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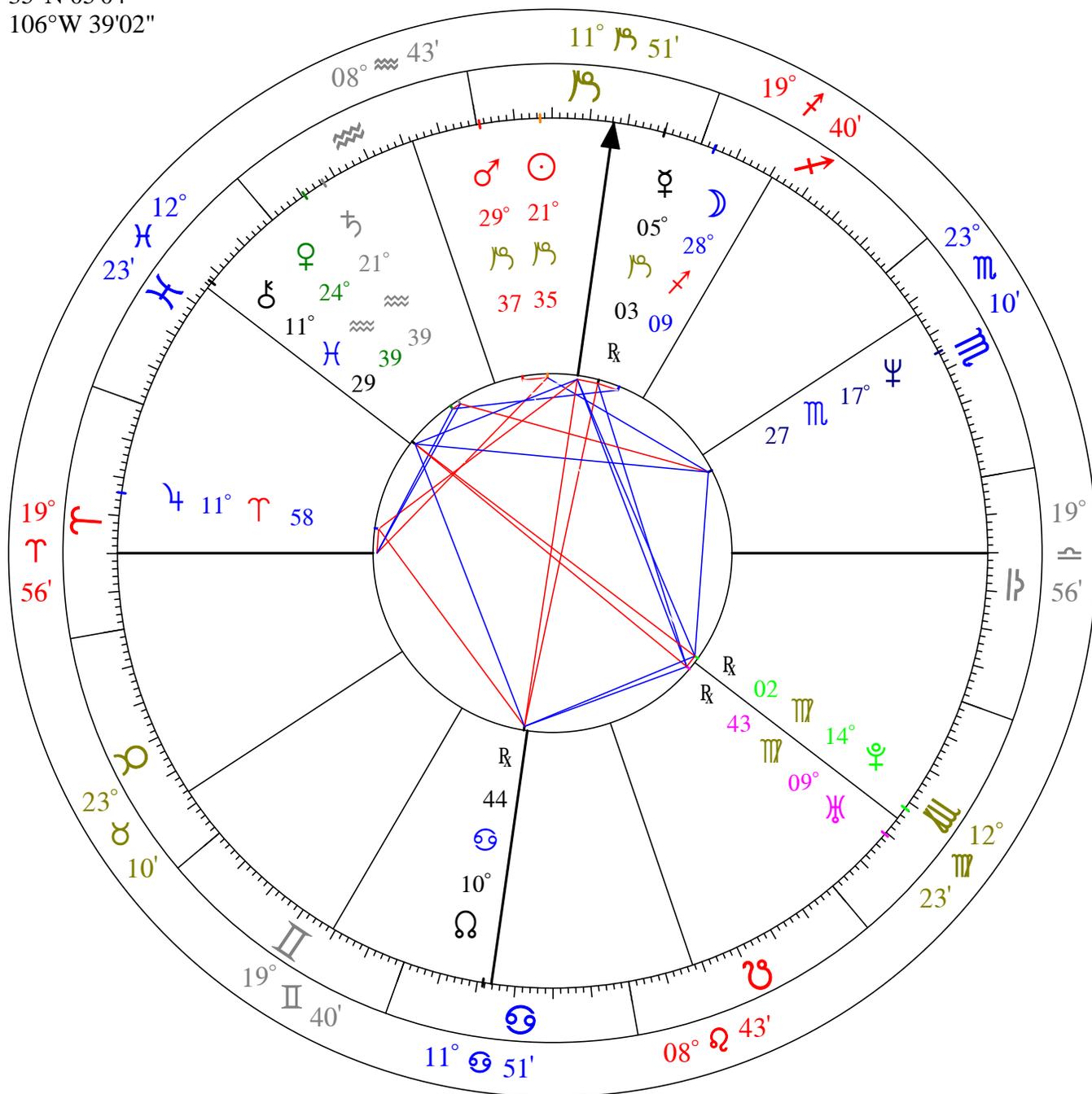
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Symbols of the Planets and Signs				
☉ = Sun	♄ = Saturn	♁ = Midheaven	♈ = Aries	♎ = Libra
☾ = Moon	♅ = Uranus	♆ = Chiron	♉ = Taurus	♏ = Scorpio
☿ = Mercury	♆ = Neptune	☾ = Retrograde	♊ = Gemini	♐ = Sagittarius
♀ = Venus	♇ = Pluto		♋ = Cancer	♑ = Capricorn
♂ = Mars	♁ = N. Node		♌ = Leo	♒ = Aquarius
♃ = Jupiter	♁ = Ascendant		♍ = Virgo	♈ = Pisces

Planetary Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉ Sun	is in	♑ Capricorn	21° 35' 25"	-21° 42' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♏ Sagittarius	28° 09' 05"	-22° 13' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♑ Capricorn	5° 03' 01"	-20° 07' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♒ Aquarius	24° 39' 57"	-14° 53' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♑ Capricorn	29° 37' 08"	-21° 16' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♈ Aries	11° 58' 25"	+3° 34' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♒ Aquarius	21° 39' 39"	-15° 24' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♍ Virgo	9° 43' 28"	+8° 39' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♏ Scorpio	17° 27' 18"	-15° 22' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♍ Virgo	14° 02' 38"	+19° 12' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♋ Cancer	10° 44' 10"	+23° 00' 00"
♌ _{AS} Ascendant	is in	♈ Aries	19° 56' 50"	+7° 48' 00"
♑ _{MC} Midheaven	is in	♑ Capricorn	11° 51' 40"	-22° 54' 00"
♆ Chiron	is in	♓ Pisces	11° 29' 00"	-2° 51' 00"

Planetary Aspects

Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Mars	The orb is	8° 02'
Your	Sun	is	Semisextile	Saturn	The orb is	0° 04'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Neptune	The orb is	4° 08'
Your	Sun	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 39'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	Mercury	The orb is	6° 54'
Your	Moon	is	Sextile	Venus	The orb is	3° 29'
Your	Moon	is	Semisextile	Mars	The orb is	1° 28'
Your	Mercury	is	Semisquare	Saturn	The orb is	1° 37'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Uranus	The orb is	4° 40'
Your	Mercury	is	Opposite	N. Node	The orb is	5° 41'
Your	Mercury	is	Conjunct	Midheaven	The orb is	6° 49'
Your	Venus	is	Conjunct	Saturn	The orb is	3° 00'
Your	Venus	is	Sesquiquadrate	N. Node	The orb is	1° 04'
Your	Venus	is	Sextile	Ascendant	The orb is	4° 43'
Your	Mars	is	Sesquiquadrate	Pluto	The orb is	0° 35'
Your	Jupiter	is	Square	N. Node	The orb is	1° 14'
Your	Jupiter	is	Conjunct	Ascendant	The orb is	7° 58'
Your	Jupiter	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 07'
Your	Jupiter	is	Semisextile	Chiron	The orb is	0° 29'
Your	Saturn	is	Square	Neptune	The orb is	4° 12'
Your	Saturn	is	Sextile	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 43'
Your	Uranus	is	Conjunct	Pluto	The orb is	4° 19'
Your	Uranus	is	Sextile	N. Node	The orb is	1° 01'
Your	Uranus	is	Trine	Midheaven	The orb is	2° 08'
Your	Uranus	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	1° 46'
Your	Neptune	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	3° 25'
Your	Neptune	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	5° 58'
Your	Pluto	is	Sextile	N. Node	The orb is	3° 18'
Your	Pluto	is	Trine	Midheaven	The orb is	2° 11'
Your	Pluto	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	2° 34'
Your	N. Node	is	Opposite	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 07'
Your	N. Node	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	0° 45'
Your	Chiron	is	Sextile	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 23'

Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire	: ☽ ♃ A _S	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 14
Earth	: ☉ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♀ M _C	Total = 6	Weighted Score = 16
Air	: ♀ ♃	Total = 2	Weighted Score = 5
Water	: ♀ ♃ ♂	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 1
Cardinal	: ☉ ♀ ♂ ♃ ♃ A _S M _C	Total = 7	Weighted Score = 22
Fixed	: ♀ ♃ ♀	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 6
Mutable	: ☽ ♃ ♀ ♂	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 8

Weights Used Above

Sun	= 6	Moon	= 6	Mercury	= 3	Venus	= 3
Mars	= 3	Jupiter	= 2	Saturn	= 2	Uranus	= 1
Neptune	= 1	Pluto	= 1	N. Node	= 0	Ascendant	= 6
Midheaven	= 2	Chiron	= 0				

Introduction

This report presents the raw materials that you have been given for building a life. It outlines how the overall shape of your chart reflects the overall shape of your personality. It shows what your greatest challenges are likely to be, the strengths you have been given to meet these challenges, and the main arenas you are given for playing out your life's drama.

You may notice certain places where the information seems contradictory. This is to be expected, because people are complex. For example, in some situations you may be shy and in others, aggressive. When you see repeated patterns, though, take special note: these are apt to be the dominant themes in your life.

The Main Emphasis in Your Chart

Before looking at your chart in detail, let's stand back for a moment to see whether there are any overall tendencies that stand out.

Greater planetary emphasis in the eastern half of the chart.

With the bulk of of your planetary strength in the left-hand half of your chart, you prefer to be in charge of your own destiny, rather than following someone else's dreams, adventures, projects or proposals. This tends to make you an outgoing, active person, in charge of your affairs. Independent and outwardly directed, you are conscious of the direction in which you lead your life. An entrepreneurial pursuit of some type will find you at your best. You need followers to help you, so be sure that you attract those who are willing to follow your vision. Be clear, however, as to who is in charge. Joining forces with someone as strong-minded as you are may cause the kind of stress that will distract you from your goals. Make all possible allowances for practicality; and then go ahead and pursue your vision.

Greater planetary strength in the western half of the chart.

With the bulk of of your planetary strength in the right-hand half of your chart, you most likely prefer interacting with others, and delight in experiencing life in a social setting. The challenge of working out the intricacies and problems posed in relationships gives you a feeling of enormous satisfaction, especially when things work out in a positive manner. To be sure, seeing life through the eyes of others is a rare gift. Just take care that someone else's personality does not dominate you in such a way that you cannot grow and express your own self.

Greater emphasis above the horizon.

Since the upper, or outward-directed side of your chart is stronger than the lower half, you tend to identify who you are with what you have accomplished in the world. This may make you highly competitive in establishing yourself within a definable lifestyle or career. Your trophy case or the diplomas on your wall may be a source of great personal satisfaction. It is important to balance your need for outer-world- accomplishments with care for your inner self. Also, take great care not to lose sight of the needs of your loved ones.

Fire signs are especially strong.

With a main emphasis in signs like Aries, Leo and Sagittarius, you are likely to be one of the original self- starters. Passionate and full of strong feelings and ideals, you do not need external stimuli to get you moving in new directions. Drama is your mantra. Perceiving life as a game with high stakes, you are just as passionate when you win as when you lose.

In many ways you act and feel as if the world revolves around you, and sometimes it does. You tend to dominate your sphere, and when you come across other Fire types you instantly like or dislike them with no feelings in-between.

You are devoted to your ideals and beliefs, and will play the game to the end, displaying your boundless enthusiasm no matter what the outcome. You despise static, unchanging and unyielding situations, and will put forth your best efforts to change them. With your courage, energy and dramatic flair, you can be an effective leader, and will be the first in line to explore uncharted regions.

Your tendency to act first and think later, however, may lead others to accuse you of insensitivity. Learn to be more aware of others' feelings. Realize that your actions affect others' lives in ways that you may not have considered. Remember to develop sensitivity and appraise situations intellectually before you act with your heart.

Earth signs are especially strong

Having special emphasis in signs like Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn, you tend to be the soul of practicality and pragmatism. You prefer to deal with things that you can touch, see or hear, and you like to live in a world where things are measurable and there are no abstractions. You also like to work with the present moment, the here and now, especially if it creates a lasting outcome or is connected to a past. You may have to guard against a tendency to be overly conservative, cautious or narrow-minded.

Stability is your special strength. You can be counted on when things get crazy around you, because you generally don't engage in knee-jerk reactions. Instead, you prefer to allow things to happen, and then you react in your own time. You initiate matters only when they aren't proceeding in the direction that you expect. Because you tend to be passive, you need external stimuli to get you going.

Very fertile, you enjoy producing things of substance, from children to business reports. You are not, however, overly nurturing. You generally prepare the ground, plant the seeds and then walk away until harvest time. If the seed needs continual care and attention to grow to its fullest potential, you may or may not intervene. If you do offer assistance, it tends to be for the material, rather than the emotional, needs of whatever you are nurturing.

Water signs are under-represented.

With a marked *lack* of emphasis in Water signs like Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces, you don't carry the baggage of complicated feelings and hypersensitivity to your environment. This allows you to be forthright about your desires. Cool, detached, practical, objective and willful, you have a lack of sentimentality that can be a great asset in times of crisis and emotional stress. Your clearheadedness can lead you to great achievements.

It is easy, however, for you to be out of touch with your own emotional nature. You may feel that an emotional response like crying or moodiness is a sign of weakness that is best avoided. You may find it difficult to deal with those who express themselves from the heart. You end up not knowing how to react, or you may be uncomfortable expressing the appropriate feeling of response. You can also misread situations that call for intuition rather than reason.

Since your coolness and detachment may cause you to neglect the feelings of others, you may need consciously to practice relating to others in a compassionate, sharing and sensitive way. It will round you out to cultivate this nourishing side of yourself. Soften up and bend your beliefs a bit so you can serve those in need, for this is where happiness lies. When you let yourself go and dive into emotional waters, you may find that the humanity that has always been in your heart is drawn out into your personal world of expression.

A strongly Cardinal quality.

