

# **Your Spiritual Path**

## **for Holly Thimbleton**

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## Your Spiritual Path

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

## Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again.

The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Cancer, you are primarily the Feeling type. If the sensation types say, "Just the facts, ma'am," the feeling types say, "and how does it feel when that happens?" Feeling types evaluate situations on the basis of sentiment and may disregard logical processes as ineffective with others and unsatisfying to themselves. They can think logically, but may choose not to unless pressed by circumstances. You are not an emotional disaster area. Rather you are prone to making judgments about things, as in "I feel that is the best way to go." In order to maintain the capacity for fair judgment, it is important to remove or reduce any psychological pollution in the work place caused by unkind, unsympathetic gossip, threatening behavior on the part of co-workers, or idle complaining that is not backed by constructive suggestions. Feeling types can do well in careers that call for sensitivity in relating to other people. You have the ability to bridge the gap between people, and therefore make good counselors, sales people, heads of families, members of the clergy - any job where interpersonal relationships are at the core of productive work. You have a psychic connection to the people and things around you. Often you can "get the point" before other people even state it. You can over-react, but generally return to an acceptable level quickly.

### **How You Express Your Will**

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be self-indulgent (when I could take better care of myself). I will be frivolous (when I could be sensible). I will be touchy (when I could be appreciative of another's intention). I will be timid (when I could be expressive). I will be aimlessly dreamy (when I could direct my imagination into fruitful activity). I will procrastinate (when I could allow things to flow in their normal channel) .

Your Sun is in the 1st house. The head and face are the physical focus for your health and well-being. Injuries and illnesses involving the head affect your sense of self deeply. Whatever lessons come your way, eventually you realize that you only "lose face" with yourself. Vision is a principal vehicle for developing awareness. On the physical plane you may never need glasses, as you tend to perceive the material world clearly. Spiritual vision demands that you see beyond your personal interests. You may become clairvoyant as you develop your spiritual focus.

### **Aspects of the Sun**

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. All life has the potential to bring you joy, and the ebb and flow is important for you to understand. Your heart can expand to contain many possibilities, and you can also learn to let go of one successful

experience in order to embrace another. Your revolutionary attitude causes you to leave one spiritual idea and move to the next. You will benefit by retaining the value from the past while moving toward the future. You have an unusual knack for joining apparently disparate ideas into a logical whole. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. Associations with males can provoke your awareness of spiritual development, or lack of it. But it is not your task to point out their shortcomings. Rather, you can encourage them on their path by encouraging yourself on yours. As you move through life, you find that what you know about yourself more and more closely approximates your inner spiritual being. You are able to evaluate your spiritual position with great precision. You are generally self-confident and you find self-esteem within yourself, not from others. You are likely to gain recognition, and you desire it.

### **Core Beliefs**

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

### **The Moon**

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Scorpio, your secondary mental style is primarily the Feeling type. You have a powerful internal mechanism for identifying the truth in any situation. You may be able to see auras, and you can certainly feel other people's energy. Because of this you value your privacy. You needed your own room as a child and you continue to need time alone as an adult. Yet you love to know that there are people around you who care about you and respect you as a person. You tend to judge the world on the basis of your internal meter. You often act on impulse and baffle others by your actions. They don't have any idea where the decision came from unless you tell them. This makes it important to be surrounded by people you trust deeply. Only then can you be yourself. At the same time they will come to trust your psychic sense. On the rare occasion where others attack you directly, you are thrown completely for a loop. Until you understand their motivation, you may be stuck in a loop of trying to figure out what you did wrong.

Change is such a strong component of your life that you are able to abandon any less than useful core beliefs. However, you are careful not to toss away something that has intrinsic value.

You analyze your beliefs deeply, based on your contact with other people.

### **Aspects of the Moon**

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. Emotional and sexual intensity can separate you from spirit or bring you closer, depending on your awareness of the richness of the interactions you experience. The creative dynamics of two people merging is a profound source of spiritual awareness if you get past the physical tension and emotional conflict. This deepening of experience takes time. Your inner spirit functions easily on the intuitive plane, as you are able to identify and listen to the voice that guides your interactions with others to both their highest good and your own. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs.

### **The Fourth House**

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Virgo on the Fourth House cusp. The essence of your core beliefs centers on the Virgin or goddess, and the fruitful expression of the feminine. You see three distinct expressions of the feminine and, whether you are male or female, you seek to express them through your own life and work. The three expressions are sometimes defined through Eve, Isis, and Mary, as well as other goddesses.

