you do not need and want.

Another possibility with this aspect is that you can be very much a creature of habit, which may annoy those who live with you. Trivial matters, such as where you keep your toothbrush (or where your partner keeps theirs) may become 'bones of contention' and assume more importance than they really merit. Also, your strong ties to your parents may cause a certain amount of resentment with partners, who may pressure you to decide which matters more to you, them or your parents. You have a strongly sentimental streak and love to surround yourself with mementoes of the past, heirlooms or possessions that have a story attached to them.

MOON SQUARE MOON'S NODE(S) ★★★★★

KEYWORDS: LACK OF ADAPTABILITY; DIFFICULTIES WITH FAMILY; NEED FOR SECURITY.

Your MOON is SQUARE the MOON'S NODE(S), indicating that you experience a conflict between your emotional needs and your desire to grow as an individual. As a young adult, pursuing your interests or hobbies may have met with the disapproval of your family. They may have had other ideas about what you should be doing with your time and talents, and this could have led to quarrels or even a premature separation from the family home. On the other hand, you might be strongly influenced by family conditioning or by their concern for your security in life, and this might make you fearful of treading your own individual path or of discovering your individuality for yourself. If this is the case, it can lead to stagnation and to the comforting torpor of a totally secure (but totally predictable) life.

Another possible manifestation of this aspect is that your own desire to grow as a human being and fulfil your own potential may conflict with responsibilities to your spouse or children. If so, you should aim to integrate the needs of both, for example by including them in your plans and activities.

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 ARIES (ARIES RISING)

KEYWORDS: STRONG PERSONALITY; ASSERTIVE; ENERGETIC; SURFACE CONFIDENCE; AGGRESSIVE; FIGHTING; STRONG WILLED; PUSHY; BOLD; RASH; IMPULSIVE; FRONT; EXTROVERTED; LIVELY; DECISIVE; SPIRITED; YOUTHFUL.

BODY-TYPE AND APPEARANCE: TALL; REDDISH OR BLONDE HAIR; STRONG FOREHEAD; WIRY OR CURLY HAIR; BLONDE OR REDDISH HAIR; STRONG OR COMPACT FRAME; BULGING OR STARING EYES; HATS.

Your ASCENDANT is in ARIES, indicating that you are outwardly confident and assertive. Your natural approach to life is to meet it head-on, with energy, innocence, and daring. You make an impact in whatever situation you are in, and prefer to engage in life fully rather than hold yourself back. You are highly active - indeed, you probably hate inactivity or spending too long 'away from the action'. Most people appreciate your directness and honesty, although occasionally you tread on the sensitivities of more reserved types without realising it. You are impulsive and tend to act before thinking,

but this also means that you are good at making quick decisions when necessary. You are assertive and defend yourself and your interests vigorously when threatened. You can be headstrong, with the consequence that you forcefully resist being restrained in any way. You give the appearance of being highly self-confident, but if, for instance, your Ascendant is square to your Sun, then this may be just a surface impression and not how you really are underneath.

Having Aries Rising you are likely to have a strong and open face, with a pale or perhaps ruddy complexion and probably curly, fair hair. Your forehead is likely to be high (for head butting, like the Ram that is the zodiacal symbol for Aries!) and your eyes penetrating and clear, with a tendency to stare. Many people with this Ascendant seem to emphasise or accentuate the head area of their bodies, usually with some form of headgear, adding to the impression that they are people to be reckoned with. Your bearing is confident and energetic, and you instinctively push yourself forward in any situation rather than hold yourself back or merge into the background. Red, a hot, energetic colour, particularly suits (if used sparingly), in both clothing and decor.

In relationships you generally seek affection and togetherness, and are willing to compromise in order to maintain harmony. Being in a relationship of some kind is important, and although highly independent on the surface, the single life is unlikely to be one you would choose. In a potential marriage partner you seek someone who is attractive, fashionable, artistic and easygoing

ASCENDANT SQUARE MERCURY ★★★★★☆

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KEYWORDS: GOSSIP; MISJUDGEMENT; SUPERFICIAL; FLIGHTY; ANXIOUS; NERVOUS; COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES; MISUNDERSTANDINGS; OVER-ANALYTICAL; CRITICAL; INTELLECTUAL; STIMULATING; CHATTY; UNFRIENDLY; DISAGREEMENTS; ACTIVE MIND; NERVOUS ENERGY; EDGY; SCATTERED ENERGY; RUMOUR; PRACTICAL JOKES; INSINCERE.

Your ASCENDANT is SQUARE MERCURY, meaning that you experience a conflict between your communication skills and your outward personality. This manifests in a variety of ways, the first being that you tend inadvertently to say things you don't mean, or are often misunderstood by people. You are naturally very talkative, and at times you find it difficult to stop yourself from gossiping or saying things you later realise you shouldn't have, and this may lead people to be cautious about what they tell you. You probably possess a high degree of nervous energy, and an active mind, both of which may make it difficult to slow down or relax. You are constantly on the move, and may even fear resting because it forces you to confront your real feelings and thoughts. Periodic rest is vital however, as it gives your mind and nervous system a chance to calm down and replenish their energy. Otherwise, you could exist in a state of restless anxiety.

You enjoy mental pursuits such as reading etc, and may be an obviously intelligent or even intellectual person. Don't let your intelligence get in the way of living however, or you could spend more time thinking about life than actually experiencing it.

ASCENDANT TRINE SATURN ★★☆☆☆

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KEYWORDS: MATURE; RESPONSIBLE; SERIOUS PERSONALITY; EXPERIENCED; HARD-WORKING; SENSIBLE; RESPECTED; STRONG; STABLE; STABLE MARRIAGE; PRACTICAL; ECONOMICAL; BUSINESS-SENSE; SELF-DISCIPLINED; SELF-RELIANT; INTEGRITY; RELIABLE.

