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Introduction

For many people, the idea that we have lived before (and will live again) makes sense. It helps to explain why some people come into life as child prodigies. It is one possible explanation for déjà vu: "This feels familiar. I know this place/these people, yet I've never been here/met them in this lifetime." Past lives seem to offer insight into deeply ingrained psychological patterns with which people deal.

Some researchers have approached the question of reincarnation by studying the memories of young children. Ian Stevenson has looked at instances when young children can lead researchers to and through villages those children never saw before in the current lifetime. The children recognize and call by name people whom they have known "before."

Other individuals have worked with hypnosis, regression techniques, and imagery to seek to unlock possible past-life memories. Astrology, too, has its traditions in regard to which factors might be indicative of former lifetimes.

All theories and approaches, however, are speculative. There is no way to "prove" reincarnation in a scientific fashion. Ultimately, to believe (or disbelieve) in other lives comes down to faith and assumptions.

The material in this report is written from the assumption that reincarnation happens. The phrasing assumes that you have had past lives (and will have future ones). The contents are therefore all theoretical. In some cases you may identify literally with possibilities which are given. In other cases, you may relate more to a lifetime on a metaphorical level. Some sections may resonate more for you than others. We hope you will use this material in the ways which suit you.

The speculations within this report are based on astrological traditions. Among the astrological traditions included here are:

(1) an examination of Saturn and the Moon's Nodes (considered "karmic" factors by most astrologers) in regard to major life lessons and ingrained psychological patterns;
(2) an explanation of enduring issues signified by stellia and other repeated themes in the chart;
(3) a discussion of planets in and ruling the 4th, 8th, and 12th houses (considered keys to one's past lives);
(4) a look at potential karmic debts and karmic gifts (earned in past lifetimes) signified by aspects to karmic factors, intercepted, and retrograde planets.
(5) a discussion of likely past-life relationships to current people in our lives (Moon for mother; Sun for father, etc.).

It is our hope that illuminating your possible pasts will help you to cope better, choose more wisely, grow more rapidly, and enjoy yourself more fully in this lifetime!

MAJOR KARMIC LESSONS

Saturn and the Moon’s Nodes are major karmic factors. This section examines the issues they represent which are likely to relate to past lives.

Part One: Saturn and Nodal Lessons

Saturn and the Moon’s Nodes are major karmic factors. Saturn is a key to areas where we are learning to live within the rules of life—without overdoing or underdoing limits. The Nodes are considered important keys to where we’ve been and where we’re going. They indicate issues we are learning to balance—polarities we’ve faced in the past and have the opportunity to integrate in this lifetime. This section examines the issues they represent which are likely to relate to past lives.

Loving Your Inner Child
*The Sun conjunct Saturn*

Karmic challenges center around themes of self-esteem, creativity, risk-taking, being center stage, children, speculation, and any form of pouring out from your own center to gain love, attention, admiration, or applause from the world. Your quest for the adrenaline rush may be a focus of learning. You are working on the balance between being King/Queen of the Hill and hiding your light under a bushel. You may block your own creativity, downgrading your achievements, critiquing your productions. Issues of responsibility, authority, control, and caution may arise with children and loved ones. Questions of how, when, who, and how much to love could abound.
Past lives contributed to your self-esteem issues. In several cases, you were a struggling artist, barely maintaining yourself on what your art earned. In a couple of circumstances, even though you had artistic talent, you elected to enter a family business because you didn’t feel you were “good enough” to be a professional artist. You were caught in a financial crash in one lifetime and developed an abhorrence of speculation and investment. You were a skilled actor in Victorian England, but financially you barely survived, feeling art was hardly worth it. You had several lifetimes as a mother of a child with special problems, so you came to associate children with heavy responsibility. Love relationships brought varying degrees of unhappiness due to obsessions, low self-esteem, over-idealization, or other handicaps.

Your challenge is to develop good self-esteem, to be comfortable with your special talents. Your growth goal is to be able to create—whether on-stage, through art and aesthetics, teaching, selling, coaching, having children, etc.—and feel joy and reward in your self-expansive efforts. With integration, you can take risks, speculate appropriately, and enjoy being the center of attention at times. You are sensible and responsible (but not overly so) in respect to children and loved ones. You can give and receive love easily, with a healthy balance. Your career (or contribution to society) involves an element of creativity, love, magnetism, charisma, applause, persuasion or cheer leading. You appreciate yourself and can help others appreciate themselves. Your inner child is alive and full of zest.