The feminine expression on the mental plane is expressed through the acquisition of knowledge, sometimes through theft. It is the desire to experiment and to understand that is born within you every day of your life. Eve tasted the apple of knowledge; Inanna stole knowledge and other precious items from Enki, her father. Brigit and Minerva both have an aspect of learning and the expression of intellect.

Feminine expression on the emotional or astral plane is connected to desire. Isis is remembered as the devoted mother of Horus and the passionate consort of Osiris. Because she was able to gather together the severed parts of Osiris's body, she is revered as the goddess who can overcome fate. In the Hindu pantheon the goddesses are reborn again, and again in different forms. An example is Sati, who reincarnated as Parvati, whose dark skin is shed and becomes Kali.

The third expression of the feminine is the cosmic mother. You come to understand that you can be the receptive pole and allow the energy of spirit to act through you. Metaphorically this is represented by the process of gestation, in which the sexual poles are brought together to produce new life. You can understand your core beliefs through this metaphor of inspiration. You have the capacity to inspire others to reveal the god and goddess within themselves because

you sense them coming.

## Communication and Mental Development

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

### Training Your Conscious Mind

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- \* the natural direction of your thinking
- \* training to take advantage of this direction
- \* training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

### Element of Mercury

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Cancer, your communication style is primarily the Feeling type. Your healing style is well suited to the emotional distress around you. You can get into the flow of emotional energy patterns, identifying their disparate components, and guiding others toward calmer, safer modes of expression. You work to illuminate whatever emotional condition you find, not surgically removing an emotional block, but helping to bring understanding so that the block relaxes on its own.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

In the material world you nurture and are nurtured by siblings and acquaintances. On the spiritual level you will be able to move others toward their individual spiritual goals by nurturing their confidence. Intuition grows as you pay attention to the needs of others, consciously at first, and later on a psychic or intuitive level.

Your Mercury is in the 1st House. Your communication is at its best when you are vitally interested in the subject under discussion. Spiritual training is no exception. Choose something that stimulates your enthusiasm and that focuses attention on your internal sense of calm and

clarity.

### **Mercury Aspects**

Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. You take a common sense approach to your spiritual life, considering many ideas along the way. Dishonesty is not an option. Your successes build on each other and spiritual optimism grows. You find that your spiritual life moves forward in social and business settings. Thus it is imperative that you find a career and work associates who share your values, and support your life path. You can speak fluently about how you came to understand your spiritual journey. This is because you have had many conversations with your inner spiritual source, asking questions and sharing feelings. Your attitudes toward other people are either a strong hindrance or an aid to your spiritual growth. The exchange of ideas with others is key to your developmental process.

### **Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships**

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Leo, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Intuitive function. Your inspirational energy comes from scientific mental activity-you gather practical facts to help manifest love in your life. You are able to discriminate between extremes, and to explore a variety of options in search of the one best way to complete a project. You are able to see the future potential of the loving energy that goes into today's work.

You thrive in situations where your creature comforts are lavishly cared for. This does not mean you cannot also seek spiritual growth. It just means that you may be expected to demonstrate generosity that you don't always feel. You arouse love, or even devotion, in others.

Your Venus is in the 3rd House. You gather knowledge about your spiritual connections wherever you find yourself. Always looking for information to guide your progress, you listen to others and evaluate what they say, then decide for yourself. Siblings can be a strong influence.

### **Venus Aspects**

Emotional and sexual intensity can separate you from spirit or bring you closer, depending on your awareness of the richness of the interactions you experience. The creative dynamics of two people merging is a profound source of spiritual awareness if you get past the physical tension and emotional conflict. This deepening of experience takes time. Your creative capacity, whether it be through the arts, sexuality, or other vehicles, brings you into contact with your spirituality. Your own sensitivity can help you to cultivate a more tactful nature. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. Your receptive nature allows you to gather information from your surroundings through psychic osmosis. Study situations to get past the shallow mystical veneer. You are the stuff of saints and martyrs because you engage in your beliefs with a fanatical desire to conquer anyone in your path. A physical love relationship can make or break your spiritual connection, depending on your ability to nurture the depth of feeling.

## **Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability**

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt

arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

### **Developing Your Psychic Ability**

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Libra, your private, psychic style is primarily the Thinking type.

Your psychic sense is directly connected to intellect. Whether you hear, see, or even smell psychic information, mental processing reveals the meaning. It may help to share psychic insights with others, as this is the way you can identify your own projections and distinguish them from psychic energy being projected by other people.

