

# **The Asteroid Report**

## **Chiron and the Asteroids**

Astrological Report for Jon Smith  
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**Natal Chart for Jon Smith**

Placidus House System

**Sun** in **Aquarius**, at 15° 25', in the seventh house.  
**Moon** in **Cancer**, at 01° 22', in the eleventh house.  
**Mercury** in **Capricorn**, at 21° 34', in the sixth house.  
**Venus** in **Sagittarius**, at 29° 02', in the fifth house.  
**Mars** in **Leo**, at 14° 46', in the first house.  
**Jupiter** in **Pisces**, at 16° 09', in the eighth house.  
**Saturn** in **Aquarius**, at 14° 00', in the seventh house.  
**Uranus** in **Virgo**, at 04° 01', in the second house.  
**Neptune** in **Scorpio**, at 15° 38', in the fourth house.  
**Pluto** in **Virgo**, at 11° 30', in the second house.  
**Midheaven** in **Aries**, at 29° 58'.  
**Ascendant** in **Leo**, at 13° 04'.  
**Chiron** in **Pisces**, at 08° 55', in the eighth house.  
**Ceres** in **Virgo**, at 16° 17', in the second house.  
**Pallas** in **Cancer**, at 06° 33', in the eleventh house.  
**Juno** in **Virgo**, at 26° 04', in the second house.  
**Vesta** in **Libra**, at 00° 37', in the third house.

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## Introduction

Astrology is an ancient science and art that has been in use for centuries. The planets are named after the Mediterranean gods of ancient Rome and Greece. This illustrates the awareness possessed by our ancestors of the synchronicity between the activation of life's archetypal energies and the movements of heavenly bodies that seem to measure the timing of these events.

The last few centuries have been an exciting time for astrologers. We have witnessed the discovery of the outer planets and watched them conform to the synchronistic meaning ascribed to them by their names, joining and expanding the pantheon of deities that dance through the horoscopes of people and political events. Astrologers have become comfortable with the extended astrological family that now includes Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, and these have been utilized in western astrology for most of the twentieth century. Since the dust has settled from these cosmic discoveries, astrologers have had some time to study the action of some other newly discovered heavenly bodies - namely Chiron and the asteroids.

The asteroids lie in a belt that orbits between Mars and Jupiter. It is now known that this belt is comprised of thousands of asteroids, but the first four were discovered many years in advance of the rest. These four asteroids were named after four major Olympic goddesses, which happened to redress the gender imbalance among the primarily male planetary deities that populate the horoscope. Thus it was that Ceres, Juno, Vesta, and Pallas Athena came along at the time of the birth of the women's movement in the nineteenth century. Astrologers do work with the myriad of other asteroids as well, but these four, with their associations to four of the most important goddesses, are the "standard" ones in use.

Chiron was discovered in 1977, and was named after the wise Greek centaur who tasted immortality. Chiron lies between Saturn and Uranus and occasionally passes within the orbit of Saturn. At first thought to be a comet or asteroid it is now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body.

The astrological portraits of the asteroids and Chiron have emerged through the observations of fascinated astrologers over the last century. This report informs you of their symbolic meaning and gives you insight into how they operate in your own horoscope.

## **Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart**

### **Chiron**

The astronomical body, Chiron (once thought to be a comet or asteroid, now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body) is named after the ancient Greek, centaur demi-god who was horse from the waist down and human from the waist up. Chiron's orbit, unlike that of the asteroids, lies between Saturn and Uranus, and is irregular in that it occasionally crosses inside the orbit of Saturn. This astronomical characteristic is symbolic of Chiron's reputation for being somewhat of a maverick.

Chiron was no ordinary run-of-the-mill centaur at the mercy of instincts and appetites. He displayed such self-mastery and was so wise and gifted in both the arts of healing and the arts of war and statesmanship, that he found himself mentor to heroes and kings and their sons. His service was of such value that he was granted immortality by the gods. Chance would have it that he was accidentally wounded in the foot by one of his own poisoned arrows, carelessly tossed by one of his fosterlings (Heracles). Since by this time he was immortal, the result of this mishap was that Chiron was condemned by fate to suffer eternally the agonies of a poisoned wound that could not be healed. In order to obtain release from his endless suffering, the wise old centaur decided to relinquish the mantle of immortality that had been bestowed upon him. He gave it, instead, to Prometheus (who needed it to be freed from the punishment he suffered for mocking the gods and stealing their fire). In this way, Chiron embraced death and found release from his suffering.