Your ASCENDANT is TRINE SATURN, which means that you experience a harmony between your outward personality and your ability to deal effectively with reality. You have a realistic attitude to life and are, if necessary prepared to put off short-term pleasures in order to achieve long-term goals. This aspect of Saturn lends weight to the personality, so it is unlikely that you are frivolous or superficial. Indeed, your sense of responsibility, and the natural air of authority you project, inspires people's respect. In your work you are suited to roles that demand discipline and professionalism. In behaviour you can be somewhat reserved, certainly not given to impulsive or uncontrolled actions. You do not unthinkingly trust your feelings, nor do you base your judgement and actions on them, which makes some people regard you as cold or uncaring. This would be a misinterpretation of your real nature however. Tradition and the past are important to you, and as such you may be rather conservative in your attitudes. Change simply for change's sake does not appeal in the least. You are capable of achieving much in life through your own hard work. Your relationships benefit from your maturity and loyalty, and consequently your marriage in particular is likely to be stable.

ASCENDANT TRINE NEPTUNE ★★★★★☆

KEYWORDS: COMPASSIONATE; REFINED; IDEALISTIC; ROMANTIC; KIND; UNDERSTANDING; ARTISTIC; IMAGINATIVE; WEAK; OPEN.

Your ASCENDANT is TRINE NEPTUNE, indicating that there is an easy flow of energy between your imagination and your personality. This aspect denotes physical sensitivity, and may bring a softness or gentleness to the appearance, as well as a certain imaginativeness to the clothes you wear and the image you project. Indeed, people may see you as glamorous, alluring or even mysterious. In general, your openness and sympathy makes it easy for people to trust you. People often open up in your presence, expressing things they would normally hold back. People often come to you when they need a shoulder to cry on - something you may or may not welcome, depending on the rest of your birthchart.

Art, fashion, beauty or spirituality may strongly influence your lifestyle, and you may be drawn to some form of spiritual path or artistic expression - although whether you pursue this seriously and with commitment is another matter. You need a harmonious or beautiful environment in order to feel at peace, and time spent quietly each day enables you to recharge your energies and recuperate from prolonged social contact or work. You are sensitive to your environment and quickly pick up the emotional atmosphere around you. You find it easy sometimes to let things drift, so it is a good idea to make time out periodically to attend to practical problems and get them out of the way.

ASCENDANT OPPOSITE PLUTO ★★★★★☆

KEYWORDS: POWERFUL OR DEMANDING MARRIAGE PARTNER(S); INTENSE RELATIONSHIPS; FATAL ATTRACTIONS; ANTI-SOCIAL; DOMINATION; SOCIAL POWER; FASCINATING; DEMANDING; PUBLIC OR POLITICAL POWER; TRANSFORMED BY RELATIONSHIPS; STRUGGLES; POWER GAMES; MANIPULATION; DEPTH OF LOVE.

Your ASCENDANT is OPPOSITE PLUTO, indicating that your long-term relationships are usually intense. The issue of power often comes up in your relationships, whether you actively seek it or not. You may be especially attracted to people who possess personal, social, financial or sexual power. On the other hand, you may have such power yourself and exert a similar fascination over others. This is fine if that power is not abused, but if it is then the relationship can prove quite destructive, with one partner subtly, or not so subtly, trying to dominate, possess or manipulate the other. For this reason you should be wary of whom you make any sort of commitment to, and should learn to trust both your instincts about other people (which are acute), and also the feeling that there is 'someone' out there whom you are destined to share your life with.

You may with this aspect be quite active publicly, perhaps even to the extent of 'courting publicity', though there is the danger that this backfires on you. You know how to wield power in social situations, and may at times even become involved in intrigues or political manoeuvring to maintain your position or influence.

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 CAPRICORN

KEYWORDS: STRUCTURED THINKING; THOROUGH; LOGICAL; CONSERVATIVE; REALISTIC; SHREWD; PLANNING; COMMON SENSE; PRAGMATIC; CONCENTRATION; PATIENCE; SERIOUS.

Your MERCURY is in CAPRICORN, indicating that you are mentally serious and practical. Your mind is disciplined, objective and exacting. You have more than the usual amount of common sense, and take a down-to-earth, pragmatic approach to life. What you say is worth listening to since you always speak from experience and logic rather than from supposition or speculation. You are good at focusing your mind and shutting out distractions. You are able to concentrate on the task in hand whilst keeping in mind the overall aims of whatever you are involved in, which makes you efficient and organised in your approach to most things. You plan ahead carefully, and are good at marshalling the necessary resources to achieve an objective. At times your outlook and speech has a sober or morose quality, due to the depth of your thinking, as well as your tendency to dwell on problems. You are perhaps not the most relaxed or sparkling of social conversationalists. Your seriousness however gives you an air of wisdom, integrity, and authority that most people respect. Your thinking can be decidedly negative at times, and you may need to guard against the tendency to find the cloud behind every silver lining. You strive to develop your mind however, and are interested in business, commerce, science, and management. You communicate especially well in a business or corporate environment, and are well suited to work that necessitates dealing with the public in a professional manner, or that involves leading or organising a team of people.

MERCURY IN THE TENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: TRAVELLING IN CONNECTION WITH CAREER; MENTAL WORK; PLANNING; LECTURING; COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY; ADMINISTRATION; THE MEDIA; TRANSPORT; CAPABLE; TRAINING; TEACHING; PUBLIC SPEAKING; PUBLIC RELATIONS; ORGANISED; CLEAR GOALS.

Your MERCURY is in the TENTH HOUSE of your horoscope, and this means that your career or job involves communication or mental work. You give much thought to your work or your career, and may have planned it intelligently from an early age. Not that it will follow a fixed path however, indeed it is likely to be notably varied, reflecting you changing interests and ambitions. Certainly, you are good at networking and establishing contacts favourable to you in the future. You are suited to work involving a strong element of communication, writing, speaking, analysis, problem solving, or teamwork. You seek work that makes demands on your intelligence or intellect, and which offers variety, mobility, and plenty of contact with other people or their ideas. Publishing, public speaking, journalism, teaching, writing, etc. would be suitable fields, as would the telecom industry, public relations, and the transport industries, such as railways, cars etc. You have an instinct for saying the right things at the right time in order to be seen in a good light by your employers or by the public. You are also adept at time management - in other words sorting out your

priorities and organising your work, in order to make the best use of your time and energy. To further your career and enhance your expertise or skills, you are likely to undertake a good deal of training or further education during your work life. Your work environment may be very busy and involve a good deal of commuting or travelling. Be careful of gossip at work or amongst colleagues.