Your strength in Cardinal signs like Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn gives you an ability to initiate things, whether they be actions, relationships or projects. You do not care whether something has been done before: if it interests you, you will attempt it. Though you tend to be sullen and unhappy in the role of minion, you feel creative and fulfilled in positions of leadership. Once projects are under way, however, you tend to lose interest. It would be ideal to have someone to follow in your footsteps and complete the details.

Special strength in Capricorn.

You have remarkably strong desire to be a success in your chosen field. Once you set your goals, you have a rare ability to focus entirely and solely on attaining them. You are an effective leader who can both handle details and make visions come true. Beware, however, of always judging yourself and everything else by the criterion of usefulness. Duty-oriented and practical, you need to loosen up now and then, have fun just for its own sake, and make choices based simply on enjoyment. This will actually replenish your energies, making you more effective and creative when you do return to work. When you relax, you can regale others with your wonderfully wry and earthy sense of humor.

Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama

In your birth chart, the Sun, Moon and planets play the central role. They are the actors in the drama, the moving figures on the stage, each with a character of its own. How these characters relate to each other, whether and how they clash or harmonize, whether they bring out each other's best or worst qualities, is shown by the aspects, or angles, between the planets.

Is the ongoing drama between two planets a continuing tension that periodically erupts into crises (conjunctions, oppositions and squares), a harmonious alliance where the two planets aid and abet each other (trines and sextiles), an uneasy truce full of ambiguities (certain other aspects in neither of these families), or simply indifference (no aspect at all)? Below you will see which pairs of planets are in aspect in your chart.

Each of the following sections lists the aspects in order of their general importance, with aspects involving the Sun, Moon and fast-moving planets coming first. You can get a further idea of their importance in your particular chart by going to the aspect table at the beginning of this report and finding the five or so aspects with the smallest number of degrees and minutes in the "The orb is" column.

Your Major Challenges

We start with your conjunctions, oppositions and squares because these tend to point out the challenges that you have been set in life. Most people experience these aspects as problems, at least at first. Armed with awareness, however, you can come to view these so-called "hard" aspects as the blessings that they really are. These are the forces that spur you forward. When you face the challenges that these aspects pose, you grow in strength, confidence, wisdom and maturity.

Sun conjunct Mars

Action is your first name and aggressiveness is your style. Once you decide you want something, you go for it — full tilt, at a hundred miles an hour, and damn the consequences. Your courage may never be doubted, but your lack of tact, grace and practicality may be issues that concern you throughout life. Though it may be difficult to do, it is worth while to try to control your impulsiveness and that temper of yours which continually gets you into hot water.

Sun square Ascendant

The way that you see yourself is not necessarily the way others see you. This can cause problems, in that you often seem to be moving at cross-purposes to the friends, relations or business associates with whom you are trying to interact. If you find yourself constantly having to reassess your position because of misunderstandings with others, try to consider their opinions more thoroughly before acting. Don't be so arrogant. You have good ideas. Learn to blend them with the ideas of others, and you won't feel so lonely and left out.

Moon conjunct Mercury

You have the desire (and the gift) fully to express and analyze your deep inner feelings. One of your great delights is to discuss your emotional situation with someone else — indeed, anyone else. Make sure that your potential listeners are as excited about this as you are, or you might just bore them to tears. Besides being a great talker, though, you are also a good listener. You are usually quite perceptive and intuitive, and can be trusted to make compassionate (if at times impassioned) decisions.;

Mercury conjunct South Node

You're very aware (perhaps too much so) of the value of important friends and business contacts. Usually you go out of your way to be sociable and agreeable. Quite often, though, your concern for those you deal with is obviously shallow and inappropriate. You must be careful not to get a reputation as either a backslapper or a gossip or chatterbox. True commitment and sincerity are necessary if you want people really to accept you. Don't use people for your own ends, because they'll be sure to notice what you're doing.

Mercury conjunct Midheaven

You have a sharp mind and are quite perceptive and objective. You have the ability to analyze your career goals and objectives and enjoy doing so. For you, thought must turn into action somehow, so be sure not to overanalyze yourself or you will never be able to move ahead. An inveterate practical joker, you enjoy playing head games with people and are known for your wit and good humor. An ideal career would involve science, sales or communications.

Venus conjunct Saturn

The way you show love and affection is by being cool, detached, mature, practical and responsible. Once you have overcome any initial shyness and restraint, you will work long and diligently to pursue the relationship goals set by you and your beloved. Although you do not wear your heart on your sleeve, a friend or lover could never ask for anyone more loyal, dutiful and steadfast.

Jupiter square Nodes

A great deal of your time and energy is spent in working on charitable, religious or political projects. You enjoy portraying yourself as a high-minded, community-oriented person, but you're not above using the contacts that you make for your own personal gain. A little of this is perfectly acceptable, but others may shy away from your assistance if they think that there are always going to be strings attached to anything that you do. Learn to give of yourself selflessly if you wish to be truly appreciated — don't always try to "cash in" your favors.

Jupiter conjunct Ascendant.

You are known to be generous and helpful, with a cheerful optimism that makes those around you feel good about themselves. As such, you are very popular, and you enjoy being with others. Deeply interested in the larger questions of life, you have developed a strong moral stance. Your fair-mindedness and general good sense make others seek your opinions on a variety of topics. You will be attracted to others in positions of power and authority who will be helpful in your chosen career. In turn, you enjoy assisting others who are worthy, and may be viewed by many as a mentor.

Jupiter square Midheaven

You have high aspirations for yourself, and are likely to have the charm, grace and social sense to attain them. Self-righteousness and snobbery do not become you, however. Be careful not to allow your personal pride in your accomplishments to degenerate into arrogance or selfishness. Your downfall will be swift and sudden if you begin to think that you are better than your peers, or that you do not need the assistance of others to make your plans come about.

Saturn square Neptune

By nature you are withdrawn and introspective. This can be helpful to self-understanding when you are in control of the process. But often your deep-seated fears and anxieties seem to take control of your life and run it. When this happens, professional counseling may help you discriminate between what is real and concrete and what is imaginary and illusory, and can restore your ability to function in the world. You must learn to trust that the world can indeed support and assist you. Above all, avoid any mind altering substances , because these will only mask your problems.

Uranus conjunct Pluto

You belong to a generation that can effect positive and constructive change in society as a whole. You will sympathize with causes and concerns that have been unpopular and neglected in the recent past. The changes that you bring about will be known for their originality and will dramatically alter the way people look at things for years to come.

Chiron opposite Uranus

Due to separation from a parent or lack of communication in your earliest environment, you have difficulty in sharing and opening up to others. Creative, independent and yet high-strung, you will be successful so long as you develop patience and refrain from being provocative. Asserting a contrary opinion or taking an unpopular stance for the sake of rebellion can be as disruptive and destructive as it can be creative and productive. As life goes on, you will get the knack of being spontaneous without provoking others.

Chiron opposite Pluto

You may have faced an emotional loss that forced you to grow up at a very young age. Extremely serious and melancholy, you tend to spend many hours in deep contemplation. Fearful and obsessed with death, you may find it difficult to cope with the realities and stresses of everyday living. Therapy may help you celebrate life rather than fear death. You will then be more apt to relax, and will be able to help others as well as yourself enjoy each day.