Astrologically, Chiron's placement in the horoscope indicates one's experience of the wound that does not heal, (or the wound that does not seem to heal, because although an important lesson may be learned through dealing with it, the wound seems to spiral around with another lesson on a deeper level). Chiron represents one's experience of woundedness and the nature of the wound. Second, by coming to terms with suffering through an acceptance of one's mortality, one arrives at a greater state of wholeness or healing. Third, Chiron shows how one comes into one's own as an elder or mentor who can provide healing and guidance to others. Thus Chiron also astrologically indicates the ways and means with which you can guide others, as well as the kind of mentoring and healing you seek for yourself.

### **Chiron in Pisces**

With Chiron in Pisces, mentoring and the healing process are associated with compassion, artistic sensitivity, and the fostering of a viable spiritual awareness. This applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. You may encounter mentor figures who are mystical, artistic, or sensitive in some way, or who

can help you navigate the choppy waters of spiritual pitfalls. You may experience wounding, inadequacy, or insoluble conflict arising from exposure to victim/martyr dynamics, addictions, spiritual exploitation, or the inability or unwillingness to distinguish "reality" from "non-ordinary" states. Spiritual escapism, or the habit of taking shelter in the cosmic state of oneness (or other addictions) as a way of avoiding the suffering of the world, can hinder the formation of a functional ego and healthy sense of self. Experiences such as these, or the loss of a spiritual mentor, are painful events that evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

### **Chiron in 8th House**

Chiron in the eighth house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with intense, transformational experiences and the interaction with the powerful energies of others. Confrontations with death, death/rebirth experiences, sexuality, initiations and rites of passage maybe a source of great wounding for you. The longing to become renewed or transformed through the union with the energies of the "not-self," or others, includes the material resources of others as well, so that the sharing or inheritance of the wealth of others can also be a painful issue for you. It is through dealing with such experiences that you may encounter mentor figures, or perhaps the mentors you encounter are "power brokers" who can teach you how to deal with such things. The use and abuse of power, whether political, financial, physical, sexual, psychological or metaphysical can be a source of deep wounding. Any dysfunctional defense mechanisms you use to deal with the painful issue can cause you further difficulties. Eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

### **Uranus Opposite Chiron Orb: 04°55'**

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The wounded healer clashes with the forward thinking rebel who is a proponent of change. You may experience wounding that has to do with issues of the devastation wrought by modern technology or with illnesses that effect the nervous system, meridians, or subtle electro-magnetic energy fields of the human body. Iridology, reiki, acupuncture, and cranio-sacral therapy are some examples of the kinds of subtle-energy healing techniques that may be part of your wounding/healing journey. There may be a wound having to do with an extreme sensitivity to the collective unconscious of humanity and the ideals or thought forms that affect it. This can cause you to be swept away by the tides of social, political, or esoteric movements that promise freedom from certain types of restrictions but often just usher in a new form of enslavement. There may be an attitude of indiscriminate rebellion that leads to a perception of all forms of authority as a threat to freedom. This results in a resistance to the voice of one's own inner authority, and mistaking its promptings towards inner change and growth (which could be painful) for demands for conformity. If this inner voice is betrayed, then you ironically do end up selling out and joining the ranks of the order of the day, new and exciting as they may be. Through dealing with the pain caused by these experiences, you come to learn on a profound level that the only change that leads to freedom is a deep internal change involving one's own thought patterns, for they are the root of the behavioral and emotional habits that unnecessarily limit you. The challenge is to

learn to see that both the need for healing and the need for freedom exist within you, and that not only are they not mutually exclusive, the one need cannot be met without fulfilling the other! It's up to you to resolve this paradox. Your ability to do this may enable you to serve as a healer/mentor to others who struggle with similar issues.

### **Neptune Trine Chiron Orb: 06°42'**

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your capacity for compassion, sensitivity, and transcendent experience is a great resource that helps you to heal painful wounds (your own, or those of others). These wounds are likely to involve issues arising from a poor sense of personal boundaries, feelings of victim-hood or helplessness, escapism via spiritual or substance abuses, or difficulty distinguishing ordinary from non-ordinary states of mind. A non-acceptance of human failings and the sufferings and evils of the world, and a desire to regress to a womb-like state can play a part in these problems. You may have a healing influence upon others via your artistic or musical gifts, your spiritual sensibility, or your compassion and psychic sensitivity. Your artistic expressions may touch the wounds of others, deal with healing themes, or be utilized in therapeutic settings. Dream therapy, dream journaling or visualization techniques may also be a part of your healing kit.