**Fair Is Fair**

*Saturn in the 7th*

Karmic challenges center around themes of equality, balance, beauty, aesthetics, teamwork, sharing, and partnership. Marriage and other committed relationships may be a focus of learning. You may demand much of yourself, your partner, or the people who share your life. You may avoid relationships for fear of being hurt, limited, restricted, dominated, controlled, or criticized. Responsibilities may be unevenly distributed between you and a spouse or partner. The career of either partner might interfere with feelings of love and attachment. Authoritarian tendencies could derail intimacy. You may attract older (or younger) people who push the same emotional buttons as your authority parent did. You could fall into a parent/child association rather than an equalitarian arrangement. The stress involved may incline you to just avoid relationships! Relationships can be made on the basis of status, or what one can get from a partner. Beauty, grace, and harmony may seem incompatible with the demands of the “real world.” Issues of prejudice, fair play, justice, and equality may be significant.
Past lives contributed to your insecurity around partnership. You spent a few lifetimes as a female sold into marriage for material or political reasons. You spent several lives as a woman in a very patriarchal society where your husband had total power and control over you. You had one lifetime as a highly ambitious woman in the 1800's who had to choose between a partner and a career and selected the career. At least once, you were married to the soul who became your father in this lifetime. You were sometimes the dominant partner. In some instances, you had to deny your artistic or aesthetic leanings in order to survive in life. At other times, you chose to be true to your need for beauty and balance, even when poverty accompanied it. You faced prejudices from both sides (the oppressed and oppressor).

Your challenge is to clearly own your own power and choose a partner who is also strong. Your growth goal is to be able to share responsibilities, tasks, and authority with someone. With integration, you can take turns being strong, in-charge, and taking care of business. You may enhance each other's careers and could even work together. You each put your critical, judgmental, controlling side into affecting the physical world and accomplishing tasks—not into dissecting one another. You can enjoy competence as well as relaxation and ease. You can have both beauty and practicality in your life. You can treat people as peers and equals, being fair to everyone involved.

**Real Versus Ideal**

*Nodes across 6th/12th*

You have been working on the balance between idealism and realism over many lifetimes. In some lives, you focused entirely on the role of idealist—pursuing dreams; living a religious vocation; creating art, etc. In other lives, you focused entirely on the role of realist—concerned with what you could see, hear, touch, and measure. You spent some lifetimes in meditation, in a convent, ashram, or monastery. You spent other lifetimes absorbed in the world of business, medicine, craftsmanship, or construction. At times, you swung between global, intuitive, metaphorical thinking and linear, step-by-step, detail-oriented thinking. Some lifetimes were full of "cosmic discontent" because no matter how much you pursued your dream of infinite love and beauty, your physical approximations fell short of your vision. (The sculpture, painting or other art form was not identical to what you saw in your imagination. Your healing efforts could not save the whole world.) Other lifetimes, you gave up and didn't try: "If I can't do it perfectly, I won't do it at all." You also vacillated between a naive faith and trust and great cynicism and criticism. You were unsure whether God's grace came through trust and faith or through concerted effort and good works.
Your karmic challenge is to reach a balance between dreams and reality, to make your visions tangible. You are learning to have artistic or idealistic goals and to identify the steps necessary to attain each goal. You are mastering the art of enjoying life as a process. You can move toward perfection without expecting to ever arrive. Your growth goal is to bring more beauty, healing, caring, compassion, or inspiration into the world in ways that affect people’s lives for the better.

**Dominance Versus Dependency**

*Nodes across Cancer/Capricorn*

You have been working on the balance between the mother and father archetypes over many lifetimes. In some lives, you were too supportive, endlessly protective, nurturing, and nourishing. The end result was that you felt drained and consumed, because no one took care of you. In other lives, you were focused on performance, on doing the right thing. Then you ended up exhausted and overworked because you took on too much responsibility. At times, you were the cherished, overprotected child who had to struggle to develop strength and independence. At other times, you were the restricted, dominated, criticized child—overburdened with rules and regulations who felt unloved (and sometimes unlovable) due to the harsh upbringing. Your parents, across many, many lives, had a hard time getting a good balance between conditional and unconditional love. In several lifetimes, you faced choices between devoting yourself to your family versus committing yourself to vocational ambitions. Sometimes you chose family over career; other times you choose outer-world success over family.

Your karmic challenge is to reach a balance between dominance and dependency. You are learning how to have a close, emotional connection and significant home life along with making a sincere contribution to the world. You are reaching a compromise between your internal mother and father. Your growth goal is to be able to be vulnerable and dependent when appropriate, able to connect to others and receive their support; to be the strong, in-control expert when called for; and to be the nurturing protector when needed.

