

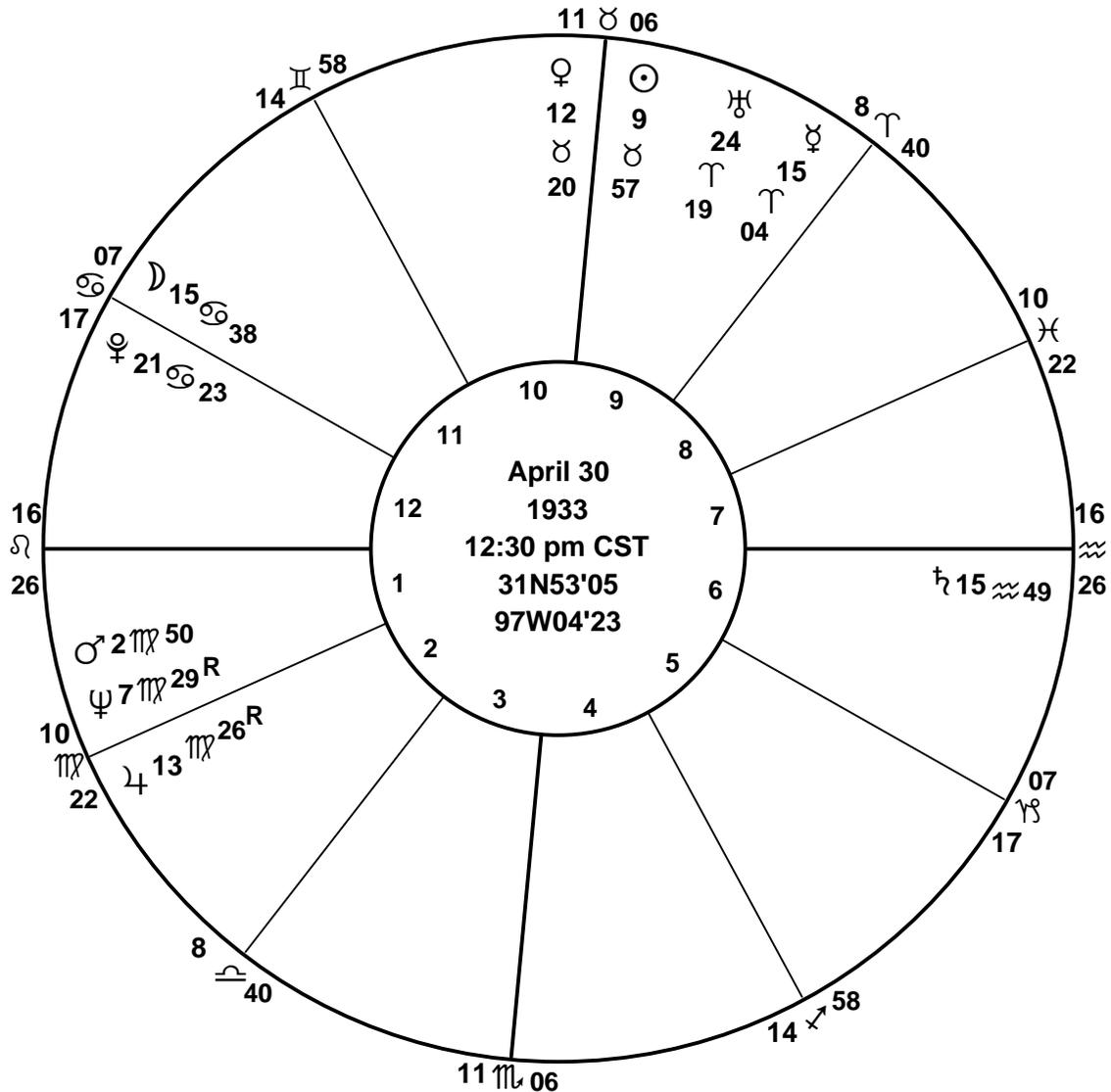
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 Sun-Jupiter: Cooperative
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WHAT IS ASTROLOGY?

Astrology is an ancient field of study. As far back as we have recorded history, we have astrological concepts. Further back, scratches (made by Neolithic hunters) on reindeer horns correspond to the phases of the Moon.

Astrology uses the patterns of the heavens to more fully understand life on Earth. The positions of the planets are seen as symbolizing personality traits and tendencies, as well as human cycles of development. Using a horoscope is like looking in a mirror; we can see ourselves more clearly and easily as unique individuals. Just as the mirror does not **set** our appearance, but only **reflects** it, so the planets do not **create** our personalities, but only **reflect** them.

Using astrology to describe personality strengths, weaknesses, talents, abilities and challenges requires a **natal** (or birth) horoscope. A natal horoscope is like a map of the sky for your instant of birth, looking from the viewpoint of your birthplace. Your moment of birth gives a "freeze frame"--an exact snapshot of the positions of all the planets. No one else has the same horoscope as you--unless they were born in the exact same place, at the exact same minute, as you were.

The next few pages of this report will introduce you to the basic tools of astrology--planets, signs, houses, and aspects (how the planets relate to each other at a given moment) The remainder of the report will be devoted to interpreting each of the planets in **your** horoscope, in terms of their placement in signs, houses, and aspects.

ABOUT PLANETS

Planets are one of the four basic building blocks of astrology. When astrologers say "planets," they usually refer to the eight planets of our solar system other than Earth (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto) plus the Sun and the Moon. We know that the Sun is actually a star and the Moon is actually a satellite, but it is simplest to call all bodies planets.

Astrologically, each of the planets represents a drive or need within you. A planet is like the verb in a sentence; it indicates where the action is. Planets comprise the most important building block in astrology. Following is a brief description of each of the planets.

The Sun

Just as the **Sun** is the center of our solar system, so is it the center of the horoscope. Our Sun in the solar system provides light and makes life possible. The Sun in the horoscope is a key to vitality, life force, and our

central, creative urge. The Sun represents our need to shine, our desire for recognition, our self-esteem, and pride/shame issues.

Wherever our Sun is (in one of 12 houses, and in one of 12 signs), we want to be admired, noticed, loved, or applauded by the world. We feel most vital and alive when expressing the themes of our Sun's house and sign. Since it is a key to vitality and zest, we naturally pour energy into the activities represented by our Sun's house and sign.

Keywords: self-esteem, life force/vitality, creativity, risk-taking instincts, pride, star quality, fun-loving spirit, inner child, drive for excitement, need for recreation, speculative side, sexual passion, need to shine.

The Moon

The **Moon** (which shines by reflected light) is a key to our inner emotions, particularly our need for emotional security and safety. It symbolizes our dependency needs and our desire to nurture and care for others. It represents the people we depend on, the parent who was a nurturing figure, and our capacity to be an assisting, helpful, caring individual. It also is a key to our home, our roots (ancestry), and our sensitivities.

Wherever the Moon is (by house and sign), we want to nurture or be nurtured, to make warm, emotional connections with others. Family feelings may be sought or explored and emotions are the focus.

Keywords: emotions, security needs, caretaking instincts, dependency needs, drive to nurture, vulnerabilities, homing instincts, receptivity, moods, habit patterns, women (including mother).

Mercury

Mercury represents our need to communicate. It is a key to our verbal ability, our logic, our capacity to be objective and detached. Mercury symbolizes the conscious, reasoning mind that observes the world, gathers information, learns, teaches, and disseminates knowledge.

Wherever Mercury is in our horoscope (by house and sign), we are curious, interested, and want to know. We may learn and/or teach in that area. Our Mercury placements help to describe our verbal styles and the way we use our minds.

Keywords: urge to communicate, thinking, listening/talking, capacity to learn cognitively, adaptability/flexibility, information-gathering skills, casual contacts, logic, conscious awareness, dexterity, intellectual perception.

Venus

Venus represents our need to enjoy the physical world and the world of relationships. Venus could be called the pleasure principle; we may seek pleasure through money, possessions, tangible beauty, or sensual gratification. We may also seek pleasure through relationships, through sharing, through partnerships with others. Venus is a key to affection, love, our need for balance, our appreciation of beauty, and our orientation toward ease, comfort, and personal enjoyment.

Wherever Venus is in our horoscope (by house and sign), we want to enjoy! We seek pleasure, comfort, ease, beauty, grace, love, and goodness in the areas inhabited by Venus.

Keywords: desire for pleasure, sensuality, urge for comfort/ease, need for tangible beauty, drive for stability/predictability, sweetness, affection, relating needs, material assets.

Mars

Mars represents our need to assert ourselves, to defend our own rights, to identify and go after what we want in the world. Mars can be a key to healthy self-expression and personal power, but it can also represent aggression, fights, arguments, anger and negative forms of assertion. Mars is an indicator of our basic physical energy and health, sexual drive, where we seek freedom, our desire to do things on our own, and our sense of basic identity.

Wherever Mars is in our horoscope (by house and sign), we want to express ourselves, be free and be active. If the personal energy symbolized by Mars is blocked, we might experience physical or interpersonal problems as a result of not defending our own needs. If we carry Martian themes too far, we may be rash, impulsive or self-centered in the areas where Mars lies. If we balance our Martian side with other drives, we can be assertive in a healthy fashion, meeting our own needs and drives in a constructive manner.

Keywords: assertion, self-expression, independence, personal power, desires, spontaneous instincts, immediate needs, anger, sexual drive, early identity, doing one's thing, need to be first, energy level.

Jupiter

Jupiter represents our need to believe and to aspire. It indicates our ideals, what we tend to value and want more of in life. It is also a key to where we can exaggerate or overdo. Jupiter indicates potential opportunities and the confidence to pursue our visions.

Wherever Jupiter is in our horoscope (by house and sign), we tend to place our faith. We are likely to seek more in that area, and may even overexpand. (If we see something as good, more is better.) Jupiter's placement may indicate that an individual values money, or a partner, a religion, etc. Where Jupiter is a key, we may idealize (and put a part of life on a pedestal) or expect more than is possible. Jupiter symbolizes our optimistic spirit, where we tend to look on the bright side, have hope, and see the highest potentials.

Keywords: ideals and goals, beliefs, values, morality/ethics, faith, optimism, quest for the truth, philosophy/religion, drive for expanded horizons, high expectations, seeking the best/highest, expansiveness.

Saturn

Saturn represents our need to structure life and test reality. Saturn is a key to the limits of life: what we can do, cannot do, and have to do. It is also symbolic of authority figures in our lives: from the rule-maker parent (usually Dad) to police officers and presidents. Saturn symbolizes our career, our conscience, our ambitions and our need to have power over the physical world.

Wherever Saturn is in our horoscope (by house and sign), we learn to face reality and what is possible. We often deal with consequences (cause and effect). Saturn represents the principle of learning through experience (sometimes the "school of hard knocks"). Where Saturn principles are carried too far, people may feel blocked, inhibited, incapable, incompetent, or unable to do anything. Where Saturn principles are ignored, people may push the world (or others) until they discover certain principles (including the laws of the land) are bigger than they are; eventually we reap the consequences of what we have sown. People who are balanced in their expression of what Saturn represents are practical achievers who do as much as is possible within the structures of society. Saturn is a key to our capacity to learn by doing, to deal sensibly with the material world, to work responsibly, and to produce tangible results.

Keywords: reality quotient, response to and desire for authority, attitudes toward the orthodoxy and what society deems appropriate, practicality, capacity to deal with limits, career drives, sense of responsibility, discipline/ effort, status ambitions, urge to solidify/contract, wisdom of experience.

Uranus

Uranus represents our need to change and alter. It is a key to our drive for individuality and uniqueness. Uranus symbolizes our need for the freedom to be different, to explore alternatives, and to look toward the fu-

ture and progress.