### **Pluto Opposite Chiron Orb: 02°35'**

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Pluto. The mentor/wounded healer archetype within yourself combines with the urge for powerful and transformative experience in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. You may experience a personal sense of wounding due to issues involving death, sexuality, power abuses, destructive urges, or intense and deeply buried emotions such as rage, jealousy, or possessiveness. There could be an inability to perceive the destructiveness in oneself or others, or a lack of trust in one's own instincts and gut feelings; in either case, one's self-preservation skills may be impaired or wounded in some way. You may be attracted to exciting but dangerous experiences that tempt fate - until you get burned enough to recognize that something's got to change. The challenge is to learn to reconcile the need for healing and wise counsel with the need to deal with power and peak experiences. You need to make room for both needs in your life, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others. Once you have embarked upon your own healing journey, you can have a profound healing influence on others who are struggling with issues of power abuses and powerful or destructive emotional, archetypal, or sexual energies. Your avenue of healing or counseling may involve work with shamanism, initiation experiences, depth psychology, or primal or archetypal energies.

### **Ceres**

Ceres is the expression of the Earth Goddess archetype that has been worshipped in many forms by various cultures. This archetype has always been associated with mother earth, harvests, a transformational journey to and from the underworld, rites of passage, and the birth or resurrection of a fertility deity.

The myth of Demeter (da mater or "earth mother") and the sudden abduction of her dearly

loved daughter Persephone by the lord of the underworld contains the same universal symbolism as other Earth Goddess myths. These myths may appear, at first, to be early explanations for the changing of the seasons. They are actually wise, rich, symbolic teachings on such profound themes as loss and renewal, death and rebirth, and the endless transformation that constitutes the very laws of creation to which this universe and everything in it adheres.

On a more personal level, the Ceres myth deals with the severance of the bonds of love and/or attachment. When we experience love as we have known it being taken from us, we can feel as if we have been cast into a realm of eternal darkness, never to return to the world of the living again. We may then be unable to let go of the past, reliving it again and again in our minds - protesting and resisting the present, and demanding that it somehow hand over to us the treasure that has been snatched away.

Yet as with Demeter, who chose to forgo her divinity and wander in the world of humans, after which she was reunited annually with her transformed daughter, it is only when we can give up notions of eternal paradise and immortality that we can relinquish old attachments. Only when we have been humbled by and have accepted those mysterious cyclic forces beyond ourselves that we can be restored to a state of plentitude and abundance in the here and now. Then we can truly understand how our cup must be emptied in order to be filled afresh.

Ceres in the birth chart thus describes what one really cares about, and the way one nurtures others (and needs to be nurtured oneself) in a parental kind of way. It also indicates where one may tend to cling, the kind of separations that can be traumatic, and what one may be required to give up (or share with others) in order to grow. It can also indicate the ways in which we seek for something that seems to be missing, something we didn't get enough of, as well as the ways that can help us mourn such a loss. As with Demeter and Persephone, Ceres can also indicate the kind of experience that constitutes a rite of passage - the most profound transformation: the death and rebirth of the self.

### **Ceres in Virgo**

With Ceres in Virgo, nurturing is expressed in an efficient and orderly manner, and is associated with the mastery of practical skills, discipline, and competence. Nurturance is expressed more through training and guidance and through being useful to others, than through emotional affection. Lack of this kind of nurturance at an early age can result in lack of discipline and difficulty in coping with practicalities and problem solving. This lack could be a source of grief, through which you learn how to develop these qualities for yourself and, thus, to encourage them in others. You may also extend care to others through nutrition, health services or labor activities. On the other hand, your own personal nurturing experience may have involved an excess of criticism or an overemphasis on doing things "right," in which case perfectionism and a critical attitude towards the self and others can result. Eating disorders could be also be associated with these difficulties. Troubles with health or with efficient functioning could serve as transformative experiences for you, ones that initiate you into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

### **Ceres in 2nd House**

Ceres in the second house indicates that you like to nurture a sense of self worth through the

development of resources and abilities, as well as through the cultivation of a healthy value system. You are at home in the physical world and in your body, with a graceful earthiness that is both healthy and a pleasure to behold. You may cling to possessions or old values that no longer serve you. Hating to throw anything away, your appreciation of the earth's limited resources makes you a natural protector of the environment and a champion of such practices as recycling and wilderness preservation. The waste or devastation of resources - the earth's or your own - can cause you much grief, and may trigger a profound inner transformation.