**Part Two: Major Karmic Issues**

Significant issues, ingrained from "practice" in prior lives are revealed by stellia in your horoscope. Themes which are repeated in other ways are also important.
Pleasure Principle
*Stellium in the 2nd*

Attaining moderate pleasures is part of your karmic quest. In some past lives, you felt deprived and denied in regard to sensual pleasures. In some, you overindulged. You are learning to enjoy the senses: eating, drinking, making love, creating beauty, etc.--without being ruled by them. A balanced approach to material security, comfort, and pleasure is indicated. The further you progress, the more you will enjoy life.

Competent Capability
*Stellium in Virgo*

Practicality, health, and common sense are highlighted as karmic issues. In the past, you have been too hard on yourself or on others--seeking flaws, looking for what needed to be fixed. In a few lives, you did not take care of yourself physically and faced health challenges. In some lifetimes, you were overworked, underpaid, and labored long and hard--over invested in being of service. You are learning in this lifetime to direct your efficiency instincts toward your health habits and your job: to analyze and nit-pick work routines, but not people. The further you progress, the more capable, efficient, and healthy you will become.

Closeness

Handling your emotional attachments has been a challenge. Sometimes you've been "swept away" in relationships and lost yourself. You've been carried away by dependency or a "need to be needed." In the past, you've been too attached, too interconnected. You've sometimes moved past the point of loving care into martyrdom and loss of individuality. Occasionally, you've just retreated from the whole question because it felt like too much!

Your challenge in this lifetime is to create truly caring, mutually supportive interactions with others. You are learning to balance vulnerability and caretaking, to meet people in the middle, forming an equalitarian exchange.

Artistic

The world of beauty has been within your grasp many times in the past. In some lives, you did not believe enough in your own skills. In others, you chose a path of family, or earning a living rather than trying to follow your muse. On occasion, you have gloried in the aesthetic and shared your talent with the world.
Your challenge this time around is to incorporate beauty into your daily life. Whether you experience the artistic as a vocation, avocation, or for personal enjoyment is not significant. Appreciating the grandeur of nature, of all the myriad forms of beauty, is essential. Expressing your own abilities is also part of your karmic quest. Believe in your capacity to bring grace into the world. Make your world lovelier.

**Relationships (One-on-One)**

Committed partnerships have been a challenge. In the past, you’ve had multiple relationships. You’ve also had lives when you avoided the whole question, feeling unable to cope. You’ve retreated into being a hermit or religious celibate on occasion. Sometimes you demanded your relationships be totally on your terms. Other times you gave all your power to the other and became co-dependent. You’ve evaded commitment, and felt lost without it. Your expectations have been much too high at times. Accepting the human limits and foibles of yourself and your partner is essential.

Your challenge in this lifetime is to establish a significant, caring partnership. You are learning to form a true team: taking turns, sharing with one another, each giving in different areas of strength. You can gain great pleasure from the dance of give-and-take with another human.

**Self Versus Other**

In the past, you’ve been torn between focusing on personal needs and independence versus focusing on relationships and pleasing others. You may have swung between being lonely and feeling trapped; between separation and too much attachment, between assertion and accommodation. You are learning to compromise, to allow some space in your loving. Karmically, you are working on the balance between self and other: not to give too much to others; not to demand too much for yourself. Be true to yourself and open and willing to cooperate with others. As your balance improves, you feel better about yourself and about your relationships.

**Heart and Head**

In the past, you sometimes had to choose between your heart and your intellect. Some paths of learning required you give up passionate attachments. Some loving relationships left you insufficient time to inquire, to question, to go further with your mind. You’ve also swung between feeling exciting, enthralled, and captivated by love, to wanting to break loose, break free, and be on your own. On occasion, you’ve been
forced to choose between having children and being involved in causes to affect the wider world. Your current challenge is to find a middle ground: to be able to love with openness; to guard your own individuality and the uniqueness of children and loved ones; to be able to blend your heart with your head for optimum results.

**SPECIFIC SCENARIOS FOR PAST LIVES**

This section examines planets in and ruling your water houses (4, 8, and 12)—traditional keys to past lives. Scenarios depicted are not expected to be exact readings, but to provide the essence of themes which have been significant for you. The stories show the sorts of lives you MIGHT have experienced in the past. Since research seems to show that people do not always stay the same sex from life to life, the vignettes may not match whichever you are now.