MERCURY CONJUNCT MARS ★★☆☆☆



KEYWORDS: MENTALLY ASSERTIVE; SHARP TONGUE; QUICK-WITTED; OUTSPOKEN; FRANK; ENTERPRISING; ARGUMENTATIVE; SARCASTIC; DECISIVE; REPARTEE; JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS; STRONG-MINDED; MENTAL BATTLES; RESTLESS; IMPATIENT; DEBATE; SHARP; INTELLIGENT; PENETRATING INTELLECT; HASTY; NERVOUS ENERGY; MENTAL ACTIVITY; ARTICULATE; MENTAL ENERGY; TOUCHY; MENTAL EFFORT; DISPUTES.

Your MERCURY is CONJUNCT MARS, which means that you assert yourself verbally and mentally. You have a sharp and penetrating intelligence and are definitely 'on the ball'. Your mind works quickly, and you are rarely stuck for an answer when questioned. You are naturally argumentative and defend your ideas fiercely. If criticised, or your judgement questioned, you react defensively and can take up standpoints that you know are not really worth taking. Depending on childhood experiences, you may be tempted to dominate others mentally, or attack them unnecessarily through criticism or even sarcasm. You are frank (sometimes overly so) and outspoken, and because you know your mind well you are not afraid to speak it clearly. You love a good debate and are an impassioned, skilled and forceful speaker, for which reason you may make a good public speaker, or may be drawn to politics. You put a lot of energy into mental activities and are capable of hard slog when it comes to writing, reading and thinking things through. You have much nervous energy and are rarely inactive for long. Take care not to overstrain yourself or over-tax your resources. Give your mind and your body a break sometimes.

MERCURY TRINE JUPITER ★★★★★



KEYWORDS: BROADMINDED; INTELLIGENT; CONSTRUCTIVE; POSITIVE MENTALITY; WELL-READ; LITERARY; PUBLISHING; HIGHER EDUCATION; WRITING; TOLERANT; CONFIDENT SPEAKER; HONEST; ETHICAL; QUICK GRASP; TRAVELLING; INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS; OPTIMISM; PHILOSOPHICAL; EVOLVED; LEARNING; FORESIGHT; WEALTH OF IDEAS; ORATORY; BUSINESS SENSE; KNOWLEDGEABLE; INTEGRITY; HIGH STANDARDS; AFFABLE; SENSE OF HUMOUR; GOOD COMPANY; ORGANISED; WIDE SCOPE; STUDYING; THINKING ON A LARGE SCALE;

Your MERCURY is TRINE JUPITER, which means that you have a positive mentality and communicate with confidence. You find it easy to grasp ideas and are confident in expressing them, for which reason you are likely to have done well at school. You believe in the power of positive thinking and always look for the opportunities to be found in even the most seemingly difficult problems. You enjoy thinking on a large scale and tend to make bold plans for the future. You have so many good ideas at any one time, that by the law of averages many never get past the drawing board. You could well have a talent for writing, teaching, or even public speaking, such is your enjoyment of, and skill in, communicating and presenting ideas in a way that stimulates and enthuses people. Even if you choose not to pursue these paths, your love of reading, literature and current ideas ensures that your mind never grows dull. You are stimulating company and have a generous sense of humour.

You enjoy broadening your mind through new experiences, for which reason you may be a keen traveller. You are tolerant, particularly of views or opinions different to your own, and are more interested in discovering the truth than in mindless adherence to a particular position. You may establish fortunate connections in the publishing or broadcasting field.

MERCURY SQUARE PLUTO ★★☆☆☆

KEYWORDS: POWERFUL THINKER OR COMMUNICATOR; CONTROVERSIAL; SECRETIVE; PENETRATING; HARSH; PERCEPTIVE; CRITICAL; RESEARCHING; INVESTIGATIVE; PROFOUND; DEEP-THINKING; DETECTION; CUNNING; VERBAL AGGRESSION; INTELLECTUAL POWER-STRUGGLES; FORCEFUL SPEAKER; DISAGREEMENTS; STUDY; MYSTERIES; EXTREME IDEAS; INSIGHT; SUSPICIOUS; SARCASTIC; PROPAGANDA; TABOO; COMPULSIVE SPEECH.

Your MERCURY is SQUARE PLUTO, which shows that you experience a conflict between your mental and communication skills on the one hand, and your instincts or power needs on the other. You are highly perceptive, and rarely take things, events, or people at their face value. Indeed, your immediate reaction is often one of suspicion, which may lead to an overly cynical outlook on life. You can be highly secretive, and certainly, you are adept at keeping information to yourself. You realise that knowledge is power, and that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing (to use a well-worn cliché), so you are judicious in your communication of it to other people. In fact, you can sometimes be quite devious when you want to be. When you communicate, you do it forcefully, even harshly, and may be known, or even feared, for your cutting remarks or biting wit. Arguments and intellectual power struggles are likely to be a fact of life for you, and it often seems as though people are threatened by what you say even - if this is not your intention. Perhaps your acute insight makes them feel uncomfortable. There is something compulsive about your thought-processes, and perhaps also with your speech. Once you start talking you may find it difficult to stop. Alternatively, it may be hard to get a word out of you at all. You can be a fascinating, moving and compelling speaker, a gift you may need to learn wisely and to constructive ends.

You are fascinated by mysteries, and not afraid to investigate or delve into areas many would consider taboo, particularly if they involve the darker or more hidden aspects of life, such as the occult, crime, sex etc. You are adept at thoroughly researching a subject, and have the knack of shutting out all distractions when you do. Be aware of your tendency towards obsessive or black-and-white thinking however, and allow other people to hold views that differ from your own.

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 ARIES

KEYWORDS: ATTRACTIVE; OUTGOING; OPEN AFFECTIONS; SOCIABLE; POPULAR; BRASH; LOUD; SEXY.

Your VENUS is in ARIES, which indicates that you relate forcefully and impulsively. You are confident about your attractiveness as a person and are energetic in your pursuit of love. You are somewhat impulsive about entering into relationships, and are ardent in your affections. You enjoy conquering, chasing, or being chased by, the object of your affections. You can be fiercely competitive when necessary and are prepared to fight for the person you love. In a relationship you give a great deal, and demand a lot in return, and many of your relationships are characterised by their drama and tempestuousness. Socially, you are an extrovert and you enjoy being the centre of attention, preferring fun and games to more sedate forms of entertainment such as quiet conversation. You may be artistically gifted, although you might not have enough patience to actually develop your potential. Dancing appeals to you, as it combines the pleasure symbolised by Venus, with the physical energy of Aries. You are an open person and generous with your time and money. Your sexuality or appearance may be one of your most powerful assets. Women in your life are often assertive, independent or dynamic, but this is a quality you appreciate.