**Sun Quincunx Ceres    Orb: 00°52'**

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with the Sun. The qualities of nurturance and emotional bonding combine with the sense of self-essence or self-identity in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. Emotional dependency can thwart one's own individuation and lead to trouble in relationships of a parent-child nature. You may feel that the need to nurture or care for others or to deal with intense relationships of a parent-child nature causes you to forsake your true self. Conversely you may feel that your self-image or identity precludes any close emotional bonding of a nurturant nature; or that in order to be true to yourself you must forgo binding emotional ties. The challenge is to learn to see both the need to do one's own thing and the need for nurturing ties as valid, and to find ways to meet both these needs, rather than repressing or projecting one of them out onto others.

**Mercury Trine Ceres    Orb: 05°17'**

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Your intellect, mental processes, and communication skills are colored by the archetypal Demeter-Persephone myth. Your grace in communicating and teaching others about life's losses and difficult rites of passage makes you a comfort to others grappling with these issues. You have a knack for making people feel understood in a motherly way, and for being able to communicate on their level. You are a compassionate teacher.

**Jupiter Opposite Ceres    Orb: 00°08'**

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Jupiter. The urges for expansion and adventure, and the quest for meaning are affected by the Demeter-Persephone myth in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. Perhaps an interest in ceaseless travel and adventure or in a particular belief system makes the formation of lasting emotional ties impossible - a perceived threat to freedom. Or perhaps an excess of protective nurturance has made you a little fearful of exploring beyond the boundaries of the known because your own exploratory urges were never encouraged. Whatever the reason, the challenge is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for the freedom to explore and to expand your mind can and do co-exist within yourself (and in others). These needs only appear to conflict when we take sides with one against the other (often literally if projected, through denial, out onto others); resolution comes about by finding ways to meet them both. Once this balance has been achieved you are able to nurture others by sharing the meaning and knowledge you have gained, and by encouraging their sense of faith and optimism in life's journey. These nurturing activities might be carried out through teaching, travelling, or cultural exchanges.

**Neptune Sextile Ceres    Orb: 00°39'**

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your longing for nurturing bonds blends naturally with your spiritual and transcendent urges. You nurture others by affirming their spiritual essence, and by encouraging their sensitive ability as expressed through artistic, psychic, or mystical sensibilities. You yourself are nurtured in the same way. Your compassion and your sense of the sacred are a source of comfort to those who struggle with issues of grief and loss; you have the ability to nurture others on a soul level.

**Pluto Conjunct Ceres    Orb: 04°47'**

Your Ceres is conjunct Pluto. The Demeter-Persephone asteroid unites with the Lord-of-the-Underworld planet, and this lends the whole Ceres myth an extra impact on your chart. You associate nurturance with powerful instincts and energies, and the encouragement of one's ability to handle power and undergo transformative experiences. Your instinctive grasp of the deep inner forces at work in life is strongly colored by your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties with maternal, shamanic, transformational or occult figures. Any such experience will foster in you a psychological depth that grants you the ability to assist others who struggle with themes of loss and return. Your almost occult grasp of the laws governing death and rebirth enables you to nurture others on a soul level.

**Pallas**

As with goddess-myths associated with the other asteroids, the myths that pertain to the warrior goddess Pallas Athena reflect socio-historic upheavals as well as archetypal themes. One of the most interesting aspects of Athena's myth, as it has evolved, is the changing nature of her birth. In her earliest form she was said to have been born of Lake Triton in Libya, home of the legendary amazons. Her worship was brought to the Greek islands much later by the Libyans themselves as they emigrated across the Mediterranean sea. The story of her birth reflected this migration, for she was then said to be born of Metis - a sea goddess. Further evolution of her myth reflects the encounter of the goddess worshipping peoples with the patriarchal people invading Greece from the north: Metis (whose name means Wise Counsel), pregnant with Athena, was devoured by the invaders' god, Zeus, who later gave birth to a fully grown and fully armored Pallas Athena from his head. Later versions of this myth omit altogether any mention of Metis, and depict Athena as having been conceived without a woman's involvement.