North Node conjunct Imum Coeli

You have clearly defined goals, which are realized to their fullest when you work alone or with just a few trusted intimates. When you have to involve yourself with a large, disparate group to attain group goals, problems occur. Your personal sense of identification with a cause is so strong that you rarely can hear the wisdom or clarity in the suggestions other people make. This of course causes innumerable problems. If you want to see any progress at all in these kinds of situations, you must learn to compromise your position once in a while.

Your Sustaining Strengths

Trines and sextiles tend to work with a natural harmony that calls for little effort on your part. They show the things that you just seem naturally good at. Usually they point to the more positive parts of your nature, and act as support that you can call on in difficult times.

Because these aspects are so comfortable, they are not likely to push you to expand your limits or cause you to change. It is actually helpful to have a balance of hard aspects (like oppositions and squares) to stimulate you to grow, and soft aspects (trines and sextiles) to ease your passage and provide places to rest.

If you are blessed with a predominance of trines and sextiles, your life may tend to be placid and your nature serene. If so, remember that the world around you is probably sorely in need of these qualities that are yours to bestow.

Sun sextile Neptune

Your heightened sensitivity allows you to understand things about people and situations at an inner gut level that is not available to most people. You may be psychic, but you definitely are intuitive and you can trust your hunches. Your compassionate and caring approach to others causes you to spend much of your time and limited energy being involved in idealistic causes, especially those meant to assist the underprivileged of the world.

Moon sextile Venus

You are known and loved for your gentle, caring and compassionate nature. You enjoy making others comfortable and go out of your way to make sure that the environment is peaceful and calm. Your grace, charm and fair-mindedness allow you to function in the role of pacifier and peacemaker. There is nothing that delights you more than reconciling two seemingly incompatible combatants.

Mercury trine Uranus

An iconoclast, you are impatient with traditional ways of doing things. You have the gift of perceiving new and different approaches to problems. Your curiosity leads you to explore uncharted and highly technical areas of knowledge, including subjects (like astrology) that most others regard as bizarre and crazy. At times, your mind whirls so fast that your energies become scattered and your efficiency drops radically. When you notice this happening, stop and get some rest. Recognize when your battery has run down too low.

Venus sextile Ascendant

You are charming and graceful and others are attracted to you. Your popularity is assured because you really DO care for others. You want to make them comfortable and relaxed and you go out of your way to see that this happens. Your presence at any social occasion produces a very soothing, quieting effect. You have the ability to disperse tension and make all about you harmonious — the gift of the peacemaker.

Saturn sextile Ascendant

Your disciplined and mature approach to life earns you the respect of others. You have the ability to accept responsibilities and your dedication and loyalty (to whatever you have decided is important) is unquestioned. You are a bit of a loner, but your friendship, once given, remains steadfast and true.

Uranus sextile North Node

You can be an exciting and agreeable companion as long as others don't try to tie you down with any sort of long-term commitments. Your boundless energy and enthusiasm bring a sense of excitement and fun to any community project that interests you. You have a rather short attention span, but once you take on a task, your innovative ideas are usually appreciated by others. You can improve relationships of almost any type by introducing change and variety into your daily doings — and if you don't, you'll soon become bored and will want to move on.

Uranus trine Midheaven

Your ability quickly to perceive unusual and inventive approaches to traditional problems earns you respect and admiration from others. The fields of science, advanced technology, electronics, communications and perhaps even astrology will appeal to you because of their complexity and because of the possibility of your being a force for innovation and change. You demand, however, to do things your own way. This suggests that you would be happier being self-employed rather than trying to fit into a structure designed by others.

Neptune sextile Pluto

You, and society as a whole, are witnessing a gradual spiritual transformation that affects everything that you encounter. A solid foundation for protecting the rights of individuals (and especially the underprivileged) was being laid in the era when you were born, so that those in the future will have an equal opportunity to grow, evolve and gain greater understanding.

Chiron trine Neptune

Optimistic, spiritual, and idealistic, you have a never-ending faith in the human spirit. Compassionate and sympathetic, you always keep your door open to those in need, including stray animals and others not as well off as you. Your naivete and sweetness endear you to whomever you meet. Since you always lend an ear and a helping hand, people enjoy being in your company. Professions that utilize your admirable qualities include being a religious leader, teacher, counselor, evangelist, or spiritual healer.

Pluto sextile North Node

At some time in your life you will have far-flung interests that may even be global in nature. Your contacts and connections will become very important to you, and you'll probably manage them quite well. You'll have vast resources at your disposal and, because you're usually a high-minded and civic-oriented person, you'll use them in a way that will benefit not only yourself, but many others as well. As such, you'll probably become a widely respected community or political leader, should you choose to become seriously involved in a "public" sort of lifestyle. You have the ability and means to influence the lives of many people.

Pluto trine Midheaven

Your desire to be an important and influential person is one of the main driving forces of your life. One of the most important tools that you use to attain that end is your fascination with people's motivations and deepest intentions. Your understanding of how people think, act and react gives you a distinct advantage because you can always stay one step ahead of others (especially the competition). You will probably succumb now and then to a strong temptation to manipulate others. Be as tactful as possible or you will lose people's respect rather than gain it.

Chiron trine North Node

Throughout much of your life you have experienced the pain and isolation of feeling like an outsider. Whenever you come into contact with others who also have difficulty communicating, your sympathy is easily aroused. Identifying with the underdog provides a sense of purpose and gives you an enormous need to reach out to others. Working hard has always been an outlet for self-expression, and it makes you feel needed. Most important, professional recognition does wonders to improve your self-esteem.

Chiron sextile Midheaven

Being recognized by your peers for professional achievements is one of the driving forces of your life. To your credit, you learned the right formula for balancing your private activities with your career. You are flexible and may try different employment situations before finally finding the one that appeals to you. It may take some time to find the most suitable path, but once you do, you will forge ahead and make your mark on the world.

Rounding Out the Picture

Two other families of so-called “minor” aspects add yet more information about the way the planets relate to each other in your chart. Semisquares and sesquares (also known as sesquiquadrates) share the dynamic, crisis-prone nature of the square but need to be quite exact in order to be felt.

Semisextiles and quincunxes connect signs that are totally unrelated to each other. They can have an odd, unsettling quality, indicating problems or issues that it’s hard to get a grip on. They are like interesting puzzles that call for a creative solution.

Sun semisextile Saturn

Your conscience always seems to be working overtime, and this annoys you a great deal. It seems that you can never allow yourself to do anything that seems in the slightest frivolous without feeling enormous pangs of guilt. This can make you feel quite uncomfortable and then you become withdrawn and frustrated, preferring not to act at all rather than compromise your high standards of conduct. When this happens, look around you. The action that you are worried about is probably not very daring when compared to what others do. Let yourself have a little fling once in a while — savor the forbidden fruit and then fall back into your usual pattern.