VENUS IN THE TWELFTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: COMPASSIONATE; ROMANTIC; ARTISTIC; LOVING; SELF-SACRIFICIAL; RETIRING; GIVING; MERGING; LONGING; UNIVERSAL LOVE; MUSIC; POETRY; ART GALLERIES, MUSEUMS ETC.; SECRET RELATIONSHIPS; LOVE OF SOLITUDE; ESCAPIST; IMAGINATIVE.

Your VENUS is in the TWELFTH HOUSE of your horoscope, meaning that you are attracted to the inner, hidden or spiritual side of life. You are very sensitive and compassionate towards people, and believe more in the common ground that people share than in differences of background, class or race. You get on with most people, but can often be shy about expressing your affection towards them. You enjoy solitude, and are remarkably at peace with yourself. In private, you indulge your rich imagination, and may have a love of art, music and anything that stimulates you to dream or transcend the everyday world. Unlike some people, you are not threatened by the inner world of the unconscious mind or by things that hint of the otherworldly, such as tarot cards, dreams, meditation etc. In your desire to go beyond your normal boundaries and 'get high', you may be drawn to alcohol or drug use, but this is unlikely to become a problem unless other factors in your horoscope emphasise this. You may come into contact with institutions such as hospitals, art galleries and even prisons (as a helper or worker, not as an inmate!) and you are likely to benefit from these experiences. You can at times be self-indulgent or even lazy, but you are likely to have hidden talents that other people are unaware of.

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.

MARS IN CAPRICORN

KEYWORDS: DRIVE; AMBITION; TOUGH; ENDURING; AUTHORITY; EFFICIENT; COLD; POWER; ASTUTE; ORGANISING; EXECUTIVE; HARD-WORKING; DETERMINATION; RESPONSIBLE; STRUGGLE.

Your MARS is in CAPRICORN, indicating that you assert yourself in a highly controlled manner. Mars is Exalted (strong) in Capricorn, so getting what you want and defending yourself are things you do well. However, unlike, for example, someone with Mars in Aries, you are rarely given to displays of temper, nor do you seek confrontations with others in order to prove your strength. Rather, you simply pursue your own interests in a determined and organised manner. You are ambitious, hardworking and pragmatic, with the result that you will probably rise to a position of authority or executive power. You command respect in your field of endeavour due to your professionalism, competence,

and no-nonsense approach, and you rarely let people or situations stand in the way of achieving a goal. Business associates and those in power regard you as a safe bet financially and trust your judgement. Your ability to marshal resources and organise people makes you a highly effective and dynamic manager or team leader.

You are earthily sexual but highly self-controlled. You hate rejection and so don't come on too strongly with prospective partners until you know it is safe to do so. At times you may find it hard to express affection openly, and may need a partner with the sensitivity and patience to persevere. If your affections are aroused however, you are exceedingly loyal and supportive, in practical and even financial ways.

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 JUPITER ★★★★★☆



KEYWORDS: BOUNDLESS ENERGY; ACTIVITY; HONOUR; PROCREATION; LOVE OF FREEDOM; BUOYANT; OPEN; FRANK; OPTIMISM; LUCKY; JOIE-DE-VIVRE; SPIRITED; SPORTING; SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISES; ORGANISING; PROWESS; ENTHUSIASM; PHILOSOPHICAL OR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY; POSITIVE; HEALTHY AMBITION; CONSTRUCTIVE; ADVENTURE; PHYSICAL STRENGTH; FORTUNATE; DISLIKE OF UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS; BONHOMIE; COURAGE; CONFIDENCE; HONESTY; PRINCIPLED; DRIVE TO SUCCEED; TRAVEL.

Your MARS is TRINE JUPITER, which indicates that your ability to assert yourself harmonises with your ideals. You have a confident and positive approach to life and are highly energetic. You have strong beliefs and the courage to act on your convictions. Not that you are rebellious or go out of your way to flout authority, but most of your actions are based on ethical principles and you are prepared to stand up and fight if your freedom, or even other people's, is threatened, or you see injustice being done. Because of this people respect you, and they are also inspired by your enthusiasm and capacity for positive action. Your optimism seems to generate its own good fortune for you, and you are quick to spot and take advantage of any opportunities that come your way. You are enterprising and prepared to take risks in life, and for this reason are likely to be successful in many of your endeavours. You are frank and forthright, and believe in honesty and honour, and consequently people always know where they stand with you. You love the adventure and freedom that travelling gives you.

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 CAPRICORN

KEYWORDS: AMBITIOUS; REALISTIC ATTITUDE; PERSEVERANCE; CAREER-ORIENTATED; HARD-WORKING; SLOW BUT SURE ADVANCEMENT; FOCUSED; INDUSTRY; DETERMINED; DISCIPLINED; OVERWORKED; PROMINENT; ACHIEVEMENT; RECOGNISED; INTEGRITY; AUTHORITATIVE; AUTHORITARIAN; STRUGGLE; CONSERVATIVE; BUSINESS; THE ESTABLISHMENT; EARNED SUCCESS; ALOOF; TRADITIONAL; STATUS; STRIVING FOR SECURITY.

Your MIDHEAVEN is in CAPRICORN, indicating that you are prepared to work hard to realise your aims in life, and you seek to be known and respected for your achievements. You seek status, respect and material security, and you pursue your career goals in a methodical, carefully planned manner. You respect authority and are sensitive to the public's image of you, for which reason you may come across as a rather conservative pillar of society. You honour the traditional values of hard work, duty and responsibility, and believe in contributing to society. You may have a strong sense of vocation and are prepared to sacrifice a great deal to achieve your aims. You may be something of a workaholic. In public you can be rigid, authoritative or come across as highly polished and professional. You may have executive ability and are suited for positions of responsibility. Business, industry, administration, academia and scientific research are fields in which you would excel. You are likely to possess organisational, managerial or business skills.