Later myth also portrays Athena as bringing about the destruction of both Pallas and Medusa in what appears to be sociological evidence of the attempt to destroy goddess worship. (Pallas, Athena, and Medusa were the three faces of the Libyan version of the triple goddess.) In one of these myths Zeus tricks Athena into killing her Amazonian sister Pallas during a friendly competition. Another myth relates how Athena helped King Perseus to cut off Medusa's head by giving him a mirror to use so he could avoid her deadly gaze. Yet, as much as these myths might have been used as evidence of the wise Athena's denunciation of the Feminine, they also contain symbolism that indicates how Athena preserved the goddess trinity. For, upon the death of Pallas, the grieving Athena placed her sister's name before her own. As for her attitude towards Medusa, she bore Medusa's image upon her breastplate and distributed her blood to healers as a

regenerative medicine. The symbolic importance of the mirror in the Perseus-Medusa conflict also hints at Athena's wisdom and gift as a mediator in teaching how to reconcile opposites by seeing in oneself the disowned qualities that are projected onto opponents.

Pallas Athena signifies wisdom and creative problem solving in which a holistic view of conflicting or opposite elements (the Masculine and the Feminine) is required. This sense of fairness is backed up by a willingness to defend or fight for the underdog. Thus Pallas Athena is also associated with fighting for causes. She represents the application of practical skill and creative intelligence in order to best be of service. She was the goddess of war (defense, originally) as well as the goddess of wisdom and culture - patroness of the civilized arts such as pottery, sculpture, weaving, architecture, and animal husbandry. Pallas Athena can also represent the denial of one's own gender in an effort to cope with situations that require the skills of the opposite gender in order to survive, as well as the struggle to rediscover and reconnect with essential qualities of one's own sex. Androgynous conditions and healing through feminine wisdom, energy balancing or conflict resolution are also expressions of the Pallas Athena archetype.

### **Pallas in Cancer**

Pallas Athena in Cancer denotes perceptive insight or intuitional skill when it comes to empathy and the realm of emotions. You may be particularly inventive or subtle in your ability to mother and care for others, or to provide a sensitively nurturing atmosphere that offers the reassurance, familiarity, and traditional values of "home." Difficulty may arise if this encourages dependent behavior), and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. Your perception of emotional undercurrents, your sensitivity to emotional suffering, and your wisdom regarding unconscious or early childhood emotional issues are often employed in the defense of the underdog, the misunderstood, or the emotionally homeless. Patriotism and a sense of family roots may also evoke your defensive sentiments. You may utilize your sensitive skills to work for social, political, or minority causes by arousing empathy in others (see Pallas Athena's house position, below). Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in a creative ability to provide emotional nurturance and acceptance.

### **Pallas in 11th House**

With Pallas Athena in the eleventh house you like to put your creative energy and practical wisdom behind alternative collective ideals. You are gifted at working with organizations and can help make humanitarian visions a reality through tackling the practical work that needs to be done, something you do with great skill and ingenuity. It is important for you that such ideals and visions be grounded in reality through practical manifestations that can be of actual use to humanity. If this is the case, you'll back a cause all the way. Your creativity may express socio-political concerns, or be used to support such concerns. The creative intellect is stimulated and inspired through involvement with groups, co-ops, alternatives, and organizations that share your interests, goals, and ideals. Difficulty can arise if Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as an "alternatives" crusade in which certain ideals are all that matters.

### **Moon Conjunct Pallas Orb: 05°10'**

The asteroid Pallas Athena is conjunct the Moon. Your emotional perceptivity and "women's" intuition may be remarkably developed. Your natural way of responding to any event, person, or stimulus is strongly colored by your creative intelligence, your cultural sensibility and your natural urge to defend the underdog. You are emotionally responsive to artistic or cultural awareness in others, and may be attracted to androgynous anima types or mother figures who display these qualities.

**Uranus Sextile Pallas    Orb: 02°32'**

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Uranus. The cultural protectress-patroness of the arts meets the freedom fighter and she smiles. You may utilize your creative insight to support humanitarian, "new age," or alternative ideals. You are sympathetic towards cultures or traditions that have been suffered at the hands of religious or imperial oppression. You can balance the need for aesthetic or cultural expression with the need for change and excitement. You enjoy mental stimulation and new concepts, and your mental or creative expression may possess an unconventional flavor, or uncanny futuristic insight. You may have a natural grasp of modern technology, computer sciences, or subtle energy fields.