Moon semisextile Mars

You find it difficult to handle your emotions and this annoys you greatly. You have a tendency to get angry at the drop of a hat and to be very defensive whenever you feel threatened. This is all related to your need to feel secure within yourself. Be careful not to take these personal inner problems out on the opposite sex. You will have a strong temptation to project your own inner turmoil on others and that is just not fair to them. If your need for security and comfort as a child was denied you, perhaps due to an unpleasant experience with your mother, you should seek competent counsel to work these problems out if you don’t, the pattern will continue on and on.

Mercury semisquare Saturn

Your mind moves slowly and carefully, and you make no decisions until you have reviewed all the relevant possibilities. Even then, you move cautiously. Fearing to be wrong, you would almost rather not act at all than do anything that might cause others to judge you negatively. This forces you to be very thorough at whatever you do. In many situations this can be a great gift. It can also, however, limit your life and keep you in a rut. Occasionally giving yourself permission to be wrong can open up a world of new possibilities.

Venus sesquare North Node

Your winning smile is usually enough to guarantee you an entree into whatever social situation you may desire. But you had better make sure that you can back it up with sincerity and a truly loving manner if you want relationships to be anything but very short-lived. Be careful not to get a reputation for being vivacious but flighty and flirtatious or you’ll end up going from one brief fling to another and feeling that your life is much emptier than it really is.

Mars sesquare Pluto

Once you have set a goal, your will power can be totally mobilized to see that you accomplish it. Your drive and ambition is so strong that you will tolerate no opposition to getting where you want to go. Be very careful not to step on too many toes on your way or you might unleash forces of resistance that require you to take a defensive position — this will delay the completion of your objectives. Try a little tact and diplomacy instead. Use your ability to convince others of the reasonableness of your position, but be subtle, not underhanded about it.

Jupiter semisextile Chiron

A consummate performer and a hard worker, you have a wonderful flair for taking charge and directing the show. Since you thrive on the approval of others, you will do whatever it takes to gain recognition. At times, however, your need to be right makes you dictatorial. When this happens, you can become extremely unpopular. Your most enviable traits are your never-ending faith and eternal optimism. These are the qualities that enable you to reach your goals. Having seen others suffer increases your sense of justice and compassion for the underdog.

Houses: Bringing the Planets Down to Earth

The positions of the planets in the zodiac, and the aspects between the planets, are nearly the same for everyone born on a given day. But the houses reflect how the planets were arranged around you and you alone, at a given hour and minute, and at a given place on Earth. Houses therefore personalize the planets, showing how they relate to your own particular life.

The meanings of the twelve houses echo those of the twelve zodiacal signs, but are more specific and concrete. For example, the second sign, Taurus, is much concerned with the material world, whereas the second house deals with your actual possessions: how you feel about them, and how you acquire them.

The house delineations that follow show how the affairs of each house are flavored by the sign that lies on its cusp. Since houses are sometimes larger than signs, a house may also have one or more signs completely enclosed or “intercepted” within it, in which case you will find additional material about the intercepted signs in a house. Most important, you will learn below in what areas of life the planets — the main actors in your drama — are disposed to be most active, and how the way each planet operates is influenced by both its house and its sign.

Your Interface with the World

The first house focuses on the basic equipment that you have been given for interacting with the world: your body and your physical constitution, your face, your appearance, your personality, mannerisms and the way you present yourself. It may not be how you see yourself, but it is how others tend to perceive you, and you should be aware that it has an important effect on how you are accepted in social situations. Planets in the first house tend to be strong and “out-front,” especially when they are close to (that is, conjunct) your Ascendant.

Aries on the First

Self-confident, ambitious and passionate, you radiate positive energy. You are a free spirit and must be first at everything you do. Brimming with energy and self-assertion, you want to do things your way. Even though you may feel calm and serene on the inside, you certainly do not project this attitude. You want to do everything full-tilt, at a hundred miles an hour. A great competitor, but a poor cooperater, you must learn how to lose more gracefully. You are blunt and direct, and at times can be unfeeling and tactless, especially if anyone offers you any resistance. You fight for your beliefs, but your tendency to act first and think later often causes you grief.

No planets in the First

You have no planets in the first house, which means that the way that others regard you is not usually a major issue for you. Look to the house position of the Sun, Mars and Saturn to learn how your sense of personal identity is integrated into your overall character.

What You Own and Value

The second house goes a step outward from your own person and has to do with resources that you possess, including money. It shows your attitude toward what you own or would like to own: what you crave and covet, what you most value, how you go about getting it, how you take care of it, and whether or not you hang on to it. By extension, it can also indicate your sense of values: not just material things but also the attitudes and ideas that you hold dear.

Taurus on the Second

You are known for being practical and conservative when it comes to financial matters. Early in life you decided that it would only be worthwhile to own things of high quality, and that you would rather do without than spend money on something you judge to be inferior. The things you most value are tangible and solid, pleasing to the senses and conducive to comfort. And in your life you value doing useful things that have a practical, immediately realizable purpose. You invest for security, taking a buy-and-hold strategy and preferring high-quality stocks and bonds, preferably in companies that produce something concrete and useful. If you venture into futures trading, you stick with a few commodities you know well, solid things like wheat and, of course, cattle. If you are extremely Taurean, however, all these paper transactions may still seem too flimsy to you. You may feel more comfortable investing in coins, collectibles or real estate.

No planets in the Second

The second house of your horoscope contains no planets. This means that you tend not to be overly concerned about what you own, and that your attitudes and value structures are most likely integrated into your character as a whole. If outside influences upset this balance and cause these issues to become more important than usual, it will probably be only temporary.

Your Immediate Surroundings

Going a step further out from your own body and possessions, the third house has to do with your immediate surroundings and how you interact with them. The first “social” house, it describes brothers and sisters, neighbors and anyone who just happens to be near you on a daily basis. It also describes daily communication and transportation: letters, phone calls and emails, and routine journeys such as commuting to shopping, school or work. The first “mental” house, it governs early education and basic skills training, paving the way for higher education in the ninth house which is directly opposite it in the chart.

Gemini on the Third

You are full of nervous energy, especially mental energy. Your mind is active and alert, constantly whirling from one fascinating idea to another. You love to learn things and you spend much time reading and traveling about and asking questions. But your learning is often casual and superficial because you rarely have the self-discipline and intensity to dig down to the deeper levels of any subject. Your daily activities and routines are a hubbub of constant hustling and bustling as you burn off your energy. Your speech is bubbling and at times babbling as you try to get more than one thought at a time out of your mouth. A great talker, but not a great listener — once you have been mentally stimulated, you are off to the races again, and it becomes hard for others to get in a word edgewise.

North Node in the Third

The people you meet every day, as part of your daily routine, are very important to you. The postman, the bus driver, the cop on the beat, the clerks at the grocery store are valued acquaintances — you look forward to seeing them. Errands and chores that others might find dull and boring are quite exciting for you because they get you out into the familiar everyday world around you. You're the perfect one to be assigned all those niggling little duties that others seem to avoid — you thrive on them. Volunteer service in your community or neighborhood may become a major emphasis for you.