MIDHEAVEN SEXTILE URANUS ★★☆☆☆



KEYWORDS: UNUSUAL HOME LIFE; FREEDOM WITHIN THE FAMILY; ENLIGHTENED UPBRINGING; POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS FUTURE; ESTABLISHING ONE'S OWN LIFE; STIMULATING CAREER;

Your MIDHEAVEN is SEXTILE URANUS, which means that there is a harmony between your desire for freedom on the one hand, and your goals and your upbringing on the other (especially the latter). As a child, your parents probably gave you a great deal of leeway to be yourself and to do things the way you wanted to do them. They may have done this because they respected your individuality, or perhaps because they believed in a liberal upbringing. Either way, you no doubt benefited from the enlightened and fairly free atmosphere within the family, and this has enabled you to view your future with some excitement - since you instinctively feel that life will allow you the same freedoms that you experienced when young. For this reason you are likely to seek work that allows creative stimulation, or that requires initiative and the freedom to set your own objectives. You will probably change jobs, and even direction, several times in your life, as your interests and ideas change.

MIDHEAVEN SQUARE PLUTO ★★★★★

KEYWORDS: TWISTS OF FATE; ABUSES OF POWER; DESIRE FOR STATUS; EXTREME AMBITION; DIFFICULT PUBLIC IMAGE; DESIRE TO CHANGE THE WORLD; REVOLUTIONARY; DISRUPTED CHILDHOOD; DESTINY; OFFICIAL DISFAVOUR; AUTOCRATIC; ABANDONMENT.

Your MIDHEAVEN is SQUARE PLUTO, which indicates that your desire for power conflicts with your career or goals in life. During childhood, traumatic experiences may have resulted in a lack of inner security, and a feeling that the world is a hostile place, full of potentially threatening situations. This could have resulted (naturally enough) in a desire for power, especially social power, as a means of enabling yourself to feel secure and in control. Indeed, for you, recognition, success, and status may very much be a substitute for missing childhood security, whilst recognition by the public may feel very much like the recognition from your parents you feel you lacked. Consequently, you may feel strongly driven to succeed in your ambitions at all costs, and this can give rise to conflicts with those who are threatened by your goals. Your aims may be at odds with those in authority, and thus you may also provoke their opposition. There is a strongly revolutionary streak within you, and this can lead to your imposing your will or ideas on people, which of course they will resist. If at all political for instance, you may be vociferous in your demands and not afraid to register your protest. The public, should you be known to them, may be wary of you, regarding you as either subversive (if not in power) or autocratic (if possessing power). You want to rise to the top, and given your motivation probably will, but you should be careful not to take too many short-cuts or make too many enemies on the way, otherwise you could be laying the foundations for your own downfall. You have a strong sense of destiny, and to back this up may experience many 'twists of fate' in your life that change your position radically. If you regard power as a tool to be used for everybody's benefit rather than an end in itself, you can potentially contribute a great deal to the improvement of society.

♃ 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 TAURUS

KEYWORDS: HEDONISTIC; WEALTHY; ABUNDANCE; LUXURY; WASTE; POSSESSIONS; RELIABLE; BUSINESS SKILLS; FARMING; PLEASURE-LOVING; TRUST; GENEROSITY; INDULGENT; ART; MATERIALISTIC.

Your JUPITER is in TAURUS, indicating that you have a positive attitude towards material security. You are naturally lucky where money is concerned, not least because you enjoy working hard to acquire it. At some level, you feel life will always provide for your needs, and it is perhaps this faith that somehow attracts good fortune. You love 'the good life' but may be extravagant, both with yourself and others, almost to the point of excess. You would be good in business however since you are skilled at spotting and quickly exploiting opportunities. You may even have a gift for turning problems into positive advantages, and some may regard you as a potential tycoon or magnate. You work with enthusiasm and determination to build things up, be it your home, a business or even your garden, but are not afraid to take financial risks where necessary. You appreciate pleasure in all its forms and may be a connoisseur of good food, vintage wines, art or antiques. Sexual gratification is high on your agenda too, and your appetite for the pleasures of the flesh may be prodigious. You are likely to be something of a collector, and may have a treasure trove of objects of beauty or worth that you have built up over the years. The stories that surround much loved possessions may mean more to you than their financial worth however. Domestic life and the creation of a stable home are important to you, and you prefer the comfort of familiar surroundings to those that are new or unknown. There is a danger with Jupiter in Taurus of squandering money and resources due to feeling that there is an unlimited pot of gold at your disposal. You would love to live somewhere grand or opulent, with plenty of land that you can either garden or grow food on.

JUPITER IN THE SECOND HOUSE

KEYWORDS: ABUNDANCE; GENEROSITY; WEALTH; OVER-INDULGENCE; JOVIAL; HEDONISTIC; PLEASURE; COMFORT; FORTUNATE; BUSINESS SKILLS; SPECULATION; VALUES; SELF-WORTH; MONEY; PROFIT; OSTENTATION; LUXURY; WASTE; POSSESSIONS; INVESTMENT; FULFILMENT; CONTENTMENT; MATERIALISM; RECKLESS; APPETITE; DESIRE; SHARING;

ELEGANCE; OPULENCE; GOOD TASTE; SECURE.

Your JUPITER is in the SECOND HOUSE, indicating that you have an expansive attitude towards financial and material resources. Jupiter here does not automatically entail vast wealth, but it does suggest that money and what you can buy with it gives you a great deal of pleasure, and that you handle your financial and material affairs with confidence. Some people with this house-position of Jupiter, particularly if the rest of their birthchart corroborates this theme, do seem to have the 'Midas Touch', with every project they start becoming lucrative, or purchase they make increasing in value. For others however, it can mean that too much importance is placed on wealth and materialism, and that too much energy is spent chasing after money to the detriment of deeper and more lasting values. Others with this house position of Jupiter have a more detached and generous attitude that enables them to sit back and enjoy the whole game of making money. At root, there is a sense of abundance, and a faith that the universe, or God, will always provide what is necessary. Getting, spending and collecting are all pleasures to you, and as a result you have probably accumulated a good many possessions. You may have sophisticated or expensive tastes - unless that is you are seduced by price tags or see things merely as symbols of success or status, in which case your tastes may veer towards the vulgar or flashy. Shopping may be a pleasurable self-indulgence or it may turn into a dangerously expensive addiction.