Wherever Uranus is in our horoscope (by house and sign), we need to be independent. We need to come from our own unique essence. Our Uranus placements indicate where we seek space, where we can innovate and be inventive. (They also indicate where we can be surprised.) Uranus mirrors our urge to consider alternatives, to be open and to be equalitarian.

Keywords: individuality, freedom drives, inventiveness, originality, humanitarian instincts, detachment, pull toward the future, eccentricity, innovation, sudden changes, interest in technology, the new or "cutting edge."

Neptune

Neptune represents our need to merge and seek transcendence. Neptune is a key to our search for the beautiful dream. That may be sought through art, through healing or helping activities, or through escapist means. Neptune indicates our drive to experience Oneness, to be a part of the whole, to connect with something Higher or ecstatic in life. We may seek transcendence through spiritual or religious paths, be "swept away" in nature worship, look to drugs for ecstasy, live in a "perfect" fantasy world, or find inspiration in philanthropy and compassionate assistance of humanity.

Wherever Neptune is in our horoscope (by house and sign), we want to be inspired and must be wary of rose-colored glasses. We need to feel uplifted where our Neptune is placed, and may fool ourselves into viewing matters through a romantic haze. We seek transcendent experiences in the areas connected to Neptune in our horoscope.

Keywords: quest for Oneness/Union/transcendence, idealism, quest for infinite love and beauty, intuition, savior/victim potentials, compassion, imagination/fantasy, mysticism, escapism.

Pluto

Pluto represents our need to relate intimately with another person and with our own psyche. Pluto is another key to sexuality: our drive to share the world (especially sensually and financially) with another person--and learning about ourselves through interacting with someone else. Pluto also indicates our inner drive for self-mastery, self-insight and self-understanding. Pluto themes have to do with depth analysis, tearing things down and regeneration and transformation as well.

Wherever Pluto is in our horoscope (by house and sign), we tend to probe beneath the surface. We tend to pick at, and examine carefully those

areas, looking for hidden meanings and deeper layers. We may tear down and then build up, analyze carefully, and then rework and transform. Pluto also symbolizes our approach to shared resources, money, and sexuality. Pluto represents our deepest, most intense feelings and our capacity to share power, pleasure and possessions with another person.

Keywords: intensity, drive for self-mastery, intimacy instincts, sexual needs, drive for transformation, elimination/completion urges, resentment/forgiveness, probing, complicated motives, compulsions, addictions, resourcefulness.

SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

Your "sky map" (horoscope) places planets in any of 12 signs and any of 12 houses. Each planet has a different meaning, depending upon the house and the sign of the zodiac which it occupies.

The zodiac is an imaginary circle, out in space. (This circle is **not** the same as the constellations with the same names as the zodiac signs.) The zodiac is determined by the Earth's seasons and the Earth's path around the Sun. The Earth's path around the Sun, extended into infinity, forms the circle of the zodiac. The position of the Sun at the vernal equinox--spring in the Northern Hemisphere--defines 0 degrees of the sign Aries--the beginning of the zodiac. Looking out from the Earth, we see each planet in front of a certain part of the zodiac circle. That position determines what sign of the zodiac the planet is in.

Your **day of birth** determines the sign of the zodiac occupied by the Sun. That is your "Sun sign" which many popular columns abbreviate to just "your sign." The zodiac signs occupied by the other planets are determined by both your **year** of birth and your **day** of birth.

Your **time of birth** may be needed to know your Moon sign, because the Moon changes signs about every 2-1/2 days. Also, if you were born on a day when the Sun or a planet was changing signs (near a boundary point of the zodiacal circle), you will need to know your time of birth to determine which sign that planet is in. (Remember, astrologers call the Sun and Moon "planets" for convenience, even though the Sun is a star and the Moon is a satellite.)

The signs modify the planets, like adjectives modify verbs in English. You will express the drive symbolized by the planet in a manner described by the sign it occupies.

Each sign has a number of different possibilities. The symbols of astrology work on many levels. Everything has **more than one** meaning. Note that most potentials have both an "up" side and a "down" side--a

positive and a negative. Astrology simply mirrors our potentials. We have the power to manifest either side in our lives (and we can change from one to the other by applying effort).

♈ **Aries** ♀

The glyph here symbolizes the horns of the charging Arian ram--plunging headfirst into life, spontaneous, impulsive, self-expressive. Here we have action, courage, self-expression, doing one's own thing, conflict, passion, being first, integrity, identity, anger, crises and confrontation. Aries is assertive, brave, impetuous, energetic, self-oriented, pioneering, rash, competitive, rapid, eager, likes to be on one's own, lives in the present.

♉ **Taurus** ♀

The glyph here symbolizes the head of a bull, who may be contentedly smelling the flowers, enjoying life's sensual pleasures. Here we have comfort, fondness, possessions, money, sensuality, products, persistence, patience, stability, indulgence, inertia and acceptance. Taurus is deliberate, dependable, placid, easygoing, loyal, thorough, stubborn, money-oriented, practical, artistic.

♊ **Gemini** ♀

The glyph here represents the two twins, Castor and Pollux. Here we have communication, learning, mental stimulation, curiosity, mimicry, movement, variety, youthfulness, choices, information, dexterity and multiple interests. Gemini is fluent, versatile, intermittent, clever, nimble, quick-witted, adaptable, scattered, gossipy, lighthearted, superficial, articulate.

♋ **Cancer** ♀

The glyph is said to represent the female breasts symbolizing nourishing and nurturing, or the claws of the crab, protecting its soft, inner body. Here we have children, the home, the nurturing parent, emotional needs, instincts, feelings, security and safety needs, vulnerability, desire for attachment, sensitivity. Cancer is nurturing, warm, dependent, sympathetic, protective, security-oriented, maternal, patriotic, retentive, helpful, moody, domestic, touchy (easily hurt), focused on family.

♌ **Leo** ♀

Some say this glyph represents the male sperm, as Leo rules procreation as well as creativity. Others say the glyph is a stylized rendition of the royal lion's head and mane. Here we have approval, dignity, recognition, applause, romance, dynamism, magnetism, pride/shame, limelight, extroversion, impact, procreation, larger-than-life themes and stage

presence. Leo is creative, risk-taking, charismatic, fun-loving, generous, exciting, dramatic, proud, self-confident, childish, ambitious, arrogant, self-conscious (fears ridicule), enthusiastic.

♍ **Virgo** ♍

One tradition has it that this glyph represents a female hymen, indicating a closed (virginal) state. Another tradition traces the "M" in Virgo to Mary, mother of Jesus, and before her, to Mari--a goddess of the sea and early matriarchal figure. Another suggestion is that the waves in the "M" represents wheat fields undulating in the breeze. The constellation Virgo shows a virgin with a sheaf of wheat. Virgo is associated with green, growing things, as well as with work and health. Here we deal with cleansing, order, tasks, productivity, efficiency, skepticism, results, service, the correcting of flaws, and job routines. Virgo is work-oriented, painstaking, pragmatic, exacting, discreet, industrious, nit-picking, pedantic, methodical, detail-oriented, concerned with health/cleanliness.

♎ **Libra** ♎

The glyph represents an old-fashioned set of scales, pointing to the importance of balance and harmony. Here we have themes of sharing, beautifying, alternatives/choices, dualities, comparison, compromises, equality, the legal system, love, appearances, rituals, aesthetics. Libra is cooperative, diplomatic, fence-sitting, competitive, charming, easily deterred, refined, sociable, seeking a partner/companion, placating, coequal.

♏ **Scorpio** ♏

One tradition has it that this glyph represents the female genitalia in an open (sexually aware and active) state. Another theory is that the glyph highlights the "stinger" of the Scorpio scorpion or the undulating movement and fangs of the asp (serpent) also associated with Scorpio. Another theory associates the Scorpio "barb" with a phallus. Here we have issues of rebirth, complexities, hidden depths, the unconscious, sexuality, intimacy, shared resources and money, passion, power, loyalty/betrayal, extremes, all-or-nothing, self-discipline, transformation, transmutations and self-mastery. Scorpio is penetrating, intense, resourceful, powerful, compulsive, determined, jealous, secretive, probing, suspicious, fascinated by the hidden/taboo.

♐ **Sagittarius** ♐

The glyph shows the arrow loosened from the bow of the centaur (half-man/half-horse) who represents the quest for knowledge and truth. We see themes of trust, faith, world views, religion, philosophy, education, travel, expanded horizons, wide influence, prosperity, exaggeration,

expectations, opportunities, extravagance, understanding. Sagittarius is benevolent, optimistic, athletic, enthusiastic, idealistic, freedom-loving, blunt, overindulgent, broad-minded, just.

♄ **Capricorn** ♄

The glyph is a very stylized rendition of a mountain-climbing goat with a fish-tail (like a mermaid), indicative of heights and depths. The themes relate to endurance, effort, dedication and an upward push. Here we face achievement, cause-and-effect, guilt, limits, demands and duties of the real world, career, status, reality, law, time, authorities, consequences and common sense. Capricorn is responsible, formal, traditional, career-oriented, cautious, inhibited, hardworking, scrupulous, conventional, status-seeking, economical, businesslike.

♊ **Aquarius** ♊

To the ancients, the wavy lines in this glyph represented the water carried in the jug of the "Water Bearer" (the constellation associated with this sign). Today, the wavy lines represent electricity, ruled by Aquarius, which symbolizes the electric openness to life, individuality, and inventiveness of the sign. Here we face themes of change, innovation, individuality, irreverence, freedom, surprises, originality, advancement, technology, and the New Age. Aquarius is unique, rebellious, futuristic, independent, objective, intellectual, unpredictable, tolerant, eccentric, aloof, progressive, possessed of a wide perspective.

♋ **Pisces** ♋

The glyph is a stylized rendition of two fish, swimming in opposite directions, but tied together by a line. This image of union in diversity, or the connection of seeming opposites highlights the Piscean need for union, for merging, for becoming part of something greater than the self. We have here themes revolving around absolutes, absorption, liquids, healing, psychic talents, pilgrimages, sacraments, unity, visions, excuses, romance, empathy and miracles. Pisces is compassionate, mystical, illusory, sensitive, spiritual, dreamy, artistic, passive, sacrificial, intuitive, charitable, impractical, escapist, inspirational.

The Sun is in Taurus

You need to shine comfortably.

This implies that your quest for attention/limelight/applause may be at odds with your desire for comfort. You may seek recognition in a manner which allows you to be relaxed and easygoing. You may want to be admired for your ability to be at ease.

You seek recognition deliberately.

You are willing to be slow and steady in your pursuit of positive attention. You can embark on a regular program to achieve limelight, building higher and higher. Sensual and earthy experiences feed your vitality.

You need to shine in your placidity/dependability.

You are likely to be proud of your dependability and/or your easygoing nature. If overdone, you might be too complacent and self-satisfied. Your regularities may be admired. You want recognition for your reliability and might take pride in your stability. (If overdone, you are reluctant to change.)

Your drive for recognition manifests through sensuality/possessions.

You may gain favorable feedback through your handling of sensuality, money or possessions. You could be proud of what you own, or purchase only the finest of things. A sense of luxury is possible. You may shine at getting and/or giving sensual gratification or material goods.

The Moon is in Cancer

Your feelings are deep and strong, but you are unlikely to reveal them to the world--either to protect yourself or to avoid hurting others. You may incline toward nurturing activities, or you could expect others to take care of you. Warm and emotional attachments are a likely focus. Family may be very important. You probably have a strong bond with your mother (but that could be negative or positive). Emotional and physical security are important; you usually hang on to what you have.