**Child Bride**  
*Moon, ruler of the 12th, in Cancer*

Your mother trained you well to become a wife and mother. You were taught cooking, sewing, cleaning, and household management. Baby care was on the curriculum. You married an older man who was well established financially. He expected you to have his dinner on time every day and to keep the children out of sight and out of earshot. He also expected you to be emotionally dependent upon him. He loved to hear you talk baby talk and dress like a young girl. He disliked seeing the children grow as it reminded him of your age. As long as you indulged him by playing the role of adoring child, the relationship remained smooth.

**Miserable Marriage**  
*Venus, ruler of the 4th, in Sagittarius*

As a child, you loved learning and sought out opportunities to expand your knowledge. Your family, however, felt that education was wasted on a girl. You were told to focus on household matters and not pine after learning to read or other "unwomanly," intellectual pursuits. At a young age, your parents had you married to a much older man. They thought he would be a stabilizing influence. You felt trapped throughout that marriage. Your husband controlled everything you did. You couldn’t do anything without letting him know. You barely had any time to yourself. You had no money of your own and he demanded an accounting of all
household expenditures. You swore to yourself that once he died, you would never marry again.

**Spiritual Separation**  
*Jupiter in the 8th in Pisces*

The rituals of the Church were very soothing to you—even as a young child. You became an avid church-goer and took the teachings very much to heart. As was expected of a woman of that time, you married. Eager to save the soul of your husband, you insisted on exact observances. Lent was strictly followed. Other restrictions in the marriage bothered your husband, but you felt a choice between the Lord and your spouse was no choice, letting your husband know that he was in second place. He began to withdraw from you, so you spent more and more time praying (at church). All too soon, you were two estranged individuals sharing a house and two children.

**Brutal Betrayal**  
*Neptune in the 4th in Scorpio*

An insightful child, you often saw more than your parents realized. With a penchant for uncovering hidden information, you were better informed than most girls your age. Drawn toward the forbidden, you learned a bit of magic and yearned to study the occult more deeply. As was expected you married. It was impossible to keep your unusual interests entirely hidden from your husband, but you did not worry about it. Then, the fervor of the Inquisition swept the land. Your own husband turned you into the examiners. You were imprisoned, and eventually sentenced to die for your "heretical" beliefs.

**Healing Or Husband?**  
*Pluto, ruler of the 4th, in Virgo*

Drawn toward healing, you were able to pursue your inclinations and got training as a nurse. It gave you tremendous satisfaction to be able to help repair wounded or ill bodies. Although the work was very physically demanding, you felt satisfaction in being able to make a difference. Then you met a man who was very attractive and interested in you. When he proposed, however, he made it very clear that you would have to choose between nursing and him. He was unwilling for his wife to work in a hospital—or anywhere else. After great soul-searching, you turned him down, knowing you could not give up your opportunity to help people.

**Friends Forever**  
*Saturn in the 7th in Aquarius*
Your best friend growing up was the boy next door. Although he was a few years older, he allowed you to tag along for many of his activities. You made an admiring pupil, so he taught you to fish, wade, climb trees, understand bird calls, and much more. In his late teens, he became infatuated with several unsuitable women and was briefly bewitched by a sophisticated widow. In each case, he eventually came to his senses, but he told you a bit more than your parents would have approved of sullying a young maiden's ears with. Your faithful admiration helped to reinforce his confidence after having his heart broken. When you started gaining admirers of your own, he teased you initially, then began insisting that none of the young men were suitable. (Your parents disagreed.) Finally he realized that it was you he wanted for a wife and proposed. Naturally you had recognized your love bond much earlier, so you accepted his proposal. Having a husband who was both lover and best friend was wonderfully rewarding and your many years together were quite happy.

**KARMIC CONNECTIONS TO CURRENT PEOPLE**

Statistics kept by people studying reincarnation cases (e.g., spontaneous childhood memories) support the idea that we often come back into the same families. It seems as though the people with whom we are very close (love and hate) have been in many of our earlier lives as well. This section will look at what astrological traditions suggest about your past relationships to the people who are significant this lifetime.

We will examine karmic connections to your mother and father. We will also examine karmic connections to siblings. If you do not have a sibling this lifetime, read that section in terms of a childhood friend, or an elementary school teacher who had a strong influence in your life, or an aunt, uncle, cousin or relative or neighbor who influenced your early learning and communication skills.

We will consider possible past involvements with a spouse as well. If you are unmarried, this section can apply to lovers, people with whom you live, business partners, or a friend with whom you have a sense of partnership and sharing.