♄ 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 LEO

KEYWORDS: UNSPONTANEOUS; DOMINATING; AMBITIOUS; RESPECTED; CREATIVE INHIBITIONS; AUTHORITARIAN; DESIRE FOR RECOGNITION; RESPONSIBLE; SELF-IMPORTANT; PERSONAL CONTROL; STUBBORN; ALOOF; INHIBITED SELF-EXPRESSION; SELF-RELIANT; STRICT PARENT; ATTENTION-SEEKING; NEED FOR APPROVAL; PERFORMANCE; DIFFICULTIES WITH CHILDREN; IMPRESSIVE; LONELY.

Your SATURN is in LEO, indicating that you have a deep need for recognition or respect. You are a strong person who has, from an early age, learnt to be self-reliant. As a child, you may have needed, but not been given, the attention (which to a child is the same as love) you sought. For this reason, in adulthood you may be guarded about expressing your feelings to people, and thus be hard to get to know. Although you may have an impressive, even commanding, 'front', this is perhaps a carefully maintained mask that hides a lack of real self-confidence. You may be adept at giving the impression of 'life and soul of the party' jollity, but this may be just a superbly polished performance. You take love seriously when it happens to you, and those relationships that pass the test of depth and loyalty are likely to be steady and long lasting. Difficulties sometimes occur in your close relationships because of your fear of rejection. You need reassurance that you are loved. You take self-expression seriously, and if artistic, your work is likely to be characterised by its depth, commitment, and integrity. You may have to work hard at it and it is unlikely to be simply a matter of 'letting the inspiration come'. However, with this Saturn-sign there is the possibility that the arts or self-expression do not appeal at all, probably because of the way they were presented at school, or because of parental disinterest.

SATURN IN THE FIFTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: LACK OF SELF-CONFIDENCE; CREATIVE DIFFICULTIES; DIFFICULTIES WITH CHILDREN; OLDER OR SERIOUS LOVERS; UNSPONTANEOUS; UNGRATIFIED; DETERMINED; LOYAL; RESPONSIBLE; PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES; SERIOUS ART; SELF-CONSCIOUS; GIFTED; DESIRE FOR RESPECT; UNCENTRED; INTEGRITY; JOY; FEAR OF REJECTION; ORGANISING.

Your SATURN is in the FIFTH HOUSE of your horoscope, indicating that you experience difficulties with self-expression. As a child you may have felt unloved, ignored, or treated merely as an extension of your parents ego, social aspirations or unfulfilled dreams. The outward gestures of a parent/child relationship may not have compensated for your desire for whole-hearted acceptance, attention and love. Consequently in adulthood you may have an exaggerated need for these things. You may however mask your needs by an aloofness, pride, or display of self-confidence. The fifth house relates to one's sense of identity, the raising of children, and any activity that enables one to vitally express one's true self, such as love affairs. Saturn here shows a certain difficulty in 'letting go' to the give and

take of love, and so your affairs, if you have them, may be characterised by struggle or obstacles. Any works of art you create are characterised by their depth, and by the difficult process by which you bring them into being. Children may bring you difficulties and possibly unwanted responsibilities. Learning to gradually identify less with prestige, 'personality', or power, and more with your creative inner centre, brings you great joy, spontaneity, and a deep sense of trust in life that most people lose as they emerge from childhood. As Liz Greene says in her book 'Saturn', 'For the individual whose heart has been unlocked, every moment contains joy and significance...Having once seen this vision the individual needs nothing to complete him/herself, for the self is whole'. With this house position of Saturn you have a choice between living at your own periphery - looking for love, power or respect in the external world, or learning to live from your creative centre.

SATURN SQUARE URANUS ★★★★★☆



KEYWORDS: TENSION; REBELLION; UNREST; LIMITATION OF FREEDOM; STRAIN; EMOTIONAL CONFLICTS; USE OF FORCE; BREAK WITH THE PAST/TRADITION; RADICAL; AGGRESSIVE; INFLEXIBLE; OBSTINATE; CONFORMITY.

Your SATURN is SQUARE URANUS, indicating that you experience a conflict between restriction and freedom in your life. The operation within yourself of these two contradictory principles can give rise to a great deal of friction and difficulty, which may be expressed as irritability, occasional outbursts and even muscular tension. Depending on which planet is stronger in your horoscope, you are drawn either to rebellion and individualism on the one hand, or to conformity and duty on the other. If the former, you may experience the demands of work in particular as a burden that stifles your spirit, until the pressure forces you to suddenly break free, perhaps quite dramatically, from whatever situation, person or job is oppressing you. You may be in a perpetual state of rebellion against society or authority figures within it (who may all remind you of a parent!), so that your actions are not based on reason or conviction but sheer wilfulness. If the latter is the case however, the situation is very different, with you conforming to the role expected of you by your family, society or work at the expense of your individuality and uniqueness. If this is the case it can lead to anxiety, which in a sense is simply suppressed excitement, and even neurosis. Whichever planet is stronger, there is likely to be an 'on/off' quality about you which can be exhausting to others (and yourself!), and you may find a sense of stability and balance in your life difficult to achieve. You need to find ways to creatively engage with both principles so that you can give form to your true individuality. Your real growth in life comes when you have the courage to accept your real desires and establish your differences from other people, no matter how uncomfortable this may feel at first.

SATURN TRINE NEPTUNE ★★★★★☆



KEYWORDS: SELF-DENIAL; HEALING WORK; HELPING; ASCETIC; PATIENT; RENUNCIATION; CAUTIOUS; PAINSTAKING; MOROSE; SPIRITUAL DEPTH; SUBTLE OR BEHIND-THE-SCENES WORK; MEDITATION; SPIRITUAL WORK; KARMA; SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY; HIGH STANDARDS; ETHICAL; UNDERSTANDING; SOBER; REALISTIC; PRACTICAL IDEALISM; PRINCIPLED; AUSTERE; SELFLESS; REFLECTIVE; MONASTIC.