Mercury is in Aries

Your mind and tongue are apt to work quickly (sometimes impulsively). You may have talent for debate or extemporaneous speaking, and you might use words aggressively (biting, ironic, sarcastic). You are likely to communicate directly, forcefully, with confidence. (You may sometimes be insensitive to others--in too much of a hurry, interrupting, etc. and inhibit true exchange of ideas. You think for yourself and learn best through personal experience. You may need to be active in order to learn. You are likely to seek out new ideas and be willing to risk mentally. Self-will colors your perceptions. You are likely to be interested in courage, self-reliance, freedom and self-expression.

Venus is in Taurus

You are likely to enjoy physical gratifications (food, drink, possessions, finances, sensual indulgences). You deeply enjoy sensations, appreciate

nature and savor the five senses, especially touch. You are probably relaxed and easygoing in relating to people and appreciate loyalty and stability. You express affection physically, steadily (and are sometimes possessive). Your drive for pleasure is strong; you might even be self-indulgent. Your handling of money/possessions is sensible, but you may overvalue comfort, luxury and/or attractive physical objects. You want comfort in your love relationships and respond to sensual energy from others.

Mars is in Virgo

You are naturally analytical, painstaking and thorough. Efficient functioning is important to you--both in your work and in your body (health). Your basic inclination is toward practicality, thrift, dedication and a "fix-it" (flaw-finding) approach. Your identity is tied to competence and doing things **right**. You assert yourself analytically, modestly, helpfully, and sometimes with criticism. Too much nit-picking, self-criticism or focus on details may inhibit your ability to act. You can put a lot of energy into working, being productive, repairing or improving people, things or situations. You tend to strive to do everything "just right" and may be quite demanding (of self and/or others). Your sexual drive and physical energy are influenced by your sense of effectiveness and competence. (Too much focus on performance could lead to inhibition.) You can be quite dedicated, thorough, and productive.

Jupiter is in Virgo

You tend to value work, productivity, efficiency and/or health. Your beliefs are probably connected to your job and sense of dedication. Your ethics/morals may highlight the puritan virtues. You may idealize purity, cleanliness, precision. You are learning to blend idealistic visions with practical reality, without begin chronically dissatisfied, overly judgmental, perfectionistic, or giving up too soon; a positive blend allows you to visualize the best and take concrete steps to manifest it. You tend to put your trust into hard work and self-discipline. You are probably ever ready to improve yourself. You are likely to grow through dedicated service and competent helpfulness.

As one of the outer planets, Jupiter spends a fair amount of time in each sign (about one year). Thus, the themes which are indicated are shared by people your age. The house placement of Jupiter will have more to say about how you handle beliefs, values, education, religion and expectations, along with your cultural background and individual essence.

Saturn is in Aquarius

You tend to structure and organize your sense of individuality and may sometimes inhibit your originality and uniqueness. You can be respon-

sible and dedicated in an unusual way. You may be quite committed to social change or progressive principles. You are apt to be logical and rational, with a talent for science. Your career might involve friends, groups, networking, computers or anything on the "cutting edge." You may have talent for organizing people or ideas. You may achieve through groups (teamwork). Too much focus on your drive for individuality and uniqueness could hinder your worldly achievements, but too much concern with what is "proper" could block your independence and inventive spirit. Keep a balance between the old and new, the structured and the free.

Saturn takes about 29-1/2 years to travel the zodiac circuit, so spends about 2-1/2 years in each sign. Thus, you share certain themes with people around your age. How you handle these issues, however, will depend on you (and your whole horoscope--including the house placement of Saturn). The challenge with any Saturn placement is to be appropriately realistic. People often take on either too little or too much responsibility in the areas connected to their Saturn's house and sign placements. Practice doing what is possible, neither giving up (fearing failure), nor trying to control and handle everything, but working pragmatically within the limits of the world.

Uranus is in Aries

You may be unique in self-expression and personal actions. You could challenge life directly, forcefully, courageously. You may make impulsive changes. You have a strong need for freedom and openness. When you break loose, you do so energetically, quickly, assertively.

Because Uranus spends about 7 years in each sign, it symbolizes issues for a rather large group of people. The house position of Uranus will help to reveal how and where each individual might deal with the issues represented by Uranus' sign. The house position of Uranus may also represent traits which are more personal, less tied to one's age peers.

Neptune is in Virgo

You may idealize/romanticize working, being competent or being healthy. You might sacrifice on the job (doing too much) or be perfectionistic at work. You could be a talented craftsperson or a natural healer/helper. You seek to bring your dreams to earth and make them real.

Historically, this time (1928/1929-1942/43) was one when the world dealt with illusions around purity, celibacy, work, duty, service and health. The Stock Market Crash and Great Depression crushed many people's ideals about making one's way through hard work. Racial "purity" was an issue in Hitler's Germany. Many people had to confront their beliefs and dreams around service and decide what they truly owed their country.

Antibiotics and other drugs offered new hope in the health field.

Because Neptune spends about 13-14 years in each sign, its position points to issues which are relevant for a whole group of people (over half of a generation). Each person will still have his/her personal reactions to these general issues, but the underlying themes will be shared with many people. (Thanks to Marilyn Waram in THE BOOK OF NEPTUNE for many historical notes which are used here.)

Pluto is in Cancer

You may probe deeply in matters involving home, family and emotions. You may bond/feel intimate through nurturing (and/or being dependent). You could focus or concentrate on gaining emotional security. Mastery of feelings and intuitions may be a driving need in your psyche.

Historically, Pluto was in Cancer from 1913-1938. The world saw excessive patriotism lead to World War I and set the stage for World War II. Women gained political power (the vote) in the US.

Because Pluto's orbit is so long (248 years to circle the zodiac), it spends from 12 to 32 years in a single sign. Thus, it operates as a marker of generations, pointing to themes shared by large groups of people. Still, people's house positions for Pluto and cultural backgrounds as well as individual natures will affect how they deal with these generational Plutonic themes. (Thanks to Marion March and Joan McEvers in THE ONLY WAY TO LEARN ASTROLOGY for historical examples.)

HOUSES OF THE HOROSCOPE

Your time of birth is required to know which houses are occupied by the planets. Houses are a division of space based on the Earth's 24-hour rotation. The Earth turns completely on its axis in one 24-hour period (creating our day and night). The space within which the Earth turns is divided into 12 areas called houses. As we look out from your place of birth, at your moment of birth, each planet will be in an area of space designated as one or another of the 12 astrological houses. Houses are shown as the pie-shaped wedges in a circular horoscope (and are numbered 1 through 12 in a counter-clockwise direction).

The line which separates one house from the next is called a cusp. Certain house cusps are considered to have extra significance in astrology. One is the cusp of the 1st house. The first house defines what was "rising" at the time of your birth. (If you were born around sunrise, the Sun will be near the cusp of your 1st house.) The cusp of the 1st is also called the Ascendant. Astrologers consider the sign on the Ascendant (the "rising sign") an important key to personal identity and action.

Similarly the sign on the cusp of the 10th house (the Midheaven) is considered significant in matters of career and status.

Houses (like signs) represent inner drives and needs, but houses have other meanings as well. Houses represent certain areas of life, and other people in our lives, in addition to inner psychological issues. For example, the 3rd house represents our capacity to learn, our logic and objectivity, and our communication skills. The third house also symbolizes the people we first practice learning and communicating with: brothers, sisters, neighbors and people near-at-hand.

Because the outer planets (Jupiter through Pluto) take so long to orbit the Sun, they occupy each sign of the zodiac for a rather long time. (A whole generation may have Pluto in the same sign of the zodiac.) The house a planet occupies is thus a much more personal statement than the sign a planet occupies. (Houses depend on the place and **time** of birth so are more individual.)

1st House Keywords

Personal action, identity, self-expression, spontaneous instincts, physical body, the beginning of life, appearance, what you do naturally, how others see you, your early childhood years, natural projection into the world, physical energy, appearance, "I" (personal awareness), assertion, urge to be first, sense of self separate from others, way of being independent, impulses, personal style, who you are.

2nd House Keywords

Possessions and pleasures, sensuality, money, comfort, stability, capacity to earn a living, tangible beauty, physical security, your material base, where and how you seek stability, attitudes toward possessions, property, and wealth, ownership, what is yours, urge for gratification, physical (material) values, goods and goodies, what you earn, own and enjoy, indulgence, how and where you seek pleasure.

3rd House Keywords

Communication, relatives, learning capacity, lightheartedness, short trips, transportation, media, early schooling, immediate (local) environment, conscious mind, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, how you learn to learn and learn to talk, adaptability, flexibility, capacity to take in new information and new ideas, curiosity, dexterity, skill with hands, flippancy, objectivity, speaking, writing, disseminating knowledge.

4th House Keywords

Home (of origin and the home you create for yourself as an adult), family, emotional vulnerabilities, nurturing instincts, roots, real estate, parent who was main nurturer, heritage, heredity and ancestry, emotional needs, private life, property, the ending of matters, where and how you seek security and safety, what makes you feel nourished and protected, how you care for others, conditions in early childhood and at the end of life, preverbal emotional connections, needs, feelings.

5th House Keywords

Risk-taking, procreation, creativity, onstage activities, lovers, children, romance, speculation, hobbies, recreation, love given and received, amusements, games, vacations, fun, vitality, sex, love affairs, gambling, investments, self-esteem, personal pride (and shame), ego vulnerability, desire for applause, attention and admiration, performance, seeking of approval, self-consciousness, courtship, pouring out from one's own center, seeking of positive feedback.

6th House Keywords

Competence, efficiency, work, health, handling of details, colleagues and co-workers, tenants, servants, employment and employees, routines, habits, nutrition, hygiene, service to others, sickness and health, discrimination, analysis, focus, organization, unequal relationships, improvement, repairs, enhancing, productivity, regularity, order, common sense, pragmatism, purification, cleanliness, flaw-finding, humility, doing something well.

7th House Keywords

Partners and partnership, need for balance, harmony, aesthetics, contracts, lawsuits, competitors, attitude toward marriage, grandparent(s), spouse, bargains, agreements, people who act on your behalf (e.g., agents), cooperation (and competition), visual beauty, fair play, justice, taking turns, negotiation, developing self-awareness through the mirroring of others, open enemies, equal relationships.

8th House Keywords

Depth investigations, shared money and resources, intimacy instincts, sexuality, debts, taxes, inheritance, hidden matters, surgery, endings, therapy, regeneration, transformation, issues of power and trust in relationships, shared pleasures, physical union, death and rebirth, intense emotional experiences, extremes, support from others; what you give to others, insurance, the occult, intimacy, obsessions, compulsions, secrets, insights.

9th House Keywords

Aspirations, beliefs, values, world view (religion/philosophy), optimism, law, science, ideals, higher education, distant travel/cultures, grandchildren, spiritual consciousness, visions, optimism, trust (in something more), travel, foreign people and countries, imports, exports, church, clergy, in-laws, ethics, morality, principles, conceptual frameworks, other cultures, the search for truth, generalizations, overviews, what makes your "perfect" world, expanded horizons.

10th House Keywords

Sense of responsibility, career, authorities, reality principle, status, employer, how the world sees you, rule-maker parent, achievements, profession, reputation, status, power figures, anyone or anything (including government) with authority over you, executive power, necessities, "real world" demands and limits, parent with more clout, expertise, taking charge, control issues, adulthood, discipline, delayed gratification, ambition, contribution to society, how you deal with structure and regulations.