The astrological associations in regard to children will be surveyed. If you do not have a child, consider this section in regard to an important child in your life, or someone who seems very youthful, childlike and
spontaneous to you.

As always, the purpose in looking backward is to help us understand our **present**! If we become more aware of old patterns, we have more power and understanding to change them for the better.

**Friends Forever?**

*Moon in the 11th in Cancer, Moon conjunct Pallas, Ceres in the 2nd in Virgo, Ceres conjunct Pluto*

In a recent lifetime, you were friends with your mother. You had a casual, sharing relationship with the soul who is your mother in this lifetime. You enjoyed each other’s company, but saw one another intermittently. You supported her tenderness. You provided a safe place, a sense of security. You taught her about feelings.

*Moon sesqui-square Sun, Ceres quincunx Sun, Moon opposite Venus, Moon semi-square Mars, Ceres opposite Jupiter, Ceres quincunx Saturn, Moon sesqui-square Neptune, Moon conjunct Pallas, Moon square Juno, Moon square Vesta*

Even friends have some issues, and you and your mother-of-this-lifetime were not exceptions. You faced challenges in regard to your self-esteem and ability to feel proud of yourself, your ability to handle the material world and find comfort, your ability to take care of yourself and your personal needs, your beliefs, values, faith, and quest for the truth, your capacity to work within the limits of the world without feeling overly restricted, your need to rescue people, escapist side, and desire for transcendent experiences, your drive for fairness and equality, your spousal relationship and your tendency to focus on flaws and improve people and situations.

*Ceres trine Mercury, Moon sextile Uranus, Ceres sextile Neptune, Ceres conjunct Pluto*

As a result of that past experience, you came into this lifetime feeling a bit more casual about your mother. You notice her detachment and involvement with her own friends (or the wider world). You were more aware of her individuality because it was something you cherished as her friend. If you were lucky, you carried your sense of friendship with your mother into this lifetime. If not, you probably experienced her as erratic, too freedom-oriented, too cool, and not loving enough. Your relationships with this soul (past and present lifetimes) were teaching you to blend family and friends--to be open and tolerant with family members as well
as warm and loving with friends. You also had the opportunity to develop more logic, curiosity, communication skills, humor, open-mindedness, inventiveness, individuality, interest in the new, compassion, intuition, artistic inclinations, imagination, depth psychological insight, tenacity, self-control and skill with hidden matters.

**Togetherness**

*Saturn in the 7th in Aquarius, Saturn conjunct Sun, Saturn conjunct Descendant, Sun in the 7th in Aquarius, Sun conjunct Saturn, Sun conjunct Descendant*

In a recent past lifetime, you were married to your father. You were the spouse of the soul who is your father in this lifetime. You affirmed and supported his individuality. You fed his need for freedom, uniqueness, and variety. You understood his detachment.

*Saturn conjunct Sun, Sun sesqui-square Moon, Saturn semi-square Venus, Sun semi-square Venus, Saturn opposite Mars, Sun opposite Mars, Saturn square Neptune, Sun square Neptune, Saturn quincunx Pluto, Saturn quincunx Ceres, Sun quincunx Ceres, Saturn sesqui-square Vesta, Sun sesqui-square Vesta*

When you were married to your father, you had issues as all couples do. You particularly faced challenges in regard to your self-esteem and ability to feel proud of yourself, your ability to nurture and be cared for, your ability to handle the material world and find comfort, your ability to take care of yourself and your personal needs, your capacity to work within the limits of the world without feeling overly restricted, your need to rescue people, escapist side, and desire for transcendent experiences, power issues and attitudes around sexuality, your desire to be helpful and drive to fix everything and your tendency to focus on flaws and improve people and situations.

*Sun semi-sextile Jupiter*

As a result of that past experience, you came into this lifetime with "father imprints" connected to partnership. On a positive level, you could maintain a healthy partnership with your father this lifetime, seeing each other regularly. You could choose a spouse who manifests the constructive qualities you recognize within your father. On a negative level, you could be drawn to a partner who expresses the negative qualities of your father. Or, you could end up doing all the caretaking in your relationships--and feel more like a parent than a spouse. Your father strongly influences (pro and con) what you create within committed relationships.
That marriage in a past lifetime and your current experience were catalysts for you to develop more intellectual focus, love of stimulation, gregariousness and spiritual/religious focus.