Language is a powerful medium for your peer group. During your lifetime several profound changes in communication have occurred, including the rise of personal computers and the Internet. These allow you to communicate instantly with points around the world. This does not lessen the desirability of psychic development. Being able to reach out may actually enhance psychic ability, allowing you to confirm your thinking quickly and easily in many cases.

You may want to record your psychic impressions in a journal. In this way you can track and confirm your impressions later. Too often we dismiss these impressions and may miss the connections. The psychic undercurrents of your life provide a rich resource for your imagination, and they reveal how your life is a fabric woven of various energies.

Neptune is in the 5th House. All creative activities, but especially children, open your heart to fuller expression of your creativity. Pay attention to your psychic sense, as it leads to richer experience of your environment, and fuels creative efforts.

### **Neptune Aspects**

You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. Your receptive nature allows you to gather information from your surroundings through psychic osmosis. Study situations to get past the shallow mystical veneer. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. Through contact with other people, you develop an inner psychic vision. At first you dismiss your psychic insights as flukes, but later you may find that they become more frequent, more accurate, and more spiritually enriching. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness.

### **The Twelfth House**

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Gemini on the Twelfth House cusp. You are sensitive to the words you hear, and

you need to be sensitive about the words you say. Your mystical nature leads you to study hypnosis or other skills where voice is a factor. Life is sometimes confusing. You will benefit from a contemplative practice that allows your own inner voice to be clearly heard.

### **Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes**

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- \* They are signposts to indicate progress.
- \* They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- \* They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- \* They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- \* They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Leo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Intuitive function. Your most direct way of managing transformative events is to will yourself to envision the future. Whether this means imagining life without someone who has left you, or simply moving from one home to another, your strength lies in the ability to listen to your own intuition.

Yet you also sense the hand of the divine - however you define divinity in your life - in the unfolding of a larger plan. While in the moment of transition you may feel helpless and weak,

you don't remain helpless for long because you quickly begin to evaluate clues about outcome. You gather information from your surroundings, your thoughts, your feelings, and your sense of spiritual connection to the energy around you.

You wish to rule, and so do a lot of your peers. This could lead to trouble if you all think you have to be the first and the best. Once you experience coming in second or third, you focus your sights on those areas that truly matter to you. Then you make spiritual progress along with achieving career and other successes.

### **Pluto Aspects**

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. You are the stuff of saints and martyrs because you engage in your beliefs with a fanatical desire to conquer anyone in your path. A physical love relationship can make or break your spiritual connection, depending on your ability to nurture the depth of feeling. You are capable of applying tremendous effort to anything you attempt. The spiritual lesson is to learn moderation. Moderation often means acting like one of the pack instead of always being the leader. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness.

### **The Eighth House**

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Capricorn on the Eighth House cusp. You are constantly striving to reach the top - in career, relationships, sports, or whatever activity you engage in. When you reach the top, you may not be satisfied, and then you descend from your pinnacle and begin to climb another mountain. Often your experience of transformation revolves around your perception of the descent. You naturally feel less elevated during the transition, and you may find that you feel angry, even when you have begun the change process yourself. You second-guess your own decisions and may strike out at others.

However, you always come back around to your own intelligence. Transformation may not follow a gradually ascending path for you, but you definitely attain the heights and depths. Oddly, it is in the depths that you find the courage and strength to work with others. Without the experience of the downside of life, you would not appreciate what other people are going through, and therefore could lack compassion.

## **The Development of Intuition**

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the

regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Cancer, your intuition works best through the Feeling function. Your intuition flows more smoothly in a calm environment. Ritual preparation is very helpful in cultivating this kind of insight. Contemplative practice also helps, and it doesn't have to be sitting on a cushion to meditate. You may find that walking, swimming, or other exercise provides a gateway to expanded intuition.

You are able to perceive the emotional and astral flows of energy, and you often can determine which current to follow before the decisive moment. You tap into energy patterns just enough to gain a sense of direction.

Your Uranus is in the 1st House. Intuition is first perceived as a natural physical function. In fact, you may be surprised to discover that other people don't share your ability. You are able to foresee events and feelings they will engender in yourself and the people around you.

### **Uranus Aspects**

Your inner spirit functions easily on the intuitive plane, as you are able to identify and listen to the voice that guides your interactions with others to both their highest good and your own. Your revolutionary attitude causes you to leave one spiritual idea and move to the next. You will benefit by retaining the value from the past while moving toward the future. You have an unusual knack for joining apparently disparate ideas into a logical whole. Through contact with other people, you develop an inner psychic vision. At first you dismiss your psychic insights as flukes, but later you may find that they become more frequent, more accurate, and more spiritually enriching.