11th House Keywords

Drive for individuation, originality, friends, groups, networking, hopes for future, foster and step-children, clubs, organizations, unconstrained relationships, attitudes toward friendship, group activities, how you fit into (or don't) social community, collective goals, urge for freedom and uniqueness, ability to break the rules, innovation, invention, tolerance, openness, detached perspective, social causes, humanitarian instincts, mental affinity and stimulation.

12th House Keywords

Desire for infinite love and beauty, union, mysticism, imagination, past lives, unconscious mind, charity, hidden weaknesses and strengths, behind-the-scenes activity, sheltered places and institutions (hospitals, asylums, jails, etc.), compassion for the underdog, sorrow, suffering, spiritual enlightenment, cosmic consciousness, isolation, sacrifice, dreams, fantasies, intuition, withdrawal (or escape) from life, Higher Self.

The Sun is in your 9th house

Your self-esteem is on the line in regard to education, religion, truth, or spiritual ideals. You may seek to prove your worth through amassing degrees, promoting a particular world view or philosophy, traveling all over the world, or being recognized as a guru or leader in metaphysics, ethics, or moral principles. You may seek admiration for your breadth of

perspective and wide knowledge. You probably rejoice in exploring the world mentally (and often physically as well). Your creativity could be channeled toward adventures, expansion and big dreams. You may be proud (or ashamed) of your education, life philosophy or goals and values. You tend to seek the best, build your faith, be optimistic and trust in the future.

You need a sense of fun, expansion and idealism in your love relationships. You want love to be joyful, enlarging, broadening, and to always have a "happy ending." This can lead to expecting more than is possible of those you love (or they of you). It can also indicate seeing the highest potential for lovers and children, and helping them to move toward a vision of brighter possibilities. You are willing to take risks for a greater return; you naturally seek the "big time." If you deny these enlarging potentials within, your children or beloved might carry them to excess. They might dream and never do, overextend themselves, exaggerate, expect the world to give them what they want, or just party a lot. They could be philosophical, happy-go-lucky, exploring types. If these themes are shared, you encourage one another to visualize the best and work toward it. You feed each other's humor, confidence, faith and love of knowledge.

The Moon is in your 11th house

Your emotional security is tied to new age knowledge, technology, friends or communal associations. You are "fed" by the new, the unusual and the different. You may protect and conserve opportunity for all, humanitarian principles and tolerance. You are likely to nurture and be nurtured by friends, causes and social networks. Your caretaking style is intellectual and a bit detached rather than warm and emotional. You are concerned with broad issues, but may be quite objective in more personal realms. You tend to treat friends as family (warmer, more caring) and family as friends (with space and objectivity), so your emotional responses can be viewed as rebellious, inventive or unconventional.

Your mother (figure) was a role model for individuality and progress. She could have been equalitarian (more like a friend than an authority), open, bright, unusual or involved with the cutting edge of change. She might also have been erratic, unpredictable, cool, aloof and detached. Your mother was dealing with a freedom/closeness clash around nurturing. She could have felt torn between her desire to care for others and her urge to be independent and involved in the wider world (transpersonal issues). You are facing the same motifs in terms of your own nurturing instincts. You may feel torn between home and family needs versus the pull of causes, new age activities, and the beckoning vistas of the outer world. Your family may breed individualism, change, open-endedness and unusual approaches. The past either built or challenged your uniqueness, humanitarian principles or openness to the new. You function best

in a domestic environment which is chaotic, unusual, ever-changing or full of friends and concepts coming and going.

Mercury is in your 9th house

Your mind is concerned with issues of faith, philosophy, education, travel or anything expansive and broadening. You learn through principles, broad perspectives, overviews and generalities. You think about the meaning of life and are apt to be curious about faith, beliefs, values, goals and world views. Your interests tend to be philosophical, spiritual, expansive or wide-ranging. You tend to "think big," and are apt to be optimistic. Your communication style is probably outgoing, gregarious, humorous, lively or adventurous. You may be prone to "foot-in-mouth" experiences on occasion or jumping to conclusions. You could enjoy argument for the sheer intellectual stimulation and may be a skillful rationalizer. Ethical issues (especially too much or too little honesty) could affect your written and verbal exchanges.

Your consciousness is restless, expansive and always wanting more. You can be a natural teacher, traveller and student. If you pursued higher education, you may have studied many different things! If you have not actualized your own faith, trust or expansiveness, your relatives (including siblings) may be confident, outgoing, ethical, religious, spiritual, perfectionistic, funny or rash. You seek the stimulation of always learning more, going further, understanding more fully, and expanding your horizons.

Venus is in your 10th house

You are looking for ease and comfort in reality. You may expect your career to provide beauty or pleasure. (You might not want to work hard.) You want achievement that is stable and secure and seek control over the physical, sensual world--over things. You can find comfort in duties, thrift, rules, structure and safety. You may look to money and possessions for reassurance and security. Your possessions are apt to be practical and sensible, and may further your professional ambitions. You probably enjoy responsibility, accomplishments and tangible results. (Occasionally, beauty and charm may be used to control the world: "If I am sweet enough, people will do things for me.")

You have the potential of a comfortable, accepting relationship with the conditional love parent (usually father or authority figure). There may be much affection between you. It is also possible that the parent may be overly materialistic, self-indulgent, passive or lazy. This parent is a role model (positive or negative) for later partnerships. Unresolved issues with Dad (or authority figure parent) will be faced again with partners. These issues are most likely to involve money, security, affection, comfort and pleasure. Your partner might be dictatorial, a workaholic, expect you to carry the load, responsible, dedicated or realistic. Your social interac-

tions tend toward the conventional and are often work-related. Your career could involve beauty, pleasure, finances, or sensual gratification. You could earn money in business, with or through a father figure, in a bureaucracy, or through steadily working your way up the ladder of success.

Mars is in your 1st house

You are likely to have a strong sense of personal freedom, independence, and often a "loner" tendency. You may be quite strong-willed and could exhibit marked courage (on many levels). You tend to be open, spontaneous and direct.

Your physical energy is probably high; you may bounce back easily from illness (or set-backs in general). Your natural impatience can lead you to sometimes act without thinking. You may rush "head first" into life (and can sometimes have the head injuries to prove it). Accidents are a potential if you carry rashness to an extreme. Immediacy and urgency are built into your nature. When the desire strikes, you feel you **must** act. Spontaneity is very good, but sometimes needs to be tempered with a bit of caution.

Innate self-confidence makes you willing to take risks, to naturally rise to any challenges. Competition often spurs your best efforts. You may have a talent for handling crisis, with rapid response your forte. You may be drawn to sports or other physically active outlets. Your high level of energy (and sharpness) needs a constructive physical outlet. You can be quite assertive, with a firm sense of what you want. (If overdone, there may be impulsiveness, self-centeredness or combativeness.) With natural pioneering spirit, you initiate easily.

Your sense of identity is very personal: "I am me"--not based on other role models, but uniquely you. Although you can get angry quickly, you are also likely to get over it quickly. The more you do what you want, the more you grasp your essential nature. "I do my own thing" could be your motto."

Jupiter is in your 2nd house

You are likely to believe in and value comfort, security, pleasure and possessions. If the focus on gratification is carried too far, you may be overly indulgent (with food, alcohol, or other appetites) or place too much importance on money and material goods. You want to enlarge and expand your material base, so might make a lot of money, but can also spend easily. With the confidence that you can always get more, you may be quite generous. You can generalize about what you earn and own in life, and may leap to unwarranted conclusions. Financial opportunities come your way through optimism, positive visualization and

social networks. Your persuasive, motivating skills can be a tool for monetary gain. You are likely to both learn and teach in the realm of money, possessions, aesthetics and pleasure.

Your world view tends to be based on contentment. You may trust (put your faith in) stability, material security and gratifying experiences. You want to believe in happy endings. Your ethics and moral principles are likely to be easygoing and accepting. You want to understand the sense world, finances and beauty. Pleasure is an important goal in your life.

Saturn is in your 6th house

You may seek structure in your work routines or follow quite regular health habits. You probably feel responsible for doing things well and not making mistakes. You may feel limited in your work or health and need to avoid focusing too much on what is "wrong" rather than what is "right." Karmic issues for you revolve around efficient functioning in both your job and in your body. You are learning to be productive and effective without pushing yourself too hard and falling into a workaholic stance--or giving up and not trying because you feel inadequate. Regularity, practicality and realism are essential in what you do and for your physical well-being. If you demand too much of yourself, problems with your back, teeth, bones, knees or crystallization (stones, gout, arthritis) can indicate taking too much on your shoulders, trying to be indispensable. Or, you may sometimes get sick in order to take a "vacation."

Your father (figure) is a role model (positive or negative) for your attitudes about competence and health. You may perceive authorities (including father) as hardworking, dedicated, demanding, nit-picking, fault-finding, humble or ill. His example taught you what to do or what not to do in terms of service, fixing things up, dedication and effort.

Your career needs to include careful analysis, attention to detail, focus, concentration or quiet efficiency. You may be drawn to fields involving health, nutrition, repairs or any kind of improvement. Your duties are practical, sensible and call for facing facts. You are susceptible to guilt regarding perceived faults and may be too critical of yourself, especially on the job. You are learning to be realistic about your capabilities and competence.

Uranus is in your 9th house

You may challenge the status quo in terms of ideas, concepts, ideals and world views. You could be a rebel in terms of beliefs, goals and values. You are likely to change and reform religious, spiritual or philosophical perspectives. You can invent and originate new ways of looking for truth and meaning in life. You may break the "rules" about religion, spirituality or faith. You could revolutionize ethics, morality, value systems or life

philosophies. You have a strong streak of unconventional wit and innovative thinking. You can be a radical! You deny dogma and seek your own broadly-based, open, tolerant world view.

Freedom is essential for you, and strongly connected to seeking the truth. You may idealize personal liberty, friends, or humanitarian causes. You need to feel unconfined, free to explore, adventure, travel and broaden your horizons on all levels (physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually). You may reach sudden insights through relocating or exposing yourself to different surroundings or theories. Learning can occur in bursts and starts; you might lack patience for traditional higher education, preferring to find your own truth. Sudden illumination is possible. You probably trust the future and believe that the best is yet to come. You may be quite tolerant, optimistic and confident.

Neptune is in your 1st house

Your imagination is strong and easy to tap. You tune into and merge effortlessly and could unconsciously pick up vibes (good or bad) from others, or feel their feelings. You are likely to be quite sensitive and need to be more careful than the average person about drugs, medication, diet, or anything affecting your physical body. You might even unconsciously pick up other people's illnesses or bodily aches when you are feeling down or vulnerable. Some kind of meditation, psychic self-protection, artistic inspiration or a deep, abiding faith will support your physical vitality and promote good health.

You probably yearn to express infinite love and beauty through your own personal action. You could be graceful, drawn to beauty in motion (dancing, skating, skiing, gymnastics, Tai Chi, etc.) or self-sacrificing. Miracles, magic and mysticism are a natural part of life for you. You may instinctively heal and rescue (people, plants, animals...). You may sometimes repress or deny feelings that are unpleasant or don't fit your ideals. You could delude yourself, viewing the world through rose-colored glasses and preferring to focus only on the best. If you overidealize, you'll end up disappointed and let down when life and other people prove to be fallible.

You could idealize or romanticize action, courage, freedom and self-expression and yet you can also avoid and ignore independence, openness and directness when they don't fit your dreams. Your challenge is to blend self-assertion and self-sacrifice, to optimally combine personal will with empathy and the urge for union. You can transcend through action, courage, assertion and being true to yourself. You find and define your personal self more clearly by connecting with your Higher Self and inner wisdom.