**Commercial Couple**

*Juno in the 2nd in Virgo, Juno conjunct Vesta*

In the not too distant past, you and your partner worked together. You were colleagues in business. Focused on the material world, you shared a commercial concern. While contributing to each other’s success, you recognized and appreciated that soul’s competence and dedication. You encouraged an interest in health, healing, repairs and improvements.

*Juno square Moon, Juno square Venus*

When sharing efforts with your partner of this lifetime, there were inevitably some challenges. You had to struggle a bit in regard to your ability to nurture and be cared for and your ability to handle the material world and find comfort.

*Juno trine Mercury, Juno conjunct Vesta*

Your subliminal memories of that past time together encourage you to notice the commercial side of your partner. You are more aware of your partner’s sensible and grounded side. You perceive her focus to be on financial or material matters sometimes more than on emotional aspects of your relationship. Your attitudes about money, pleasure, indulgence, aesthetics, and gratification are strongly influenced by your partner. The previous relationship as a co-worker with your partner and your current life are catalysts for you to acquire more logic, curiosity, communication skills, humor, skill with details, interest in health, concentration and dedication to productivity.

**Workaday World**

*Vesta in the 3rd, Mercury ruler of 3rd in the 6th in Capricorn, Venus ruler of 3rd in the 5th in Sagittarius*

In a recent past lifetime, you worked with your sibling. You were in business together, trying to be commercially successful. You shared labors. You recognized and appreciated that soul’s responsible side. You allowed him/her to seek control, authority, and power, encouraging strength.
Vesta sesqui-square Sun, Vesta square Moon, Vesta square Venus, Vesta semi-square Mars, Vesta sesqui-square Saturn, Vesta semi-square Neptune, Vesta square Pallas

When working with your sibling-of-this-lifetime, you faced challenges in regard to your self-esteem and ability to feel proud of yourself, your ability to nurture and be cared for, your ability to handle the material world and find comfort, your ability to take care of yourself and your personal needs, your capacity to work within the limits of the world without feeling overly restricted, your need to rescue people, escapist side, and desire for transcendent experiences and your drive for fairness and equality.

Mercury trine Ceres, Mercury trine Juno, Vesta conjunct Juno

As a result of that past experience, you came into this life easily seeing your sibling as a worker. You paid heed to his/her hard-nosed, sensible side. You noted flaw-finding, utilitarian instincts, and a matter-of-fact approach--sometimes more than emotional sharing. This soul affects (positively or negatively) your attitudes about work, productivity, health, efficiency, and handling the working world. That past relationship as your sibling’s colleague and your current life were catalysts for you to develop more caretaking instincts, repairing ability, competence, nutritional interests, intimacy instincts, feeling for beauty, ability to share and commitment to partnership.

**Doubled Up**

Venus in the 5th, Jupiter ruler of 5th in the 8th in Pisces, Jupiter conjunct Chiron, Saturn ruler of 5th in the 7th in Aquarius, Saturn conjunct Sun, Saturn conjunct Descendant

In a not-too-distant life, you and your current child were married. You were the spouse of the soul who is now your child. You affirmed and supported that individual’s sensitivity. You encouraged that soul’s intuition, grace, aesthetic abilities. You helped to create sanctuaries.

Venus semi-square Sun, Venus opposite Moon, Venus sesqui-square Mars, Venus semi-square Saturn, Venus semi-square Neptune, Venus square Juno, Venus square Vesta, Jupiter quincunx Mars, Jupiter opposite Pluto, Jupiter opposite Ceres

When you were married to your child, you had issues as all couples do. You particularly faced challenges in regard to your self-esteem and ability to feel proud of yourself, your ability to nurture and be cared for, your ability to take care of yourself and your personal needs, your capac-
ity to work within the limits of the world without feeling overly restricted, your need to rescue people, escapist side, and desire for transcendent experiences, power issues and attitudes around sexuality, your desire to be helpful and drive to fix everything, your spousal relationship and your tendency to focus on flaws and improve people and situations.

_Venus trine Uranus, Jupiter semi-sextile Sun, Jupiter trine Neptune, Jupiter conjunct Chiron_

As a result of those old memories, you came into this life with "child imprints" connected to partnership. On a positive level, you can encourage a fresh, exciting, childlike spontaneity and enjoyment in one another. On a negative level, you and your child could be drawn together karmically, continuing to repeat ancient, destructive patterns from your former partnership. What you create within your current relationship is influenced by what has been before. That marriage in a past lifetime and your current experiences were catalysts for you to develop more generosity, magnetism, creativity, dramatic skills, open-mindedness, inventiveness, individuality, interest in the new, compassion, intuition, artistic inclinations, imagination, eagerness to learn, idealism, truth-seeking and urge to inspire.