North Node in Cancer

You genuinely enjoy meeting other people, but you're at your best if you can do so in the comfort of your own home. Not liking to leave your home or neighborhood for any extended period of time, you prefer others to come to you. Those who do come in contact with you are struck by your caring and obliging nature. You really do make them feel at home. You form the closest ties, however, with members of your immediate family, especially your parents and children. You're at your best when attending or organizing family reunions.

Where You Come From

Being at the very bottom of the wheel, the fourth house is both where you originate and where you come to rest. As such, it describes your parents and ancestral background, and later the home or protected space into which you retreat each day for nourishment and sleep. A deeply personal house, the fourth is concerned with security and peace of mind, the safety of loved ones, and how you care for others and yourself. The place of your roots and the earth beneath your feet, the fourth house rules the house or apartment where you live and also real estate in general. In your trajectory through life, the fourth house shows your origins and where you are coming from, just as the tenth house and Midheaven describe your career and where you aim to go.

Cancer on the Fourth

You are very sentimental about your mother (or the person who played that role for you as a child), your home, your family and your cultural background. You fondly remember those times when you felt most secure and comfortable and loved. You will spend much time and effort trying to recreate those feelings — security and peace of mind are paramount for you. When you are at your best, you willingly provide warmth and comfort to all, but, at your worst, you are moody and unpredictable and very demanding that others pay attention to you.

No planets in the Fourth

You have no planets in the fourth house. This means that home and family are not likely to be major issues for you, or demand much time and energy on your part. For further information on how you handle the issues of security and peace of mind, look to the house and aspects of your Moon.

Playtime

After being nurtured and restored in the fourth house, you are refreshed and full of energy for play and creative pursuits. Replenished by dreams, you have creative ideas. Nurtured by your parents, you are ready to have your own children. Fresh from the security of home, you are ready to trust the universe and take risks. For all these reasons, the fifth house traditionally rules the child in you and the children around you, your own personal creativity and self-expression, plays and amusements of all sorts, gambling and speculation, and courtship, love affairs and romance. This is an outgoing house, but it is still beneath the horizon, in the territory of your heart's desires.

Leo on the Fifth

For you, life is a stage and you are at the center of that stage. You love the grand gestures and lavish entertainments that you think life should have in abundance. With this attitude toward fun and games, it will be very helpful if you earn a six-figure salary or have inherited wealth, otherwise you will always be pining for what is out of your reach. But you are quite resourceful and can usually look like a million bucks even if you only have modest means. Very romantic when in love, you delight in treating your lover to the “good” life and will try to impress him or her with expensive gifts and favors — and you expect the same treatment in return. You are very proud of your children and love to show them off to your friends and associates.

Uranus in the Fifth

You demand complete and total freedom of self-expression. Your tastes are unique and unconventional, and your leisure activities and friends must be exciting and different in order to hold your interest. It is very hard for you to follow strict rules or guidelines or to do any sort of work that is not fun or exciting. When you fall in love, you demand and expect the unexpected — unstable, unstructured love relationships are the only ones that really seem to interest you.

Uranus in Virgo

You, and all your peers, will be known for the degree of intensity with which you dislike normal everyday routines and chores. You will go out of your way to invent innovative, unique and timesaving ways to perform the various mundane routines and duties of living. You will be attracted to all manner of practical and useful gadgets — anything that will make your daily life more exciting.

Taking Care of Business

After the candle-lit dinner comes the credit-card bill. Courtship is followed by the nitty-gritty of married life: babies, diapers and saving up for college. After your creative impulse comes the need to learn the technique of actually making something. And if you overexpend your energy, you get health problems. The sixth house rules taking care of business on an everyday level. This includes your job, paying bills and keeping the house clean. It also includes maintaining your body with medical checkups and a daily regimen of nutrition and exercise. In the old books it ruled servants, and it can by extension rule the way you offer service to others. It also ruled useful animals, particularly small ones like cats, dogs, chickens and pigs. Today this usually means small pets, which exist in the personal, intimate part of your life that is signified by houses that lie below the horizon.

Virgo on the Sixth

You are a diligent, careful worker — an asset to any work place because you are the one who has the patience to be sure that all the small but important details are taken care of. Your patience allows you to do tasks that others regard as drudgery. Your critical faculties are such that you are often entrusted with analyzing, cataloging and categorizing things so that order and efficiency can happen. Very prim and proper, you are fearful of doing anything that might upset your health. As such, you watch your diet very closely and are able to exert a seemingly superhuman amount of self-discipline in controlling what you eat.

Pluto in the Sixth

Your work is done with great intensity. Any task that you take on tends to absorb you completely. You are a totally dedicated worker, preferring work to play. You demand to be able to do things your own way and will brook no interference from anyone, including your superiors. This behavior could be a source of constant tension for you. Be careful not to work so hard that you exhaust yourself or you will experience many health crises.

Pluto in Virgo

Your entire generation was born at a time that saw profound changes in society's attitude toward work, duty and responsibility. There were also fundamental changes in attitudes toward personal health and nutrition.

Relating One-to-One

If you courted in the fifth house and woke up in the sixth yoked to another in a daily routine, the seventh house gives you a chance to hammer out a relationship of true equals. The goal is wedded bliss and a true sense of relatedness, but along the way there may be fights as you each define your individuality and establish your own territory. Not only is the seventh the traditional house of marriage, it is also the house of open enemies, your sparring partners in life. In general, since the first house is you yourself, the seventh house, directly opposite, is the other person in a variety of situations. Besides signifying a marriage or sparring partner, the seventh house rules business partners, or those on the other side of a desk, such as consultants, lawyers, therapists or astrologers.

Libra on the Seventh

You seek a partner who is cultured, refined and diplomatic. You appreciate the tact and grace and admiration that another can bring to your life, precisely because you tend to lack these qualities yourself. But, while for the most part your mate will compromise and bow to your stronger will, do not be surprised if he or she fights vigorously for rights that you carelessly trample on. You enjoy the challenge of being able to provide the proper setting for your partner (either in business or personal relationships). This gives you an extra excuse to go out and conquer new territories. You attract those with excellent judgment and common sense and should bow before them when it comes to making important decisions that affect both of you.

Neptune in the Seventh

You see what you want to see in others, whether it be the truth or not. You demand that your partners be totally pure and noble and refuse to see their faults. Of course, they are only human and do indeed have flaws and inconsistencies, and when these do finally become evident even to you, you are disappointed and disillusioned. You willingly sacrifice your own needs to those of your partner (either in a business or a personal relationship). Just make sure that your partner is worthy of this faith and is not preying on your better nature and taking you for a ride (emotionally or financially or both).

Neptune in Scorpio

You, and your entire generation, are extremely interested in anything deep and mysterious. You will explore and idealize the benefits that can accrue from the study of the occult, healing and psychology. You are willing to experiment with substances like drugs in order to push your understanding of your inner being to the extreme.