Pluto is in your 12th house

You seek to master your dreams, visions and ideals. You intimidate/overpower through weakness, passivity, manipulation or "rescuing" others. You probe/investigate fantasies, hopes, ideals and escapist urges. You control (or are controlled by) your imagination and pipeline to the Infinite. You eliminate dreams, imagination, compassion **or** fantasy, escapism and psychosis. You bond/feel intimate in a context of sensitivity, empathy, merging, selflessness, compassion and beauty. You concentrate on ideals, beauty, union, spirituality and absolutes. You project (facets of yourself you'd rather not face) onto fantasy figures, people you do not see clearly, or bury them in your unconscious. You share/allocate visions, aesthetic urges, spiritual drives and inspirational needs in order to further your quest for infinite love and beauty. You test (yourself or others) against an ideal image and standard for infinite love.

RULERS

A house that has no planets in it is said to be **empty**. This does **not** mean that you cannot function in the area of life represented by the house--or that nothing ever happens. When a house is not occupied by planets, you look first to the sign on the cusp of that house.

Four of the house cusps are more important, and are known as "angles." Angles are extremely time-dependent and thus are among the most personal points of your horoscope. The four angles are the Midheaven (10th house cusp), Ascendant (1st house cusp), Descendant (7th house cusp) and IC (4th house cusp). They are shown on the chart as the heavier lines between the inner and outer circles.

The signs on each of these angles give additional information about your potentials, and these angles can also form aspects with one another and with the planets. Traditionally, astrologers give more weight to the Ascendant and Midheaven than to the Descendant and IC. (The first two appear to be more significant.)

In addition to the meaning of the sign on the cusp, you also consider the **ruler** of that sign. Each sign has a "favorite" planet--a planet whose basic meaning is parallel to the themes of that sign. A sign's "favorite" planet is said to "rule" that sign. Thus, Mars (the planet signifying assertion, personal action, impulses, desire, immediacy) rules Aries (the sign of speed, impatience, urgency, courage, etc.). Since there are only 10 planets, but 12 signs, some planets do double duty. Venus rules both Taurus and Libra. Mercury is the ruler of both Gemini and Virgo. Each other planet rules only one sign: Sun-Leo, Moon-Cancer, Jupiter-Sagittarius, Saturn-Capricorn, Uranus-Aquarius, Neptune-Pisces, and Pluto-Scorpio.

In handling the matters of an empty house, you will show some characteristics of the sign on the cusp of the house, as well as some traits depicted by the house and sign occupied by the ruling planet of the house. These are the major considerations and the ones which will be discussed in detail in the following text. As always, look for repeated themes. Messages which occur more than once are more significant.

The sign on the cusp and the placements of the ruler are also given for houses that are not empty. These are important, but tend to be less noticed when there are planets in the house--the planets are "where the action is."

Other factors can enter in. If, for example, the ruler of a house aspects another planet, that other planet will also have something to say about the matters of the house. In addition, one can consider the placement of the "natural rulers" of each house. The "natural rulers" follow the natural zodiac: Aries in the 1st house, Taurus in the 2nd house, etc. Thus, Mars is the "natural ruler" of the 1st, Venus is the "natural ruler" of the 2nd, etc. At a certain point, however, people get overwhelmed with data. So, we are providing interpretations for the major factors to include when examining an empty house: the **sign on the cusp**, and the **house and sign placement of the ruler of that cusp**.

The Ascendant

The Ascendant is represented by the heavy line on the left (eastern) side of your chart: it is the boundary line between the 12th and 1st houses. The Ascendant is also called your "rising sign," since the sign on your Ascendant was "rising" (moving from below the horizon to above the horizon) at your time and place of birth. Formally, it is the eastern intersection of the great circles of the ecliptic and the horizon.

The Ascendant provides additional clues about your self-expression, sense of identity, appearance, physical energy and basic instincts (it is very similar to Mars).

The IC

The IC separates the 3rd and 4th houses and is the heavy line nearest to the bottom of your chart. IC stands for Immum Coeli, "bottom of the sky" in Latin. The MC and IC are opposite each other, but may not show up that way visually because of house expansion.

The IC symbolizes themes connected to your home, family, nurturing experiences, early life, ancestry and emotional roots (similar to the Moon).

The Descendant

The Descendant is represented by the heavy line on the right (western) side of your chart, separating the 6th and 7th houses. It is always directly opposite the Ascendant (same degree and minute, opposite sign), but may not appear so on the chart circle if one or more houses have had to expand to allow all the planets in them to fit.

The Descendant is a key to issues you face in relationships and to qualities which you may meet through other people (rather than expressing yourself).

The Midheaven

The Midheaven separates the 9th and 10th houses and is the heavy line nearest to the top (south) of your chart. This angle is often called the "MC," which stands for Medium Coeli--Latin for "middle of the sky."

The Midheaven provides additional clues about your career, status, ambition, position in the world, relationships with power and authority figures (it is a lot like Saturn).

Leo on the Ascendant

You are naturally on stage. With strong dramatic instincts, you want to make a splash in the world. People tend to notice you. You may have flair (or be pompous and arrogant), but being admired and applauded is important to you. You can be quite charismatic and exciting, but may be susceptible to flattery. You can be generous and bighearted and are likely to encourage others. Praise and acknowledgment matter to you, especially for your creative, fun-loving spirit.

These qualities may be modified by the house and sign position of your Sun, which rules the Ascendant in your chart, or by any planets in your 1st house.

Ruler of the 1st in Taurus

You tend to be earthy, stable, persistent, and sensuous. A love of nature or beauty (especially of the tactile sort) is likely. Drawn to life's goodies, you may indulge in food, alcohol, sex, possessions, money, etc. Placid and easygoing, you have quite a stock of patience. Deliberate and dependable, once on a course, you keep going till you get there.

Ruler of the 1st in the 9th

You can be the perpetual truth-seeker. Quests draw you onward. You may instinctively travel, pursue a spiritual path, a dream, an education, or

anything involving ideas, ideals, and ethics. Self-righteous beliefs or fights about principles are possible. Optimistic, you have a core of faith and self-confidence. Energetic, you need exposure to the wider world and thrive on freedom.

Virgo on the 2nd cusp

Money, for you, is a serious business. It may even be a career. Working in the banking, investment, cashier, accounting, or tax field is possible. Health-related occupations are another potential.

Your focus is on efficiency in the physical world. A skilled budgeteer, you concentrate on getting the most out of your dollar. Often parsimonious, you have been known to comparison-shop for the best deal. Thrift and avoiding waste come easily. Since you tend to view earning a living as requiring dedication and effort, you can end up overworked and underpaid. Remember to relax!

Expenditures which advance your career or assist or improve your health or life are likely to appeal. You can rationalize even expensive purchases on behalf of good health or increased efficiency and productivity.

Ruler of the 2nd in Aries

Your approach to money is likely to be pioneering, eager, rash, and independent. You may spend quickly or for pursuit of personal desires. You want financial freedom, but can spend on impulse. Competition or fights about money are possible. You like immediate gratification. You may break new ground--be first--in finding revenue sources.

Ruler of the 2nd in the 9th

You get pleasure from learning, from expanding your mind and your horizons, travel, philosophy, religion--or anything which provides a sense of higher meaning and truth. You could make money through travel, higher education, more training, inspiration, the law, science, publishing, or anything which gives people a sense of meaning in life. You easily spot financial opportunities and tend to be optimistic in regard to the material world.

Libra on the 3rd cusp

Words, for you, are a bridge to other people. They spark the relating instinct. That involvement can be cooperative and harmonious--or competitive. But you enjoy the give-and-take, the back-and-forth with other people. Innately sociable, you would rather discuss than monologue.

When you are in your appeasement mode, you can be too concerned

with protecting the other person's feelings. This can lead to "little white lies" (which naturally grow). Or, you may avoid arguments and unpleasantness. Tact and diplomacy are skills; just use them with discretion.

Graceful, flowing language or skill at making lovely handicrafts is possible. You can use your mind, tongue, and hands to bring beauty, pleasure and relationships into your life. Able to see both sides of most questions, you can be a good negotiator, with skills at comparing and contrasting alternatives.

Ruler of the 3rd in Taurus

Your thinking or speech may be placid, patient, or deliberate. You prefer to think things through. An artistic turn of phrase or pleasing voice is possible. You enjoy the world of the mind and might turn it into a source of income.

Ruler of the 3rd in the 10th

You're interested in competence, responsibility, and necessities. You may use your mind, tongue, or hands in a professional manner, but prefer task-oriented conversations to casual chit-chat. Your mind is serious, down-to-earth, practical and organized. Business skills are likely. You move up in the world through logic and planning.

Scorpio on the IC

You may shut most of the world out of your home, but those you let in will be allowed to explore deep, emotional issues with you. Hidden motives, manipulation, obsessions and power issues may be faced, but you can be totally committed to family, fiercely loyal and resourceful on their behalf. The worst of this is abuse and misuse of power or emotional blackmail. The best of this is tremendous focus and concentration directed toward intimate support and lasting ties.

These potentials will be modified by the house and sign position of Pluto, which rules your IC, and by any planets occupying your 4th house.

Ruler of the 4th in Cancer

A safe atmosphere appeals. Nesting--perhaps even cocooning--probably prevails. Protection, emotional support, and knowing that the people who share your abode are on **your** side are essential. You are likely to nurture--pets, plants, or people--within your domestic environment. Warmth and caring are highlighted.

Ruler of the 4th in the 12th

You want your home to be a sanctuary: a place where you can meditate or tune into your Higher Self, merge with the Cosmos, feel a sense of infinite grace, beauty, and compassion. It could be quite lovely. Savior/victim relationships with family or people in your abode are possible. Alcohol or other escapist activity could be a problem. You need beauty, mysticism, transcendence, idealism, and inspiration in your nest.

Sagittarius on the 5th cusp

Go for the gusto! This combination is usually optimistic, fun-loving, extravagant, and restless. Eager to go, to do, to enjoy, you can travel many different creative paths. Your enthusiasms are always **big** and you can get carried away with any hobby.

Issues of ideals and goals emerge with children. One variation is turning children into an ultimate value--and having lots of them. Another variation is wanting to be the perfect parent of perfect children--and not having any! You may expect more than is humanly possible of lovers and of children--or of yourself in love relationships. Don't expect heaven on earth! Sharing a spiritual, religious, or ethical focus can strengthen your love bonds. Travel, education and humor can be sources of joy in your life. Your inner child is witty, eager, and gregarious.

Ruler of the 5th in Virgo

Your creativity is careful and painstaking. You may be too critical and inhibit your self-expressive side. Bringing projects down to earth and getting tangible results feeds your personal vitality. Efficiency excites you.

Ruler of the 5th in the 2nd

You can be extremely creative about making money or enjoying the material world. You want your earning power, income, possessions, or pleasures to be noteworthy. Your self-esteem is on the line in regard to resources. You want to be proud of your possessions, financial status, beauty, artistic talent, or easygoing nature. Your enthusiasm is directed toward creating comfort, stability, and gratifying sensual experiences.

Capricorn on the 6th cusp

You know how to get to the bottom line. Practical, sensible, reality-oriented, you pay attention to essentials on the job. An excessive focus on limits and rules could lead to feeling inhibited, blocked, and restricted vocationally. You could feel stuck working very hard just to survive. Understand the establishment and power structure in order to be effec-

tive.

Attitudes about work (competence, and what entails doing a good job) will be influenced by your father figure--negatively or positively. You have potential executive skills--a willingness to work your way to the top. You can slip into workaholism and spend too much time working; know the limits of your responsibilities! Conscientious and dedicated, you do well in any field working with the way things are.