**KARMIC DEBTS AND GIFTS**

This section examines your karmic gifts and debts according to astrological tradition. Karmic gifts refer to talents and abilities you’ve developed through past efforts. Many gifts carry with them some spiritual pressure to share your talents with the world. Karmic debts refer to obligations you may feel as a result of past actions. Sometimes you find yourself "going that extra mile" for people to whom you are karmically indebted--without knowing why. At times, part of your karmic debt is to know when to STOP giving. And sometimes people seem compelled to be extra generous to you--presumably paying off old debts of their own.

Astrologically, placements and aspects to Saturn and the Nodes are examined, as well as retrograde and intercepted planets.

**Karmic Debts**
Debts Exist in Partnerships

_Saturn is in the 7th_

You share a karmic debt with your partner(s). You spent too many lifetimes dominating or being dominated by them. You may do too much and easily slip into feeling obligated in your relationship(s). It is time to reach equality, sharing, balance, and the ability to take turns and share responsibilities. Your challenge is to relate to someone who is strong without controlling or being controlled. Making sure you both have tasks and ambitions on which to focus is helpful. Trusting your own capacities is vital. Clarify your true responsibilities and release old emotional baggage. Share efforts and you can establish an enduring relationship in which you both make significant contributions.

You Owe Your Health (and Perhaps Colleagues)

_The South Node is in the 6th_

You share a karmic debt with colleagues, coworkers, and a debt to your own personal health. You spent too many lifetimes being of service to others (or avoiding it). You abused or neglected your physical body in some lives. It is time to focus on your well-being, to strengthen your competence, efficiency, practicality, and health. Your challenge is to be practical without excessive nit-picking; to be helpful without carrying the whole load. Paying attention to issues of nutrition, exercise, and relaxation (which affect health) is vital. Notice what you do well and affirm your skill and capability.

Mars opposite Saturn

In addition to the above, you are discharging a karmic debt to yourself by practicing reasonable self-assertion; identifying your rights and defending them; encouraging your spontaneity, willingness to act, groundbreaking instincts, directness, independence and courage.

Venus semi-square Saturn

You also are working on a karmic obligation to women or to a particular woman in your life by taking turns in life; supporting equality and fair play; promoting balance, grace and harmony; developing artistic skills; practicing the art of compromise; and enjoying life.

The Moon quincunx the South Node

You’re paying off your debt to your mother by integrating emotional security needs; keeping a balance between nurturing and dependency;
establishing a healthy home base; acknowledging your roots; and accepting your feelings.

**The Sun conjunct Saturn**

You’re meeting your obligation to your child (of this life or an earlier one) by dealing constructively with ego issues, personal pride, self-esteem, prominence, positive attention, recognition, creativity, and leadership potentials.

**Pluto quincunx Saturn**

You also are working on a karmic obligation to your mate OR an intense competitor by developing emotional courage; transforming negatives into positives; probing deeply into your own motives; bringing secrets into the light; releasing what is dead; sharing power, possessions, and pleasure with another person.

**Neptune square Saturn**

You’re paying off your debt to a dreamer you know by bringing more beauty, grace, love, and healing to the planet; practicing compassion and a spiritual path; connecting with the Source; encouraging high ideals; and living an inspired life.

**Ceres quincunx Saturn**

You’re meeting your obligation to a nurturing figure by combining caring with capability; helping to heal the Earth; taking care of yourself physically and emotionally; being helpful in a balanced manner and accepting reasonable assistance from others.

**Karmic Gifts**

This section examines talents you have developed in the past. Your horoscope reveals abilities which are part of your gift to the world, attributes which you need to share with others. (Your gifts, by their nature, create an internal pressure to put them out into the world.) In other lifetimes, you have struggled to integrate the qualities discussed here. Through your challenges, you have gained the strength and the true vision to become an example and a beacon to others in these areas.

*Gifts which are discussed in italic text are emphasized in your horoscope.*  *Gifts which are covered in boldface text are extra emphasized.*

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Emotional Encounters

Neptune is in Scorpio (intercepted) and is in a water house and rules a water house

You share with a group of age-mates ideals about sexuality, intensity, self-mastery, and hidden matters. Your role is to inspire the world by probing deeply, being intimate and emotionally courageous. The shadow side of your group is to turn sex, money, or power into God. The highest potential of your group is to touch the Higher Self within you and within your mate through intimate caring and sharing, and to respect the rights of all who share planetary resources.