Merging into Something Larger

Having achieved a relationship of equals in the seventh house, you are ready to give up your separateness in the eighth, merging in sexual union and becoming one on a deep emotional level. If the second house was about grasping and possessing, the eighth is about sharing and letting go. While the second rules your own money, the eighth rules how you deal with other people's money and how you pool resources. On a mundane level the eighth rules taxes, but on a fundamental level it can rule giving up anything you value, including your ego and even your body. In relaxing your grasp on what you find most dear, you may find that you are really not as dependent on it as you thought. In relinquishing, you achieve a new level of freedom, and feel lighter, renewed and more alive. Related to all this, the eighth signifies mysteries such as death and resurrection, magic and the occult, and the deep parts of the psyche that are beyond our conscious grasp.

Scorpio on the Eighth

You have a deep fascination with sexual matters, or for any other process that involves the more complex emotional reactions of humans. You do not make commitments lightly, but, once you have done so, you become totally involved with your partner. Your feelings are so complicated and strong and your sexual urges so dominant and primal that you find it difficult to express them, even with a loving and caring partner. You want to push both of you to the ultimate so that you can experience the peaks of ecstasy that you sense are possible. Although this may cause your romantic life to be full of various crises, you will work very hard to resolve them because you do not want to lose the relationship. With regard to investments, your tendency to hold back and to exercise caution should serve you well as you wait for the precise moment to make your move.

No planets in the Eighth

The eighth house of your horoscope contains no planets. This definitely does not mean that you will not enjoy a rewarding sex life or that you will never have any resources to invest or to share in common with another. What it does mean is that these issues will not be as paramount in your life as they are for others. You will experience a certain amount of disequilibrium and/or joy about these matters, but no more than the average person experiences.

Expanding Your Conscious Awareness

Approaching the highest point in the sky, the ninth house wafts you up and out of your rut, giving you a broad and lofty view of the terrain beneath. Whereas the third ruled basic schooling and short trips, the ninth rules higher education and long-distance travel. It removes you from your everyday routine so you can see the overall pattern, the overlooked connections between things. It rules all-embracing concepts (such as your philosophy of life) and institutions (like religion and law) that stand over society and keep it bound together. It can also signify your teachers and mentors, your library, and all else that broadens your outlook.

Sagittarius on the Ninth

You are attracted to optimistic and far-reaching philosophies of life. Although you tend to be a bit conventional in your thinking, you are generally broad-minded and open-minded enough to avoid any charges of intolerance. Indeed, you are intellectually quite restless by nature and avidly keep abreast of the latest trends in philosophy and metaphysics. Your knowledge is so broad and your enthusiasm to share what you know is so sincere that you may be attracted to conveying what you know to others as a teacher, especially later in your life.

Moon in the Ninth

Extremely restless and curious, you are always on the lookout for new and stimulating experiences. You are easily bored when you are forced into doing routine, repetitive tasks. You love to travel and will go out of your way to seek out new and different points of view. For an idea to have a strong impact on you, however, it must first appeal to your emotions. Try not to let attitudes that you learned early in life close your mind to the exciting opinions that you will encounter.

Moon in Sagittarius

An idealist, you prefer the grand, the beautiful, the good and the noble. You get very disappointed when your high expectations in life are not met. Very curious by nature, you enjoy traveling and learning about other peoples and cultures. Try to avoid your tendency to ignore the small but important details of living. You are independent and free, and you want others to be that way, too. Optimistic, buoyant and cheerful, others like to have you around. You have an incessant desire to learn as much as possible about metaphysics, religion, philosophy and any other broad, deep subject. Your life tends to be punctuated by bursts of energy and frenetic activity.

Mercury in the Ninth

You consider your thoughts to be important, and you enjoy communicating them. Your inquisitive and restless mind attracts you to travel and education. You tend to get bored and impatient with anything that becomes routine. Your interests are wide-ranging, and probably include subjects like metaphysics, religion or philosophy. You are fascinated with the larger issues of life, but have a very practical approach to dealing with them.

Mercury in Capricorn

Rather than being attracted to abstract thoughts and ideas, you prefer things that are practical and useful. With this and your tendency to be highly focused and goal-oriented, you have a good head for business. You are also probably skillful at organizing, directing and planning activities. Your thinking is careful, cautious and conservative, perhaps to the point where you should beware of being narrow-minded and dogmatic. Your sense of humor is on the earthy side, and may be either dry and self-deprecating, or slapstick and crude.

Your Public Self

If the fourth house showed your roots and where you came from, the tenth shows what you are ultimately aiming at in life. Whereas the sixth shows your daily job and how you make a living, the tenth signifies your career, your personal contribution, your reputation and what you become known for. Some astrologers also believe that the fourth house signifies one parent, and the tenth signifies the other. The tenth-house parent is most likely the one who prepares you for the world. The closer a planet is to the Midheaven, the more likely that planet is to be the major significator of your life's direction.

Capricorn on the Tenth

You have an incredibly strong need to succeed at whatever life goal you have set for yourself. You feel that you absolutely must succeed, because you fear failure. You therefore organize your life with an astounding degree of thoroughness so that nothing can distract you. Your need to be thorough usually comes at the expense of speed, making you a bit of a plodder. You are the ideal person to supervise an ongoing task that must be executed with precision. Because of your persistence, you are able to make real what for others are only dreams .

Many planets in the Tenth

You want to get ahead in the world, to be noticed for your achievements, and you will work hard and long and tirelessly to achieve your goals. Your experience of your father (or the person who played that role in your life), whether it was positive or negative, will play a very important role in determining how you will react to the need for discipline and structure that will be required in order for you to realize your goals. You are at your best in highly structured situations and can be counted on to carry out a project fully and completely.

Sun in the Tenth

You want to make your mark in the world and to be in charge of your own destiny. If your past and early upbringing has supplied you with proper goal structures and a sense of discipline and dedication, you should have no problem attaining your desired ends. A consummate achiever, you must learn to cooperate with and tolerate and respect the authority figures in your life in order to ease your path.

Sun in Capricorn

Extremely serious and mature, you are capable of accepting responsibilities and do so willingly. Others expect you to be dutiful as a matter of course. You may get angry when people are rewarded after not having worked nearly as hard as you have. Goal-oriented and an achiever, you are justifiably proud of the tangible results of your efforts. You are not a fast worker, but you are thorough, and you are known for being unusually persistent, tireless and tenacious in reaching your goals. When you're working, you tend to have a kind of tunnel vision that allows you to block out extraneous matters that would distract others. Your power to concentrate totally on the matter at hand enables you to be practical and efficient at managing and structuring complex, ongoing projects.

Mars in the Tenth

Once you have chosen a career, you will work very hard to become a success at it. You will have sharply defined goals and move quickly and decisively to attain them. Because you are so self-directed and self-confident, you may find it difficult to work well in cooperation with others. It helps to be self-employed or in a position of leadership. The harder your career forces you to work, either physically or mentally, the better you will like it and the faster you will move ahead.