Your SATURN is TRINE NEPTUNE, meaning that you experience a harmony between reality and imagination. You are subject to few illusions about life, mainly because you know that dreams are just that, dreams. Unless, that is, they are worked at in order to make them happen. Similarly with ideals. So-called idealists who talk persuasively but who don't put their ideas into action are unlikely to impress you. You take your spiritual responsibilities seriously and have a strong desire to do some good in the world. This could manifest as working with the underprivileged or the ill; helping to organise or administer some kind of reforming group (social, political, environmental etc); or as following some form of spiritual path (such as meditation) in a disciplined and methodical way. Being thoughtful and reflective, you find it hard to ignore the reality of suffering in the world, something that forces you to question deeply about the whys and wherefores of life. You can be incredibly self-sacrificing at times and will patiently do the hard, caring work - for instance looking after someone who is old or sick - that other people would rather not do. Your tendency to dwell on the gloomier side of life may occasionally weigh you down, so to combat this you should occasionally treat yourself to a complete break and let the world carry on without you for a while. It is important too that you show understanding and compassion towards yourself - you deserve it! You are quite monastic in a way and may be content to live simply, even austere.

SATURN SEXTILE PLUTO ★★★★★

KEYWORDS: DISCIPLINE; HARD WORK; AMBITION; SELF-DENIAL; THOROUGH; PAINSTAKING; SILENT ACTIVITY; RESEARCH; COMPULSIVE; RIGID; ORGANISED; EFFORT; ENDURANCE; SURVIVAL; TOUGH; CONCENTRATION.

Your SATURN is SEXTILE PLUTO, indicating that your sense of responsibility and realism is in harmony with your deepest instincts. You have a toughness and endurance which, during the easy times of your life you may not realise you possess. For example, you are capable when necessary of falling back on your own resources and of relying on yourself for guidance and survival, enabling you to survive hardship and setbacks without giving in. Your knack for focusing your energies and concentrating on whatever you are involved in should be appreciated as a valuable skill in certain work environments, and should increase your chances of advancement. If hard work is needed, you do it, even if it necessitates self-denial or great self-discipline. You are especially good at jobs demanding dedication, thoroughness and research - perhaps behind-the-scenes work that is necessary although not especially glamorous, such as industrial or mechanical work, or difficult work in extreme conditions such as mining or drilling for oil. Finally for this aspect, you are unafraid of being alone and may even be drawn to solitude or to wilderness experiences where there is just you and the elements.

♏ 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 LIBRA

KEYWORDS: FULFILMENT THROUGH LOVE/RELATIONSHIPS/HARMONY; PARTNERSHIP; EGOTISM; OVERLY SELF-RELIANT; AGGRESSIVE; TEAMWORK; AMBITION; DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL OR CULTURAL AWARENESS; ART & BEAUTY.

Your MOON'S (NORTH) NODE is in LIBRA, showing that you experience happiness through other people. The South Node in Aries tempts you to rely solely on yourself and your own efforts in life, and to feel that the life around you revolves around your own ego, personality and demands. This makes you sound rather selfish, but this isn't necessarily the case. It is just that you find it instinctively difficult to slow down or open up and appreciate what is beyond yourself, or appreciate things from other people's viewpoints. You often tend to 'act first and think later', and to assume that you have to fight to get what you want in life. This can lead to a highly competitive or abrasive attitude towards other people. At some level you have, as everybody has, a strong longing for love, even though sometimes you may dismiss this as a fanciful dream or even as a threat to your self-sufficiency and strength. You may too be highly sexed, but it is through exploring your capacity to give to another person within the context of a one-to-one relationship that you really discover the opportunity for happiness. If you were to admit it, you are, deep down, a romantic, and it is likely that the experience of love will have a great impact for good on your life. Cultivating your aesthetic side and your latent cultural and social awareness also brings great benefits, and you may find that you have artistic talents, as well as perhaps a gift for political or social participation, diplomacy and persuasion.

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 SCORPIO

KEYWORDS: STRONG WILL; COURAGEOUS; RESISTANCE; DANGER-LOVING; COMPULSIVE; RECKLESS; ACUTE; REBELLIOUS; STRONG; KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN NATURE; PSYCHOLOGY; INTENSE; EXTREME; INDEPENDENT; TRANSFORMATIVE; LIBIDO; SEXUALLY LIBERATED.

Your URANUS is in SCORPIO, which means that your mini-generation (born between 1974 and 1981) express their desire for freedom through their will and on an inner level. In common with many of your peers, you rarely accept things at their face value. Indeed, it is impossible to fool you or try to con you. You have an acute insight into people's real motivations and feelings, and a strong desire to uncover what lies beneath the civilised surface of humanity. So much so in fact that you are probably a natural born psychologist, unafraid of facing the objective truth about your own and other people's real natures. You have a strong will (as anyone who has tried to manipulate or control you in any way is likely to testify) and will not submit to another person's will without a fight. The harder they try the harder you

resist. You are highly independent - not necessarily outwardly but inwardly, in the sense that you do not need other people in the way that most people seem to, and certainly you do not rely on others for security or approval. Your generation is sexually experimental and unafraid to explore areas or subjects that your elders would consider taboo. You are attracted to danger and to living life intensely - for you there is no such thing as the comfortable middle ground.

URANUS IN THE SEVENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: UNUSUAL OR SHORT-LIVED RELATIONSHIPS; UNORTHODOX VIEWS ON MARRIAGE; SUDDEN ATTACHMENTS; FREE LOVE; POLITICAL REFORM; PUBLIC DIFFICULTIES; NON-COMMITTAL; MENTAL RELATIONSHIPS; LEGAL DIFFICULTIES; UNPREDICTABLE OR ECCENTRIC PARTNER; MARITAL TENSIONS; EXCITING SOCIAL LIFE; FASHION; MANY FRIENDS; CULTURAL INNOVATION; CATALYTIC; MANY LOVES; REDEFINING SOCIAL ROLES; SINGLE; MULTIPLE MARRIAGES.