Extravagantly Exciting

Venus in Sagittarius is semi-sextile the South Node and is parallel the South Node and rules a water house

In the past, you have put effort into loving expansively. You can encourage others to be open-hearted and fun-loving within relationships. Your example of gregariousness and an adventurous spirit can inspire others. You help others to reach for the stars.

Re-visioning Religion

The Part of Fortune is in Sagittarius is semi-sextile the South Node

In times past, you reformed ideas about beliefs, values, religion, and education. You teach others truth through living principles of searching, seeking, and looking everywhere for answers.

Wholistic Work

Chiron in Pisces is in a water house

In an earlier life, you labored hard on behalf of charitable, introspective, or artistic activities. You worked intuitively. You put much effort into bringing dreams down to earth and manifesting visions. You developed empathy, mysticism, and a yearning for connection to something Higher.

Lovely Linkages

Vesta in Libra is trine the South Node

In previous existences, you moved gracefully, lovingly toward intimacy. You sought depth in an appealing, attractive manner. You wanted a mate with whom you could share everything. You can teach commitment to partnership.
Enhanced Efficiency
*Juno in Virgo is trine the South Node*

In previous lives, you found beauty in doing a really good job, improving the world and staying healthy. You may have fought on behalf of competence, bettering conditions, or improving people’s well-being.

Mastery of Body
*Pluto in Virgo is retrograde*

You share with others of your generation past lives involving power harnessed for material results. You were motivated to push and push until you finished your tasks. Being efficient, maintaining health, and getting results were vital. You came back now to reach profound depths in understanding the workaday world and the essentials of good health, nutrition, and personal (lifestyle) habits.

Working Ways
*Uranus in Virgo is retrograde*

You and some of your peers were active in times when attitudes toward work and productivity were shifting. The places where work was performed altered. The ways in which work was done changed. You helped people deal with the transitions. As they felt their everyday world was falling apart around them, you and your peers provided new models for efficiency, practicality, and doing a good job. The work ethic was redefined. The meaning of work within a full and fulfilling life also altered. Your past experience is particularly valuable now. As our ways of working and the job available change rapidly, you can help people adapt. You incarnated to be of assistance in the changing workplace.

Romantic Reveries
*Jupiter in Pisces is in a water house*

You and a group of people your age were active in the Romantic period in England. Music, poetry, song, dance, and nature worship were important elements of your lives. A connection to the Source pervaded your works. A sense of meaning and purpose was instinctual; you just “knew” that there was something more to life. In some instances, values were cloudy, confused, diffused as people tried to absorb and assimilate too much. A few individuals took self-sacrifice to an extreme. Most of you were concerned with making your best contribution to inspiring the world. Your spiritual job is to continue to uplift others, to help them find meaning and purpose in the world. Your task is to spread faith, belief in a Higher Power, compassion, and a connection to nature and beauty.
Lavish and Lively
*Mars in Leo is retrograde*

In earlier lives, you focused on being exciting, magnetic, dynamic, and on-stage. You worked on gaining the limelight, being admired, and motivating others. You now have the opportunity to teach others about thrills, developing self-esteem, appreciation and zest.

Cautious Communication
*Mercury in Capricorn is parallel the South Node*

One of your skills, on which you have worked hard, is putting ideas to work and creating mental structures. Your life presents an example to others of persevering with concepts and facing facts. You can be a constructive role model for realistic communication.

Strongly Sensitive
*The Moon in Cancer rules a water house*

In previous lifetimes, you emotionally dedicated yourself to home, family, protection, and cherishing. You fed your emotional attachments, roots, and need to be needed. This time around, you can nurture caring, warmth, family feelings, safety, security, feelings, and absorption within other people.

In addition to the above, your past lives put you in a position to give the following gifts: artistic talent, grace, charm, sensuality, easygoing approach, intimacy instincts, feeling for beauty, ability to share, commitment to partnership, skill with details, interest in health, concentration and work ethic.

**CONCLUSION**

This concludes our exploration of some of your possible past lives. We hope that this investigation has proved interesting to you. Studying the past is helpful in allowing us to plan better for the future. If some of the themes and issues discussed here have resonated for you, we are pleased. If ideas presented here help you to make improvements in your present and future, our goals are met. The various scenarios, debts, gifts, and connections may work literally for you—or may illuminate important feelings, perceptions and ingrained patterns. We hope this look
backward aids you in coping better and enjoying yourself more fully and deeply in this lifetime!