Ruler of the 6th in Aquarius

You function best in an unconventional working environment. Whether your hours, job, style of dress, income, or duties are unusual, you need more openness, intellectual stimulation, and variety than most people. You handle change well.

Ruler of the 6th in the 6th

You need to work with precision, with details, with thoroughness, with efficiency. You could repair, fix, or make things better--on the physical, mental, or emotional level. Health fields are possible, or anything involving technical analysis, facts, figures, or tangible output. You work too hard trying to get things "just right." Relax!

Aquarius on the Descendant

You are learning about innovation, individuality and freedom in your relationships. You may share a sense of uniqueness with a partner who is quite different--or attract people who are strange, flaky, or unwilling to get involved. Your interpersonal exchanges can strengthen your willingness to break the rules, to go in new directions.

These possibilities can be affected by the house and sign position of Uranus, which rules your Descendant, and by any planets occupying your 7th house.

Ruler of the 7th in Aries

You need relationships which feed your independence and encourage you to be true to yourself. You may be drawn to fiery, forthright, energetic partners (or people who are excessively self-focused or loner types). Lust as well as love may figure in the picture. A quick attraction is possible. Immediacy appeals in shared activities.

Ruler of the 7th in the 9th

You want a partner who is fun-loving, witty, inspirational, bright, or confident. You could get involved with someone who is rash, overextended,

or self-righteous. High expectations are likely--for your partner, for the relationship, and for yourself within the relationship. Pursue a dream together, but don't expect perfection from each other.

Pisces on the 8th cusp

Your imagination ranges freely in regard to intimate matters. You might be quite intuitive in regard to mates, understanding them without words. Fantasies could abound where you believe what you want to be true in regard to emotional attachments. Idealism or escapism could handicap the sharing of finances and resources. You may be fascinated by the mystical, spiritual, artistic, or compassionate side of life--delving deeply into mysteries of all kinds. You can put tremendous focus and emotional strength behind pursuit of a dream or vision.

Ruler of the 8th in Virgo

You are seduced by dedication, efficiency, fact-finding, and cleanliness. You probe deeply into the world of work, health, nutrition, and repairs. You tend to expect complications on the job, and in regard to getting things done well.

Ruler of the 8th in the 1st

You tend to do therapy on yourself. You may constantly question your own motives, trying to figure out what is driving you. You need to know what lies underneath--to grasp your basic motivations and needs. You want to be direct, open, and quick in handling shared resources. Intimate interactions strongly affect how you see yourself.

Aries on the 9th cusp

You trust your own experience. You will seek out a direct encounter with inspiration or a guru. You believe in finding your own truth, your own way. Being yourself and being free are central to your principles.

You might be quite active in pursuit of the truth--whether traveling, studying, spiritual quests or other avenues of seeking more answers. If the energy and personal focus is carried too far, you could believe you have the **final** truth and aggressively push your version onto other people (religious wars). You need to pioneer in the arena of faith, to be independent with regard to beliefs and values.

Ruler of the 9th in Virgo

Your quest for the truth is painstaking, meticulous, careful, and pragmatic. You seek answers with great attention to detail, industriousness, efficiency, and focus. Work, health, and competent achievement are

priorities. Getting a job done well excites you. Nit-picking, flaw-finding, and common sense could emerge in discussions of philosophy, religion, beliefs. You put your trust in working hard and well.

Ruler of the 9th in the 1st

Your idealism is tied to personal action, identity, and self-expression. You may have high standards for your own behavior. This can vary from: "I should be perfect (and if I'm not, I'm terrible)" to "I am perfect. I'm wonderful and the world owes me whatever I want" to "I should know all the right answers." Your world view must be personal.

Taurus on the Midheaven

You want to enjoy your work and may be drawn to fields involving finance, beauty or comfort (or simply work mainly for material rewards). You work steadily and well. You are not inclined toward strenuous labor, but regular application of effort comes naturally. You can be laid-back with authority figures and generally have a relaxed relationship. You work best in a stable, secure setting.

This description will be modified by the house and sign position of Venus, which rules your Midheaven, and by any planets occupying your 10th house.

Ruler of the 10th in Taurus

You tend to have a practical, grounded, reasonable approach to work. Sensible and stable, you are likely to be a good, steady worker who values the rewards of success. Tangible results (in the business world, with beauty, with resources, with money) are important to you. You will gravitate toward a career which you enjoy or one which brings pleasure or comfort to the world.

Ruler of the 10th in the 10th

You need power and authority in your career. The executive or expert role comes naturally. You want to make the rules, but may first have to struggle with current authorities. Clear demarcation of responsibilities and limits is essential. The better you understand the structure, the more effectively you can take control and increase your status.

Gemini on the 11th cusp

Original thinking is quite possible. You may turn mental handstands, able to experiment with concepts and discover alternatives. Curiosity and communication are in focus with friends and groups. Either you enjoy discussions, learning, and sharing ideas with others, or you may draw in

individuals who are too chatty, superficial, and scattered.

Involvement with humanity on a large scale is like a school for you--a place to exercise your mind, hone your verbal and writing skills, increase your fund of knowledge, and be alert to the many interesting people from whom you can learn.

Ruler of the 11th in Aries

You thrive in groups and friendships which stimulate your independence. Sports, contests, war games, the military, or anything self-expressive could be a focus. You may be attracted to people who are fiery, assertive, and pioneering. Open relationships which reinforce your directness, spontaneity, courage and willingness to act are best. Your casual connections to others are teaching you to be true to yourself, to identify your desires and pursue them forcefully.

Ruler of the 11th in the 9th

You may be a rebel in regard to belief systems, religion, and philosophy. You will probably leave the faith you were trained in as a youngster to find your own truth, your own path. A broad-minded approach to meaning is essential.

Cancer on the 12th cusp

You may idealize feelings, home, family, nurturing, your homeland, or protection. You could become disillusioned with emotional ties or domestic matters. Your quest for the Source, for life's ultimate meaning, must feel safe and secure to you. Although intuition is strong, often insights are deeply buried and hard to articulate. You may create beauty within your abode. You are inspired by caring, blood bonds, preservation, and kindness.

Ruler of the 12th in Cancer

One path to enlightenment lies in being protective, nurturing, warm, sympathetic, domestic, concerned, vulnerable, and committed. Activities which center on the home, family, emotional attachments and nesting instincts can help you tap into your Higher Self.

Ruler of the 12th in the 11th

You could be inspired in terms of individuality and involvement with social causes--or be used, abused, and taken advantage of by friends, groups, or organizations. You may want to heal humanity; don't overidealize the downtrodden. Others can assist your quest for faith.

ABOUT ASPECTS

Aspects occur when two planets are separated by certain specific numbers of degrees. Every circle has 360 degrees and the circle of the zodiac is no exception. Thus each planet is separated from each other planet by some number of degrees (and minutes). Certain degree separations, the aspects, have traditional meanings in astrology. Because only certain ranges of degrees form aspects, normally not all pairs of planets in a chart will be in aspect. In some charts there will only be a few aspects.

With any aspect, the nature of the two planets involved is **most** significant, but the type of aspect says how those natures are combined. There are three ways planets may relate to each other: their natures may combine (be unified), they may cooperate, or they may be in conflict. The relationships between the planets (based on how many degrees apart they are) indicate the relationships between various drives and needs in our nature (symbolized by the planets).

Note that in calculating how far apart two planets are, you always go the short way around the circle, so that the maximum separation is 180 degrees.

Although the angles of the horoscope can form aspects to each other and to the planets, in this report we only look at the cases where planets are close to an angle. Astrologers say that the planet is "on" the angle.

Unifying Aspect

When two planets are close to each other their natures are unified (or combined or mixed). The planets interact strongly. It is as if these planets are married or living together. In your horoscope, you do not get one without the other. The drives they symbolize are somehow melded in your personality. The blending may be comfortable or not so comfortable--depending on the nature of the drives involved.

Interpreting a unifying aspect is not very different from putting together the meanings of a planet in a house or a planet in a sign. You are mixing two factors. Consider both sides: how might these two planets reinforce and support one another's themes and how might their basic drives conflict and compete with one other?

Certain planets stand for drives which "get along" easily: they tend to want the same sort of things, and tend to pull in the same direction. When such planets are next to each other, they suggest inner agreement, reinforcement and harmony. (Examples would include the Sun and Jupiter, the Sun and Mars, the Moon and Neptune, the Moon and Pluto, and Mercury with Uranus.)

Other planets represent drives which are contradictory or at odds with one another. Where such planets are joined in astrological matrimony, the individual must strive to somehow "make peace" between possibly warring factions. Integration takes more effort. (Examples: the Sun and Pluto; the Sun and Neptune; the Sun and Saturn; the Moon and Mars; the Moon and Saturn; the Moon and Uranus.)

For fullest information, however, you would also consider the nature of the sign or signs and house or houses in which the two planets are placed. Since the two planets are close, they will most often be in the same sign and house, but not always.

How close together should the planets be for this aspect to be in effect? In this report, the value is eight degrees: two bodies with less than eight degrees between them have their natures unified. The closer together they are, the stronger the aspect.

For those who like to know the jargon, the unifying aspect is called a "conjunction." The combined planets are said to be "conjunct," as in "Venus is conjunct Mars." If the planets were at the same degree and minute of the same sign, they would be called "exactly conjunct." The maximum amount that the actual separation can differ from the ideal (zero degrees) is called the "orb." Astrologers would say that this report allows an eight degree orb for conjunctions.

Cooperative Aspects

A cooperative aspect between two planets means that they support and reinforce each other, even if their natures would not normally work together. Cooperative aspects tend not be noticed. The planets are getting along fine, everything is going smoothly--there is nothing to draw attention. There is a possibility, however, that the planets will encourage each other so much that they go to excess. You may overdo or over-indulge in some area or areas related to the natures of the planets in aspect. Awareness of the cooperative aspects in your chart can aid you in using their strengths, and moderating any excesses.

You may also see cooperative aspects called "harmonious" or "soft." There are two such aspects: 60 degrees and 120 degrees. Remember that an aspect occurs when two planets are separated by a specific number of degrees, or close to it. Planets that are from 57 to 63 degrees apart, or from 114 to 126 degrees apart are in harmony. Note that the 120 degree aspect has a wider "orb" (six degrees) than the 60 degree aspect (three degrees).

The astrological name for the 60 degree aspect is "sextile;" the 120 degree aspect is called a "trine." Unlike the situation with "conjunct/con-

junction," the noun, adjective, and verb forms of these words are the same. One may say "Mercury is trine Pluto" or "Mercury trines Pluto" or "there is a trine between Mercury and Pluto."

Challenging Aspects

Challenging aspects put the natures of the planets involved at odds with one another. There is tension between them: you must work to make room for differing drives, for ambivalent needs. But we call them "challenging" rather than "conflicting" or "adverse" because they are not automatically a problem. If you meet the challenge of integrating these aspects, they are a major source of energy. A positively expressed challenging aspect can be a powerful force in your life.

These aspects are often called "hard," and some astrologers do use the term "conflicted." There are three such aspects: 90 degrees, 150 degrees, and 180 degrees. The name for the 90 degree aspect is the "square," and we use a six degree orb for it. That is, planets between 84 and 96 degrees apart in the circle are square. The verb, adjective, and noun forms are the same. The name for the 180 degree aspect is "opposition." It also has a six degree orb: planets between 174 and 180 degrees apart (remember 180 is the largest possible separation) are in opposition. The verb form is "oppose," as in "the Sun opposes Jupiter." The adjective form is "opposite," as in "the Sun is opposite Jupiter." The name for the 150 degree aspect is "quincunx," and we use a three degree orb in this report: planets from 147 to 153 degrees apart are quincunx each other. The noun, adjective, and verb forms are the same. This last aspect is also called an "inconjunct."