**Pluto Sextile Pallas    Orb: 04°58'**

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Pluto. Your wise and instinctive grasp of the deep inner forces at work in life grants you a psychological depth and a sense of self-empowerment that can benefit your artistic or socio-cultural endeavors. You may support groups that are experiencing or recovering from abuse of some kind. You are able to balance the need for outward mental/creative and socio-cultural expression with the more inner need for regenerative healing, self-transformation and self-empowerment.

**Juno**

Juno (whose Greek name is Hera) is an ancient Queen of Heaven Goddess dating from that matriarchal period when the sovereign Deity was female and reigned alone, presiding over the mysteries of birth, motherhood, and the various phases of reproduction. Mythology relates how she was seduced by Zeus, married him out of a sense of honor, endured a marriage characterized by power struggles over issues of fidelity and bearing a line of descent, as well as how she went into retreat occasionally in order to renew and center herself. Her myth parallels the history of social upheaval in the lands where she was worshipped. Northern invaders struggled to impose traditions of patrilineal descent and the worship of their chief god, Zeus, upon the indigenous matriarchal cultures of Mycenaean Greece and Crete. Over a period of hundreds of years of cultural conflict, the two divinities were forced to share the altar. Thus, in addition to her authority over matters pertaining to childbirth and motherhood, Juno has come to be associated with issues of socially acknowledged relationship, legal marriage, marital fulfillment through commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

Juno represents both the need for relationship and the refusal to accept inequality within the context of a relationship. She represents the struggle to balance the need for intimacy with the opposing need for freedom - needs which both partners have, although one of these needs may be projected onto the partner. She can also represent the need to take marriage as a sacred trust, a way that leads to spiritual fulfillment through the reconciliation of the opposites in a state of union.

On another level, Juno can represent the way in which one feels rendered powerless by conflict in spite of sincere effort and irreproachable conduct on one's own part. The harder one tries, the more inadequate one's efforts seem to be, for there is a tendency to cling to old methods when circumstances have changed and a whole new paradigm is needed before the way clear can be seen. This frustration can sometimes lead to self-depreciation and loss of faith in oneself. Juno thus symbolizes the transition state between old and new ways of being, where the old fails to meet the needs of the times and the new is not yet manifest. She describes the need for a kind of spiritual self-rejuvenation that is needed in order to see oneself through times of utter disintegration into the future that awaits. Juno in the horoscope thus represents the ways in which we need to renew ourselves, and where our ability to adjust to changing circumstances is most tested.

Since marriage proved to be this goddess' testing ground, Juno in the horoscope also indicates the qualities associated with one's marriage partner and the ways in which one handles intimacy/freedom needs as well as the jealousy and insecurity that often accompany this balancing act. Juno's position describes the nature of any control issues, the ways in which such power struggles get enacted, and the type of sacred cows that need to be relinquished so that the path to marital fulfillment can unfold. Juno's placement in your chart can refer not only to your mate (or the way that you perceive your mate), but to the relationship and to your own behavior in a committed relationship as well.

### **Juno in Virgo**

With Juno in Virgo, you seek a partner who is able, efficient, modest, and interested in self-improvement. Someone who shares your ideal of constantly "working on the relationship" so that it is not only kept in squeaky-clean working order, but approaches the ideal of perfection itself. You appreciate a partner with practical skills, such as the use of herbs, nutritional know-how, or the ability to fix anything. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy or powerlessness when it comes to such matters, or that your partner is doing all the expressing in this regard (or vice versa). This could be a source of difficulty when it comes to intimate relations. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled with plenty of ongoing self-analysis and practical adjustment, otherwise perfectionist attitudes can result with attendant harping and criticizing.

### **Juno in 2nd House**

Juno in the second house indicates that you derive a sense of self-worth through being in a committed relationship. You may associate your mate with financial and material security. Sharing the responsibility for these matters is important in order for your relationship to be healthy. There could be issues around who provides and who is provided for, or perhaps one

partner treats the other more like a coveted possession than a simple human being with needs for love and affection. Issues regarding possessions and material resources are likely to be a major focus in your relationship. The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

**Moon Square Juno    Orb: 05°18'**

Juno forms a challenging aspect with the Moon. Your emotional and instinctive responses are interwoven with your need for intimate and equal relationships, but in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to war with each other. The struggle for equality and autonomy within a partnership may conflict with the need to have your own emotional needs met. Or perhaps you feel emotionally threatened by relationships that stress issues of equality and you respond by avoiding intimacy altogether. One partner may expect mothering from the other, or try to manipulate the other through emotional power plays. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for freedom within a relationship and the need for emotional comfort can and do co-exist within yourself (and in others). These needs are not mutually exclusive and you may need to find ways to meet them both, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others (especially your partner).