## **The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition**

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The

sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Pisces, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Feeling function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to understand the minute details of physical existence, you find the capacity to experience the germination of your spiritual life. As a child you observed the way your parents and other people involved themselves with the details of their daily existence, and you learned how to manage your own activities with attention to specifics.

While you were learning the practical skills you needed for daily activities, spiritual awareness was also growing deep within you. You have rejected the strict bonds of servitude on the material plane, yet you have cultivated the joyful possibility of spiritual service, even if you are only vaguely aware of this fact. You are learning that you can engage on the thoughtful, personal level in activities that help you and others, or you can expand your understanding to include a broader spiritual venue in which you transcend your ordinary mental boundaries.

### **Midheaven Aspects**

As you move through life, you find that what you know about yourself more and more closely approximates your inner spiritual being. You are able to evaluate your spiritual position with great precision. You can speak fluently about how you came to understand your spiritual journey. This is because you have had many conversations with your inner spiritual source, asking questions and sharing feelings. You have the capacity to become fully conscious of your spiritual values and the path you follow this lifetime. You also can become content with your progress toward self-awareness.

## **Karma and Dharma**

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Scorpio, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Feeling function. Intelligent activity, for you, is inspired by the feeling component of your mind. You can make a plan using any of the mental strategies, but you evaluate and judge its efficacy through the feeling function. In looking back on your own past, into past lives, or even ancient human history, you judge people's actions by the results they achieved, and you also consider whether those results were worth the effort. Even if the outcome was what people wanted and needed, you evaluate the effectiveness of the action. You are able to learn from the past and to exercise good judgment in almost everything you do. You may tend toward caution in your planning, and you gather information at every step of the process. Because of sensitive positioning, you are able to make adjustments to suit the needs of the moment. You like to have the time to project your plan into the future to think through the possible outcomes. When you feel rushed into implementing a plan, you may be reluctant if you cannot see a positive outcome. For this reason, it may be difficult to have faith in someone else's plan.

Your intense focus on the metaphysical realm can distract you from the demands of physical relationships. Sexual energy can be inhibited unless you can see the path to ecstasy includes all levels of consciousness. You see the spiritual value in all life, and understand birth and death as necessary transitions.

Your Saturn is in the 5th House. Intensely loyal, you are very reliable and expect both from other people. Romantic love may be hampered by your sense of caution - or even shyness - that keeps you from being open to physical expression. You are able to perceive the structure of creative potential in all areas of your life, and find spiritual meaning in creative projects.

### **Saturn Aspects**

Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. You may find that you go from one transformational situation to another, never really settling into any one thing. Yet you have the endurance necessary for the long haul. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people.

## **Transcendent Values**

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Cancer, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Feeling function. You find it easy to expand your emotional range to encompass other people, large projects, and even global thinking. You naturally want to engage

with others because this is one of the principal ways you learn. While you may use intellect skillfully in your daily activities, it is at the emotional heart level that you connect to the planet, to humanity, and to spirit. It may seem that fusion of heart and mind is easier when Jupiter is in a water sign because we ordinarily experience the values of the heart in an emotional way. However, such fusion is not limited to water signs, nor do water signs limit the possible expression of transcendent values in any way. One advantage to this placement is that a constant flow of spiritual energy is possible. You may benefit from a meditation practice that focuses on the flows of energy through your body, whether it be breath or energy on a higher plane.

Your strong sense of family and hereditary values guides your work and inspires your emotional life. Contemplative practice should be designed to help you focus on one spiritual target. In this way you develop the capacity to focus in all areas of your life.

### **Aspects of the Jupiter**

All life has the potential to bring you joy, and the ebb and flow is important for you to understand. Your heart can expand to contain many possibilities, and you can also learn to let go of one successful experience in order to embrace another. You take a common sense approach to your spiritual life, considering many ideas along the way. Dishonesty is not an option. Your successes build on each other and spiritual optimism grows. Generally you find your associations with others to be advantageous. As your spiritual awareness grows, this becomes a more consistent element of your life, until you are able to avoid or manage all contacts by evoking tact and harmony, even in one who would be your opponent. You have the capacity to become fully conscious of your spiritual values and the path you follow this lifetime. You also can become content with your progress toward self-awareness. You have many successful associations that further your spiritual thinking. You are generous with your time and energy.