Your URANUS is in the SEVENTH HOUSE of your horoscope, which means that you are attracted to people, both socially and as potential partners, who are individuals in their own right. With them you hope to experience excitement and stimulation - though some bring not so much excitement as unexpected disruption, and turn out to be unpredictable or unreliable in their affections. Others however seem to act as catalysts for your own growth, and any relationship you have with them significantly alters you in some way. The last thing you want from your relationships is routine or a loss of freedom, and partners who try to restrict you, or stifle you, don't last long. You dislike the conventional roles that people play in relationships, especially in marriage, and it is important for you not to define yourself purely as your 'partner's partner', and to have, or retain, your own life beyond that of your partner's. For instance, women with Uranus here are unlikely to automatically sacrifice their career for that of their husband's. You tend to fall in love quickly, and fall out of love equally quickly, which can lead to accusations of capriciousness or that you are unable to commit yourself. Your social life is highly active, and you are probably keen to participate in the latest trends, fashions or social movements. If you come into contact with the public at large, your relationship to them is likely to be volatile and possibly connected to some form of political or social reform. You have quite a strong vision of how society should be, and if this differs widely from how things actually are, you could be outspoken in your desire for change.

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 EIGHTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: SUBCONSCIOUS FORCES; SECRETS; MYSTERY; THE OCCULT; METAPHYSICS; SOUL-SICKNESS; THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND; SEXUAL FANTASIES; COMPASSIONATE INSIGHT; EROTIC; SEDUCIBLE; INTROSPECTIVE; SEXUAL DISSIPATION; FINANCIAL COMPLICATIONS; CONFUSED JOINT FINANCES; DECEPTION; PSYCHIC TENDENCIES; SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION; HIDDEN FORCES.

Your NEPTUNE is in the EIGHTH HOUSE of your horoscope, indicating that you have a sensitive attitude towards your deepest desires. You have a highly active imagination, and are open to the mysterious world of the unconscious mind. The latter could manifest as strange dreams, intuitions and even psychic experiences. You may be fascinated by the occult, psychology, metaphysics, death, and by the whole subject of man's hidden powers. At times you are apt to dwell too much on such subjects, and may consequently go through periods of relative withdrawal and isolation from life. Your fascination with taboo extends to sex, which you may see in almost numinous terms - in other words that it represents something magical, and through it there is the possibility of experiencing a breakthrough into a higher and more universal realm. Tantra, or yogic sex, may thus appeal. The idea of transmuting sexual energy, perhaps through celibacy, could also interest you. You have a deep and probably compassionate insight into people, although your understanding may be very intuitive and difficult to put into words. Joint finances in your life may occasionally be subject to confusion and possibly even deception, so it is important for you to always keep issues of finance and ownership as clear as you can. You are sexually sensitive, and occasionally can suffer from nebulous fears about this area of your life.

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 LIBRA

KEYWORDS: TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY/MARRIAGE; FATED PARTNERSHIPS; INTENSE ATTRACTION; MAGNETISM; SEDUCTION; FASCINATING; RUTHLESS WITH OTHERS; FAME; DISRUPTIVE; DIVORCE; BREAKDOWN OF RELATIONSHIPS; ANTI-SOCIAL; REVOLUTIONARY; SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Your PLUTO is in LIBRA, which means that you belong to a generation (born between 1972 and 1984) who will transform society and the nature of relationships. During the period when Pluto was going through Libra divorce became common and marriage became a less stable institution than it was previously. Many of the children born at this time had to cope with this lack of stability and the trauma of parental separations, and this has lead many to distrust the notion of long-term relationships (especially marriage) altogether. You want such relationships, and have no difficulty in

getting them, such is your personal magnetism, but can be ruthless in ending them if you feel that you are about to be hurt. You have a strong desire to make an impact on society, and may court fame or celebrity. You also have a strong desire to change society, and when your generation assume power (probably when you are in your forties and fifties), that is exactly what you will do. When younger however you may try to do so forcibly and as a result may provoke the opposition of the Establishment.

PLUTO IN THE SIXTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: DESIRE TO SERVE; PURIFICATION; SELF-MASTERY; HEALING POWERS; PSYCHOSOMATIC ILLNESS; SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES; RESEARCH; DEDICATION; SELF-IMPROVEMENT; INTEGRATION; PROBLEM-SOLVING; DIFFICULTIES AT WORK; WORKING ALONE; HEALTH-CRISES; WORKAHOLIC; SECRET WORK; MEDICINE; SKILLED; CHALLENGES; SELF-EMPLOYMENT; MYSTERIOUS HEALTH-PROBLEMS; ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS; REJUVENATION; RECOVERY; SELF-HELP.

Your PLUTO is in the SIXTH HOUSE of your horoscope, indicating that you bring a compulsive, driven quality to your work life. Without work that is really engaging your skills or making demands on you, you feel frustrated and dissatisfied, and you may start seeing yourself in very negative terms. For this reason unemployment may be especially hard to bear. If however the job that you do is routine, trivial, or goes against your moral code, then it is very difficult for you to stick at it. If you are not prepared to walk away from it, then you may unconsciously engineer 'circumstances' that force you to leave - for instance an illness, or throwing a custard pie in the bosses face. You work best on your own and at your own pace, although you perform excellently when under pressure, often leaving others by the wayside. Your standards are extremely high, and if you know you could do better you will quite readily destroy your work and start again if necessary. You rarely settle for second-best. You are capable of great hard work and of providing a truly valuable service to society. Work that involves regeneration, healing, power or even danger, or that demands commitment, dedication, insight or highly specialised skills appeal strongly. Suitable fields for example would be medicine, surgery, scientific research, the military, the rescue services, air traffic control, mining, prison work, health and safety inspection, working with oil, energy (including radioactive fuel) or explosives, occupational therapy, bereavement counselling, mortuary or funeral work, embalming, conservation work and campaigning.

The Sixth House not only symbolises work but also health, and with Pluto in it, it is likely that you take health very seriously. At some stage in your life, illness may have brought about fundamental changes in your attitudes and habits, even your beliefs. As a result, you are keenly aware of the inter-dependence of mind and body, and the effect that a total change of outlook and orientation can have - not only on one's spirit, but also on one's physical health. You may possibly have the gift of healing, and are likely to be interested in the subject of holistic health - treating the person as a whole, not just the outward symptoms. Any illnesses that you suffer may be psychosomatic in origin, i.e. related to fears, anxieties or tensions that are essentially psychological in origin. They may respond best to a 'change of heart', or to encounter with those aspects of yourself that are seeking expression or healing. You are prone to tension, so it is important that you allow yourself to release it creatively rather than letting it build up, with all the inevitable consequences. Take care not to overload yourself with too many demands on your energy.

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