**Mercury Trine Juno    Orb: 04°30'**

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Mental urges combine nicely with the urge to relate intimately and on equal terms. Your grace in communicating your need for equality and autonomy within your relationship strengthens the bond between partners. You have a knack for making your partner feel understood and listened to, and for being able to communicate on his or her level. Or perhaps it is your partner who possesses these abilities. Interests in intellectual stimulation, learning, community networking, or communications may provide you and your partner with a comfortable way to share and enrich your relationship.

**Venus Square Juno    Orb: 02°58'**

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Venus. The pleasure principle: beauty, harmony, and the world of the senses is wrapped up with issues of equality and intimacy in relationship. Uncomfortably so. There may be conflict between relationships and love; one may not be able to consummate a truly loving relationship because of a marriage partner. Or perhaps one partner is uncomfortable with the other partner's sensual or sexual expression. One partner may perceive the other as overly indulgent or as possessing a shallow sense of beauty or love. The need for a healthy committed relationship and the need for sensual affirmation may seem to oppose each other, but this is probably due to the fact that you are denying or repressing one of these needs within yourself, consciously or unconsciously. If so, it may fight back from the world of others around you. Reconciliation can be achieved by finding ways to meet both needs. This may require examining whether one of these needs feels threatening, and if so, why.

**Vesta**

The asteroid Vesta (Latin) is named after the ancient Greek goddess Hestia, first born of the

Olympian deities and last released by her father Cronos (father Time), who at one point swallowed all his offspring. Thus she denotes the beginning and the end - alpha and omega - and serves as a reminder of the source from which all things originate and to which all must return. She represents the preservation of sacredness and the state of connection to formless Essence. As such, she is the only Olympic deity not worshipped anthropomorphically; she is symbolized only by the altar and its sacred flame. Thus she also represents any sacred space - be it temple, sweat lodge, or meditation corner - that acts as a container in which we may center ourselves, and feel the presence of Spirit. In ancient times Vesta was worshipped both in the city center as the flaming altar, and in every home as the central hearth whose embers were literally passed on down through the generations from mother to daughter when the daughter married and established her own hearth. In this manner Vesta came to represent the perpetuation of the spark of life, and of civilization and one's ancestral and cultural roots.

In early matriarchal societies, priestesses honoring Hestia maintained a connection to this spiritual essence (represented by a sacred flame that they tended night and day). They offered themselves in sacred sexual union in order to teach the divine aspect of sexuality and the need to remain aware of the sacred while engaged in physical life. The priestesses remained unmarried and committed to none but themselves and their worship. Their sons (conceived anonymously during ceremonial summer solstice rites) served as year-kings when there was no royal heir. These customs were finally abolished when patrilineal traditions were enforced and the priestesses were compelled by the Roman king to serve as keepers of the new (patriarchal) civilization and to observe vows of celibacy. To break these vows entailed a cruel death penalty. In exchange for the relinquishment of their sexuality, matrilineal customs, and true spiritual function, the priestesses (Vestal Virgins) were granted freedom from paternal control.

Vesta's sacred flame represents, in the yogic tradition, the kundalinii force which, when properly awakened and channeled, leads to spiritual development. Thus, astrologically, Vesta has come to represent both spirituality and consecrated (or desecrated) sexuality. This can include a wide range of sexual expressions such as abstinence, renunciation and celibacy, the celebration of spiritually honored sexuality, sexual idealism, and the sacred whore. Astrologically, Vesta stands for that which provides us with inner sustenance; the way in which we are pulled back to our core or inner self; and the struggle between this and the demands of the outer world. Vesta represents the way in which we long to bless others with the fruits of the spiritual resources we have found within ourselves, but it is also the need to retreat and preserve our inner sanctuary against any disrespectful intrusion. Vesta is associated with dedication, focus, and commitment. She represents those things that helps us focus, the way in which we dedicate ourselves with heart and soul, and that for which we are ready (or compelled) to make a sacrifice. The things indicated by Vesta's position in your chart may be things that you feel compelled to give up or sacrifice, often out of a sense of spiritual compulsion. Yet they can also be the very things that evoke your dedication - leading to a sense of deep inner fulfillment when you are willing to make some sacrifices on their behalf. Keep this paradox in mind as you read on, for Vesta can express itself one way or the other - or both!