### **The Ninth House**

You have Aquarius on the Ninth House cusp. Your primary transcendent focus is on group consciousness. This focus is a most significant factor in your personal development, as it is the inspiration for selflessness. A second transcendent value is your lower mental nature. Intellectual development is key to your spiritual progress. Note that group consciousness is primary, and that personal intellect serves a supporting role. A third value is the truth of unity or Universal Mind. It is through the intuitive understanding of the oneness of all existence that you are able to mobilize your intellect in the service of group consciousness. As these values become the motivation for your conscious actions, you will find that your spirit flows like water from an endless source, enriching the lives of others as you move toward personal liberation.

## **Mars: Your Spiritual Persona**

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

### **The Element of Mars**

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses—touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Sagittarius, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Intuitive function. You naturally consider the future while taking action in the present. You relate to the physical world via intuition, and you do the same in spiritual considerations. When you encounter a dilemma or paradox in your life, you tend to project the problem into the future to hypothesize how it will be resolved, and then you take action in the present to move toward that outcome. Your actions, while focused on the future, are always a reflection of a purification process that is usually associated with water.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Reverence for All Life, Open-minded Attitude, Cheerfulness. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

### **House Placement of Mars**

Your Mars is in the 6th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues in the work environment. Wherever you find yourself, you seek the opportunity to provide spiritual sustenance to others, and to work out your own spiritual issues. You take a holistic view of your spirituality. No part of your life is separate from it (this is true for everyone). However, for you the focus is on making your whole life into a consistent spiritual package. You then seek to help others achieve the same consistency.

### **Mars Aspects**

Your creative capacity, whether it be through the arts, sexuality, or other vehicles, brings you into contact with your spirituality. Your own sensitivity can help you to cultivate a more tactful nature. You may find that you go from one transformational situation to another, never really settling into any one thing. Yet you have the endurance necessary for the long haul. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. You are capable of applying tremendous effort to anything you attempt. The spiritual lesson is to learn moderation. Moderation often means acting like one of the pack instead of always being the leader.

**The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World**

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

### **Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)**

Cancer is the first of the water signs. On the material level it reflects the group energy of humanity, so you are able to both feel the energies of other people and experience the flow of energy within yourself. It is this capacity to feel that gives rise to the nurturing side of this sign. The sign Cancer reminds us of water flowing downhill. It is the relentless quality of the flow that you resonate with. Even when you feel stuck in situations, you can identify the "flow" that continues among the individuals involved and around the objects in your environment.

Much of your feeling experience occurs on the soul level. If you see auras, you may see all the way to the soul level of the person. This can be both informative and frightening, as you may not wish to relate that closely with everyone. If you don't actually see auras, you certainly feel the energy of other people and need to have inner clarity so that you can interpret those signals correctly. Therefore it is important for you to have a spiritual practice that is designed to cultivate clarity of mind.

Movement is a key principle in your life. How you begin the digestive process, for example, determines what you are able to assimilate from your food. The movement of fluids through your body is a familiar and comfortable barometer of your moods. Good spiritual practice may focus on movement as well. Walking meditation may be helpful for you. If you feel stuck, strenuous exercise may help to shake loose whatever is bothering you. Then you can return to a more meditative pace of movement. Follow movement with sitting for a few minutes to experience the inner calm that has been strengthened.

As you experience your spiritual being, you come to understand the two sides of the sign of Cancer. One side has to do with self-preservation and includes the nurturing you receive and the care you give to others. It includes the impulse to incarnate in the first place. The other side relates to immortality. Your creative energies are freed as you gain understanding of this aspect of life. By understanding the desire to incarnate, along with the truth of your immortal being, you perceive the flow of the evolutionary process across physical lifetimes. The mystery here is the link between the Mother of Form (the Moon) and the Father of the Waters (Neptune). On the physical plane form is not necessarily rigid, and movement is not necessarily unrestricted. The two aspects are intertwined in all living things. On the spiritual plane, form may seem less

significant or less solid, but the principle of form continues to be active until Unity is achieved.

### **Ascendant Aspects**

You are generally self-confident and you find self-esteem within yourself, not from others. You are likely to gain recognition, and you desire it. Your attitudes toward other people are either a strong hindrance or an aid to your spiritual growth. The exchange of ideas with others is key to your developmental process. You have many successful associations that further your spiritual thinking. You are generous with your time and energy. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people.

### **Conclusion**

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.