The Sun makes a unifying aspect to Venus

Charm may be your middle name. You can be sweet, likable, courteous, pleasant, graceful and kind. You want to enjoy life and other people and strive to maintain harmony and ease. You are likely to be quite attractive to others.

If overdone, this theme could lead to flattery or a lack of sincerity. Style might be valued over substance. If appearances wield the power, "looking good" becomes everything.

Your feeling for beauty might be directed into any form of artistic creativity. You could be a romanticist, artist, poet, etc. Or, you may seek gratification through the physical senses and indulging the appetites. (A love of luxury and pleasure could be overdone.) In moderation, you appreciate aesthetics and enjoy the material world.

Other people's opinions may affect your self-esteem. You may **need** to be liked. You could invest your ego in a partner, depending on him/her

for attention, support and affection. If this other-directed focus is carried too far, you may feel "you're nobody till somebody loves you."

Your strengths are a skill at pleasing yourself and others, artistic/aesthetic talents, an enjoyment of material possessions and pleasures, plus a gratifying capacity for understanding what others (especially of the opposite sex) want.

The Sun makes a cooperative aspect to Jupiter

You have a natural urge to expand, to do more, higher, better, faster in life. Your vitality is probably strong and you tend toward optimism. You believe in yourself and your capacities and are probably willing to take risks. Your openness to opportunities could seem lucky to others.

Your fun-loving spirit could be marked; you have a talent for joy and humor. You enjoy excitement and could be attracted to **big** dreams, schemes and ideas. Promotional abilities are likely; you could have talent for sales, persuasion, or advertising. You may enjoy travel and are likely to thirst after more and more knowledge (especially about religious/philosophical matters).

Your urge for an adrenaline rush may sometimes carry you to extremes; moderation does not come easily. You might sometimes feel: "Excess is not nearly enough!" Your desire to shine, to be noticed, to live fully, to celebrate life, to play, to expand, and to be broadened by life could be overdone.

Your enthusiasm easily sweeps others along. You are willing to plunge wholeheartedly into life and other people enjoy your joie de vivre.

The Sun makes a challenging aspect to Saturn

You can achieve something noteworthy if you get out of your own way. You have the potential to ground your creativity and to work your way to a position of authority or expertise.

You are likely to feel pulled between very different drives in your nature: your cheerful, confident side versus your somber, cautious side; your extroverted, outgoing side versus your inhibited, self-critical side and your arrogant "royal" side versus your humble, self-effacing tendencies. You may also experience some tension between love and work--relationship desires competing with achievement needs.

By choosing appropriate times and places to express each need, you can be highly effective and live a fuller, richer life. Instead of doubting yourself, criticizing your needs, or being defensive because you fear rejection, you can use your practical side to break your goals into manageable

pieces and work your way up the ladder of success a step at a time. If you fall down, you can always get up again. You are potentially indefatigable. Success experiences will build your self-assurance.

Instead of feeling love takes you away from work (or vice versa), you may commit to spending a certain amount of time/energy on each area and carry through as promised. Instead of feeling guilty about one because you are thinking of the other, you focus fully and joyously on loving (when appropriate) and on productive achievement (at the right time and place).

You can love responsibly, seriously, with a deep commitment and you can achieve with joy, zest and enthusiasm.

The Sun makes a cooperative aspect to Neptune

Your creative capacities are strongly marked. You may have considerable artistic/aesthetic talent and could achieve recognition through your handling of beauty. You may have high ability in the visual arts, perhaps attracted to filmmaking or similar ventures. You might exhibit dramatic instincts, with a flair for magic, promotion, illusions, sales or other persuasive fields where you sway people emotionally.

Idealism is likely to color your love relationships. You may seek (and "see") the best in your partners and children. If overdone, you could be disillusioned when the fantasy fails and the people you adore prove to be only too human and fallible. In moderation, this quality allows you to visualize the highest potential of those you love, support and praise their assets, and generally encourage positive outcomes.

Potentially you can optimally blend pride and humility. You understand the necessity of good self-esteem and appreciating your own capabilities, but you also are tuned into the Universe, sensing the oneness of life and your place in a larger Whole. The blend allows you to both lead and follow, in a complex, graceful dance of appropriateness.

Joy, splendor, aesthetics, creativity and charisma are likely assets. You bring dreams to vivid life, inspiring others with their beauty.

The Moon makes a challenging aspect to Mercury

You may feel torn between logic and emotions or thinking and feeling. Your gut may argue with your head. If neediness, vulnerability or sensitivity overwhelms your rational side, misunderstandings with others are possible. You may take things too personally on occasion.

You can be quite clever and shrewd, but might also be high strung and restless. You tend to respond to many different stimuli and could sometimes feel bombarded by the world.

Conflicts with family members are possible, particularly if insecurities get in the way. You communicate well when feeling safe, but may clam up (or chatter as a protective distraction) when you feel threatened or intellectually unclear (deluged by feelings).

When you bring together your emotional and rational sides, you can explain touchy issues well and communicate skillfully in the realm of feelings. You may be quite glib, empathic and helpful.

The Moon makes a cooperative aspect to Jupiter

You are able to blend nurturing needs and an adventurous spirit. Your warmth, caring, protectiveness and desire for emotional security reinforce and assist your quest for meaning and search for something higher in life. Your optimism, faith, values and ideas feed and further your desire for emotional connections to others.

You may have skill in dealing with people as you can combine emotional sensitivity with intellectual curiosity. You tend to be good-natured, friendly and helpful. You are likely to be sympathetic to others and encourage them to see and work for the best in life. You have a knack for accentuating the positive.

Your interests are apt to be broad and you may be well informed in a wide variety of areas. You are drawn to both the familiar and the foreign or faraway. Your home may be enhanced through other cultures, intellectual stimulation, religion, philosophy or any spiritual path. Your secure emotional foundation encourages you to explore, adventure and seek exciting, broadening experiences in the world. You can maintain roots while wandering the world, and make a home for yourself in the midst of exploring.

The Moon makes a challenging aspect to Saturn

You are apt to feel some degree of tension between your emotional needs and your focus on getting the job done. You may feel torn between home and family needs versus your professional role. You could vacillate between dominance and dependency, between compassion and hard-nosed realism. You are learning to compromise, to keep room for both sides.

Tension between your parents is a real possibility. They might have clashed over work issues, emotional needs or been estranged from each other. They might have fostered too much dependency or not nurtured well, perhaps pushing too hard for you to be strong and cope from a very young age. As a result, you could have some lingering insecurity about getting what you want in life. You might be afraid to be vulnerable, not

trusting others to be there for you emotionally or demanding unqualified love and acceptance from others (the unconditional support you always wanted from Mom and Dad and didn't get). You may be overly susceptible to guilt or feelings of responsibility for those closest to you. You might avoid emotional matters, feeling that is the best way to maintain control. You could be touchy, moody, suspicious or feel that real intimacy eludes you. Since you tend to be serious, depression or inhibition is possible.

The challenge is to constructively blend your emotional and pragmatic nature, not denying either one, but incorporating both into life. By blending caring with competence, you can be productive as well as emotionally close; can keep room for emotional connections along with achievement.

The Moon makes a unifying aspect to Pluto

Your emotions are deep and strong, but rarely revealed upon the surface. Because you feel so intensely, you may strive to maintain control through secrecy or even manipulation. Your feelings may seem overwhelming. Emotional fanaticism is possible; unconscious energies might dominate your psyche. You can, however, be incredibly loyal, quite psychic and even prophetic.

You first experienced emotional intensity in the relationship with your mother or mother figure. She may have been powerful, manipulative, compulsive, healing, controlling, abusive, competitive, possessive, addicted or empathic. The bonds between you may be very difficult to break; a symbiotic association is possible. The tendency is to experience the relationship as very good or very bad. You might also fall into power struggles with other women. You are apt to inspire intense emotional interchanges.

Your powerful feelings can be used as a force for transforming your life. You may have to separate nurturance from control; they are easily mixed in your psyche. You might link pain and healing, or hurting and then being taken care of. Sex could be confused with nurturing. If emotions (yours or someone else's) seem overwhelming, emotional blackmail is a possibility. You are likely to be alert to clues, innuendoes, hints, and might hear preferences as demands. You can be quite canny and watchful (even suspicious).

When positively directed, you are capable of deep commitment, incredible healing, intuitive insights and profound transformations. You are willing to face the dark side of the psyche and do what is necessary to turn negatives into positives.

Mercury makes a challenging aspect to Jupiter

Mental restlessness is likely and you may desire to be on the move, traveling, as well. Your mind is apt to be pulled in many different directions, and you may have trouble finding a focus on occasion. You could feel torn between the details and the overview; between the near-at-hand and faraway or between information versus wisdom. You seek constant mental expansion and activity.

Truth (or morality, ethics, religion) may be an issue in your life. Perhaps you are ruthlessly blunt ("honesty at all costs") or have tendencies toward the con artist--pitching pipe dreams--or using truth for one's own ends in other ways. Perhaps you see so many sides to "truth," that you have trouble believing any one. Your rational side may war with your desire for an absolute spiritual, religious or philosophical faith.

Your optimism and desire to know and understand everything could lead you to sometimes jump to conclusions, exaggerate, speak too quickly or see only the positive potentials.

You probably have talent for any communication fields, including broadcasting, journalism, sales, media work, promotion, etc. Your restlessness and need for variety must have a constructive outlet in life. You can learn a great deal, and teach and inspire others as well!

Mercury makes a cooperative aspect to Saturn

Your thinking can be quite organized, practical and systematic. You deal well with lists and may have business acumen. You can be quite analytical, methodical and precise with language and thinking. You have a good sense of appropriateness and can operate well in formal settings. Your judgment tends to be steady and your concentration good.

Verbal skills, finger dexterity, adaptability, thinking, relatives, or communicating may contribute to your professional achievements. You are willing to put effort and discipline into mental pursuits.

Your memory could be good. You are likely to be most interested in practical matters which can further your career. Contacts and those you know might be of assistance to your vocationally.

Logic and rationality are accentuated in this combination. You are able to be objective, sensible and unmoved by emotions. (If overdone, this quality could seem too dry, humorless or literal-minded.) You have the instincts of a scientist: check observations against reality and test ideas before accepting them.

Venus makes a cooperative aspect to Jupiter

You are probably friendly, popular and sociable. Optimistic, you have a knack for accentuating the positive--in yourself, in others and in life. Your values are likely to encourage relationships. You gain pleasure in seeking the best, the brightest and the most in life.

You are attracted by the finer things in life, and are apt to want material goodies. You might even be overindulgent, extravagant, exaggerative, or expect everything in life to come too easily. Due to your faith and visualizing potential, you could be fortunate in the financial or material realm. Your income might be enhanced through education, travel, religion, ideals, or anything involving broadened horizons. Because you know how and when to recognize and to capitalize on opportunities, you can appear quite lucky.

You need a partner who shares your values. Whether you focus on honesty and sincerity, on spiritual principles, on education, on travel or on some other form of truth seeking, your love relationship must support your quest for meaning in life. This can sometimes lead to expecting too much from a partner, a partner looking to you to be more than human, or to multiple associations ("perhaps the next one will be better"). A shared foundation of trust, appreciation and goals works the best.

Your focus on the best could be a handicap when difficulties must be acknowledged and addressed with patience. Generally, however, you can make the most of your potentials, and turn liabilities into assets.