### **Vesta in Libra**

Vesta in Libra indicates that harmony, beauty, and the arts help you focus and center yourself. You use them to both go inward and get in touch with yourself, and to then move

outward and commit your focused energies with dedication, zeal, and even sacrifice (described further by Vesta's house position, below). This dedication to harmony is often expressed in terms of the way you relate with others - especially with a partner. You are capable of considering another's happiness to the extent that you are willing to deny your own needs totally. (You revere sharing and concern for one another's needs when it comes to sexuality as well, for through these you experience the most spiritually fulfilling aspects of sex.) It is possible that, through one-pointedness, you focus so much on the ideals of beauty, harmony, and equality that the means becomes an end in itself and you lose sight of the goal these things are meant to serve. If this happens, you can end up feeling obliged to sweeten others' lives, while expecting and depending on others to do the same for you (it may be against your principles to speak up for your own needs). This can leave you feeling disoriented and out of touch with yourself, and may tempt you to renounce these pursuits. It can be helpful to think of your true Beloved as dwelling within you, in order to develop the same kind of consideration for yourself that you extend to others. By constantly re-anchoring your concern for harmony and equality in your sense of inner spiritual presence, you can renew the sense of fulfilling dedication to your goals.

### **Vesta in 3rd House**

Vesta in the third house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense focus are centered around issues having to do with the mind, intellect, education, networking, and communication of thoughts and ideas (perhaps thoughts and ideas pertaining to spirituality and sexuality). You may also experience a sense of self-denial regarding these very same things, so that instead of making sacrifices for the sake of obtaining them, you experience a sacrifice of these very things themselves. You may, for example, experience misunderstandings in communications - a difficulty that forces you to work extra hard in order to get your message across or to clear things up. Perhaps circumstances have prevented you from obtaining the customary education, requiring you to become very one-pointed and dedicated to your educational goals in order to realize them. Careful consideration of these activities or issues will help you understand how to best manage your sense of commitment and remain centered in your self.

### **Moon Square Vesta Orb: 00°45'**

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with the Moon. Your emotional and instinctive responses clash strongly with feelings of devoted commitment and your longing to sacrifice yourself whole-hearted to something. You may feel a conflict between your sexual needs and your need for emotional safety and comfort. There may exist unresolved emotional conflicts around one's sexuality. The maternal archetype conflicts with the spiritual/sexual functions of the sacred priestess archetype. You may experience strong emotional reactions against spirituality or religion. Or perhaps your own intense commitment to some cherished (and perhaps religious) goal or work takes precedence over emotional or family ties. You'll need to find ways to meet both the need for sacred fire (spiritual and/or sexual) and the need for emotional comfort. Otherwise you could be plagued by difficult interactions with others who express the frustrated unmet need. It may be useful to explore the roots of one's emotional or sexual conditioning.

### **Venus Square Vesta Orb: 01°35'**

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with Venus. The capacity for dedication and

self-sacrifice conflicts with the realm of pleasure and beauty. You may feel, or be made to feel, that it is unwomanly for women to be sexually or spiritually assertive or self-possessed. You may prefer pleasure to commitment and run into difficulties as a result. Or perhaps your dedication to your work or your need for sexual or spiritual independence take such precedence that it has an adverse affect on your ability to form loving relationships. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for spiritual/sexual self-possession and the need for intimate relationship can and do co-exist within yourself (and in others). The same goes for the need for pleasure and the need for dedicated commitment to your particular sacred cow. If you can find ways to acknowledge and meet both needs you may be surprised at how old patterns of conflict/behavior may change for the better. This will take conscious effort.

This sums up your report for Chiron and the asteroids in your chart. An astrological chart is like a blueprint of the human psyche, with its great and dramatic cast of archetypes. And each human psyche is like a unique, one-of-a-kind carpet woven from many beautiful threads of many different colors. Chiron and the asteroids are five of those threads.

This report has described each of those five threads by house and sign, and has even described what happens when one of those threads is intertwined with other single threads (the other planets). And this does give you some kind of overall picture. But the best way to understand the pattern that all the threads make in their weaving of the whole unique carpet, is to consult an astrologer skilled in chart interpretation. The astrologer can make a big difference in helping you piece together the puzzle of your chart so that, in the end, you can see the beautiful carpet where once, perhaps, all you saw was a tangle of threads. Hopefully, this report will help you to understand some of the magical threads that are woven into your life.