Venus makes a challenging aspect to Saturn

You are working on the balance between love and work. If you allow one to overwhelm the other, you may feel that worldly success takes you away from personal attachments, or that close associations handicap you in attaining your ambitions. You might feel torn in deciding how much time and energy to devote to a partnership versus a career. Both are essential for you to experience life fully; you cannot sacrifice one for the other.

You must also balance your parental, power-oriented side with your equalitarian instincts. Know when to take charge and when to yield and be a team player. If the desire for control is carried too far, you might take on too much responsibility or authority in love relationships. You might also hold back because of insecurity, be afraid to trust, or fear hurt, rejection or dominance from others. You may push away your gentle, vulnerable side, seeing it as weakness. (Men are inclined to project this softness onto the women in their lives.) With effort and realism, you can create a working environment that supports your interpersonal needs, and emotional attachments that enhance your outer success.

You may also be dealing with tension between ease and effort. Your passive and hardworking sides could be at odds with one another. The challenge is to choose appropriate times and situations for a nose-to-the-grindstone approach and equally appropriate times and situations to relax and kick back. Duty and pleasure both have a place in life.

Monetary challenges are possible. One extreme is feeling you must control everything about your financial situation and not trusting the world or others to give to you materially. You may believe you have to work very hard to make a living, or struggle to maintain anything that you have. The other extreme is feeling that your earning capacity is limited, inhibited or blocked in some fashion. Perhaps the reality (or perceived reality) of your finances is frustrating. By expecting the worst (an unconscious script of poverty, deprivation or financial oppression), you may set yourself up for more problems. This pattern indicates that monetary pragmatism is essential. Building resources slowly and steadily is advisable (no big gambles). Face facts about your finances, avoiding the extremes of too much (or too little) responsibility, power and control over the material realm. You are neither totally at the mercy of the universe, nor totally in charge financially. The more grounded and sensible you are, the better you will do.

You can be quite practical, helpful, responsible and dedicated. You could be a real "salt of the earth" type.

Venus makes a cooperative aspect to Neptune

Love, beauty, grace, harmony and charm are highlighted in your nature. Artistic talent is quite likely. You have a flair for beauty which might manifest in many different forms. You are drawn to aesthetics, to what is lovely in life.

With a preference for ease and "niceness," you might sometimes succumb to seeking the "easy" route. Laziness, passivity, little white lies, and trying to avoid unpleasantness are possible. You could focus on what is pretty, and deny (or run away from) life's less attractive facets. You have talent for making life more beautiful, but must realize that not everything in life is lovely.

You are likely to accent the positive in your love relationships. You tend to focus on the Higher Self (best potential) within the people you care about, and will willingly contribute to enhancing their abilities. At times, you might carry the rose-colored glasses too far and be susceptible to disappointment (people aren't perfect) or being taken advantage of by those you idolize. Generally, you can be quite romantic and idealistic. You want to create the perfect love.

You can be quite compassionate and sensitive. If overdone, this could lead you to entanglement in savior/victim associations. Meditation, spiritual studies, artistic endeavors, mysticism and involvement with nature offer helpful avenues for your yearning, seeking, searching side that needs inspiration.

Mars makes a unifying aspect to Neptune

You can be inspired, compassionate and mystical. You may express grace in action or beauty in motion (through your own appearance or dancing, diving, skating, skiing, etc.). You could be charismatic and magnetic.

Your identity is tied to the quest for infinite love and beauty. You need a sense of mission or service. If you allow your transcendent focus to overwhelm your personal needs, you could feel weak, paralyzed, victimized, martyred, or unable to cope. Your energy might be diffused. You could be too sensitive, picking up other's emotions and/or illnesses or susceptible to allergies, drug problems, and infections. You may be reluctant to fight for yourself, to defend your own rights. You could deny your anger or your sexuality, or turn personal drives (including sexuality) into an addiction. You might rationalize, or take covert rather than direct action. You could chase rainbows or run in circles, misdirecting your activity. Spirituality could be misdefined as self-denial.

If you overpersonalize your mission, you may believe you have a right to whatever you want. You could idolize freedom, self-expression or doing your own thing.

You are working on the balance between self-assertion and self-sacrifice, between action and submission, between personal wants and humanity's needs, between idealized fantasies and reality. The challenge is to achieve a sense of flowing, mystical union with something infinitely beautiful or compassionate without losing a sense of yourself. Spiritual or artistic activities which are self-expressive allow you to feed your inner essence while still contributing more grace, harmony and love to the world.

Jupiter makes a challenging aspect to Saturn

You can accomplish a great deal, but may feel pulled in different directions. At times, you might plunge into new projects and challenges before completing and consolidating old ones. Or, you might hold back from what you truly **can** do, because your standards are too demanding or perfectionistic ("If I can't do it perfectly, I won't do it at all"). Establish clear priorities about what matters most to you so you can allocate your energies appropriately. Break your goals down into bite-sized steps so that you do not feel overwhelmed, but can labor incrementally toward a

larger vision.

You are working on the combination of expansion and contraction. Fluctuation is possible, if you swing from one extreme to the other. With attention and focus, you can choose when to reach out and begin new possibilities and when to ground and solidify what you already have. Making the best of both means you can be successful, more consistent, resilient and productive.

You may also experience some tension in regard to beliefs, values, moral principles and religious or spiritual views. Conflict with a father (or father figure) over world views, philosophy, ethics or ideals is possible. You must make peace between your visionary, optimistic, idealistic side and your pragmatic, cautious, realistic side. Don't let faith battle fear, but do be sure your sense of meaning and understanding of life's purpose is grounded in experience and practicalities.

Because you are willing to learn from experience, you can become a practical idealist, a realistic mystic, someone who makes dreams come true!

Jupiter makes a unifying aspect to Neptune

You have a special yearning for the unseen, the mystical, the pure and the visionary. You may be drawn to spiritual activities, concerned with wider truths, or idealistic images. You are seeking the ecstasy of merging with the sublime in life.

You could be quite optimistic and may tend to see only the best. You might gamble, speculate or take excessive risks because you trust too much in "happily ever after." You could be too gullible, escapist, naive, suggestible, altruistic, or superstitious, preferring to believe only in goodness. You might live in an ivory tower, or be lost, aimless, disoriented because you are often moved to take in too much. Mutable and flexible, you may have a talent for foreign languages, an ear for accents, or an eye for images and imagery. You are likely to be strongly drawn by grace, beauty and art. You could become scattered, trying to do and understand everything. You want to experience the sublime, but must practice staying grounded as even the sublime has earthly foundations. Keeping clear priorities is vital; a value hierarchy will help you make choices and be less likely to overextend yourself.

You could put your faith in education, freedom, philosophy, travel, religion, escapism, beauty or dreams. You might idealize sacrifice or martyrdom. You could easily try to do too much for other people. You can be quite empathic and inspired. You are willing to work for the good of all (without personal gain). Castles in the air comes naturally to you. You probably have a rich fantasy life and may be a real or armchair

traveler.

You tend to think in terms of the big picture, the broad overview, and could get carried away with generalizations or assumptions. Sometimes you believe that what **should** be true **is** true.

You are capable of a strong faith, a dedicated spiritual search. You can touch the cosmos through devotion, rapture and a quest for ultimate perfection.

(This aspect occurs about every 13 years.)

Uranus makes a challenging aspect to Pluto

With an inner core of iron, you can be quite determined, deeply defiant, loyal, passionate, contrary, and extremist. People may find you hard to predict as you can be intensely emotional one moment and coolly objective the next.

You might seek power (perhaps to promote equal opportunity). You may not trust groups and may want to know the inner workings of things, particularly politics and the origins and lines of power. You could excel at collective bargaining and might want to share any power which exists.

You may focus and concentrate group energy, or consider a group more important than a partner. You might resist commitment (and even power) because you fear being trapped, controlled or hemmed in. You could seek loopholes, expose secrets and break down stereotypes.

You may feel torn between enduring, keeping on and hanging on, versus breaking loose, breaking free and breaking out. Your desire to finish up and complete projects could vie with your urge to change and take up a new challenge. Secrecy and openness may compete within your psyche until you find ways to compromise or take turns between them as appropriate.

Your rebellious, recalcitrant side might challenge or resist effective dealings with sexuality, shared finances, or issues of addiction. Alternately, your open-mindedness could be valuable. Rather than condemning, you can examine and contemplate different ways of dealing with the sensual, sexual, monetary world. You may be psychic and could have sudden flashes of revelation and insight, transforming your understanding of the world and perhaps the world itself.

The Sun is on the Midheaven

Your self-esteem is tied to your sense of authority and your handling of reality and responsibilities. You may take pride in (or be ashamed of)

your authority, power role or practicality. You probably feel most energized when in charge, authoritative, realistic and sensible.

You can be a highly creative leader. You may take risks in your dealing with authority figures. You could get involved with charismatic (or egotistical) bosses or be a dynamic, magnetic leader yourself. Love and playfulness may bring you authority (or you may try to dominate loved ones). You can play with power (be fun-loving as an authority).

Your career aspirations are mixed with your self-esteem. You may be proud (or ashamed of) your career, but feel revitalized when shining through your work. Your inner child (playful, fun-loving spirit) can advance your career aspirations.

Creative careers come naturally to you. You want to be a star on the job and need excitement in your work. You can turn work into play, or work in fields of recreation. You may be willing to speculate in or for your career and will take risks in developing your expertise.

Your status affects your self-esteem. You want to be proud of your place in society and may feel most vital and alive when in a high position.

Venus is on the Midheaven

You may find pleasure in authority or power. Power could give you a sense of comfort or ease. You may seek power through grace, beauty, diplomacy or sweetness. Rules, regulations, and structure may give you a sense of comfort or stability. You are likely to enjoy status, to like being at the top.

You may look to your work for pleasure. Your career might involve sensuality. You may want a comfortable and/or easy job. Your career could involve beauty or money. Your vocational aspirations are probably tied to an urge for stability, predictability, grace, harmony or gratification.

You can be practical about pleasures. You are working on the balance between effort and ease and might sometimes inhibit your pleasures (feeling you don't deserve to relax or haven't "earned" it yet) or expect even work to be consistently gratifying and easy. With integration, you can enjoy what you do, finding gratification in creating tangible results as well as enjoying the sensual, financial and material world.

Saturn is on the Descendant

You are dealing with issues of authority, power, limits, anxiety, control, fear, time, responsibility and competence in relationships. One option is delaying relationships for fear of being controlled, hurt, put-down or rejected. Another choice is to marry a "father figure"--someone who

seems strong, responsible, stable, dependable and usually ends up dominating, dictatorial and demanding. Or, you may unconsciously adopt the "father" role and attract people who want to lay all their burdens on your shoulder and hand the responsibility for their lives over to you.

The key issue is **shared** responsibility and competence. You may work with people--either a people-oriented professions (e.g., counseling, consulting, personnel, etc.) or literally sharing a job or tasks with a partner. This helps to channel the judgmental, flaw-finding focus into the physical tasks, rather than into picking one another apart as people. You may also work **at** your relationships, seeking to constantly improve, strengthen and lengthen your commitments. As long as both people are motivated in this direction, it works well. You can be quite willing to be practical and realistic about relationship issues, facing facts squarely and willing to work at making things better.

CONCLUSION

Astrology is not about destiny, or meeting with a fate over which you have no control. It's about knowledge and choices. It's about personal empowerment - really understanding yourself and using that knowledge to achieve true balance in your life.

With this report, you have learned that you are much more than just a sun sign. You are a truly unique individual, unlike anyone else you know. Your personal horoscope provides you with the information that you need to help you make better decisions, understand the dynamics of your relationships, determine your financial destiny and much more. With astrology's insights, you can create the life you have only dreamed about.