Mars in Capricorn

Extremely ambitious, you are willing to work hard to reach the goals you have set for yourself. Very practical, cautious and conservative, you demand tangible results for your efforts. You need to excel in whatever you do, and you have the required sense of responsibility, dedication and self-discipline to bring it about. Beware of your tendency to judge others by their status and prestige, or by how well they are able to advance you in your climb to the top.

Your Circle of Acquaintances

The eleventh is the last house of relationships: not brothers, sisters and neighbors who just happen to be around you, not one-to-one partners, but the circle of friends and associates whom you actively choose. It shows the way you make and keep friendships, the organizations you join, the networking you do, and the general way you interact with groups. After you have established yourself as an individual and learned to form personal relationships with others, you are ready to think about the common good. This is why the eleventh often signifies groups dedicated to social or other sorts of collective improvement.

Aquarius on the Eleventh

You do not make friends quickly because you are wary of others getting too close to you and making demands on your time. But, once you realize that the other person shares similar interests with you, you will usually loosen up and want to spend a lot of time with him or her. As a matter of fact, you are quite comfortable with the “non-emotionally-involving” nature of friendships and you will devote a great part of your time and energy to spreading your circle of relationships. You like to function in group structures, partly because of the anonymity they afford, and also because you feel that you can be truly effective and that your efforts can actually bring results that would be impossible otherwise.

Venus in the Eleventh

Very sociable, you love good company and good times. An avid team person, your grace and personal charm adds to any social occasion. Your openness and sincerity makes you popular and sought after. Friends and associates are an endless source of pleasure for you. You prefer creative, lighthearted people — those who are too serious strike you as being dull, boring and stuffy.

Venus in Aquarius

You are a friendly and outgoing individual, but close relationships are difficult for you to maintain due to your fear that they will cause you to lose your freedom. You attract friends and associates who are exciting, different and sometimes a bit odd. You are popular with others and enjoy working within a group toward group goals.

Saturn in the Eleventh

You tend to be a loner. Most of the time you feel that the self-interest of your acquaintances and associates is opposed to your own and therefore you tend to avoid them. Your friendships are probably very few, but they tend to be long-lasting and very rewarding because you attract only those whom you respect and admire. Not a joiner of groups, but if you do affiliate with one, you will probably assume a leadership role in it, since it will perfectly meet your needs. Your efforts on its behalf will be long and unstinting.

Saturn in Aquarius

Your personal sense of values is a reflection of the value structures of your peer group and of those you respect and admire. Try to be more critical in your acceptance of these values — you tend to prejudge the abilities of those you trust and then follow what they say blindly. Basically very conservative, you prefer orderly, systematic changes and fear doing things rashly or impulsively. Ideas and philosophies must have some sort of immediately realizable, utilitarian function in order for you to pay any attention to them.

Chiron in the Eleventh

Fear of large groups and discomfort in social situations could lead to shyness, asocial behavior and a reputation for being a loner. On the other hand, shunning large groups and organizations enables you to develop a personal philosophy that reflects strong cultural, political and social ideals. At one time or another, you may have gotten into trouble with your outspoken ideas. Don't let this prevent you from asserting your brilliant insights. Just don't expect everyone to agree with everything you say.

Chiron in Pisces

Intuitive and imaginative, you may have difficulty in verbal communication. This often gives the false impression that you are confused and unintelligent. You may have been teased by other children, leaving you feeling vulnerable and distrustful. Retreating into the sanctity of your own world may have filled many lonely hours. Your compassion and sensitivity can contribute to your success in the helping professions. You are a wonderful friend who is ready to answer the call when anyone needs you. Therapy is an excellent way to improve self-esteem and to view yourself as the remarkable and unique human being that you are.

The Hidden You

The twelfth house is where planets go just after they have risen. Here planets are still wet behind the ears, blinking in the sunlight and unsteady on their feet. Feeling completely vulnerable, planets in the twelfth tend to hide. Their energies can become repressed and secretive, and sometimes they lurk as complexes in the subconscious. This is why the twelfth is associated with self-sabotage, with hidden enemies, and with prison and whatever else makes you feel confined. The traditional association with hospitals and prisons suggest that constructive ways of dealing with twelfth-house problems include helping others who are similarly repressed or confined. Also, some with a strong twelfth-house emphasis become successful as undercover workers or as the power behind the throne.

Pisces on the Twelfth

There is a part of you that you try to suppress because it gives the lie to your usual self-image. While you love to portray yourself as aggressive and self-directed and in charge of your own life, you have a sentimental, feeling and caring side that embarrasses you. You become confused and guilty when you realize that certain situations might be better handled with care and compassion rather than with your usual devil-may-care bravado. You must learn to trust in your self-composure to the extent that you know that you can wear your heart on your sleeve without giving up any of your vaunted independence. Take the time to help others — it expands and ennobles your humanity and takes nothing away from you.

Jupiter in the Twelfth

You have a gentle, unselfish demeanor about you and you are kind and generous to those who are less fortunate than you. Quiet and humble, you prefer to avoid the limelight, doing the best you can from behind the scenes. You delight in the peace, quiet and sustenance of your own inner world. At times, you have problems caused by your tendency to be extravagant in your gestures — but this is not usually the case.

Jupiter in Aries

The way that you grow and develop is by being an uncompromising individualist. You have a great need to be yourself and to explore your latent talents and abilities. Do not be afraid to let yourself go and develop self-confidence and pride in your accomplishments. But try not to become so self-centered that you ignore the needs of others. Also, you may have to build up your self-discipline in order to focus your energies properly.

A Mirror of Your Uniqueness

As you've seen, this report has been based on the position of the Sun, Moon and planets at the moment of your birth, as viewed from the place on Earth where you were born. This relationship of planets, stars and Earth is unique and never will be repeated. Like the genes that determine your body and temperament, your astrological chart is made up of the same basic parts that other humans have. However, as with your genes, the arrangement of these parts applies only to you.

Like the unique patterning of your DNA, your birth chart symbolizes the raw materials you've been given from which to fashion your life -- in other words, the deck you've been dealt. Now that you're more conscious of what you have to work with, the way you play your cards is up to you.

Nobody is perfect. As well as being given our special strengths and beauties, everyone born is presented with special problems to solve and special lessons to learn. Knowing what you have to work with, you will be better able fill in (or at least understand and accept) what you lack. Then you can appreciate and develop your special gifts, and grow in the life directions that are right for you and you alone.

Astrology's special message is that there is no universal norm for everyone. Life is not about measuring up to some one-size-fits-all standard. What it is about is growing more fully into the unique person you were meant to be. Hopefully, this report has given you some clues about who that person is. Hopefully, it will help you better to fill the role that you have been given in this lifetime, and to enrich the world with the gifts that only you can bestow.

Your birth moment is a precious seed that contains the potential for how you will unfold. Nurture it lovingly, observe how it develops, then supply the light, moisture and nutrients that its special nature calls for -- and it will burst into flower and bear nourishing fruit that you and the world can enjoy.

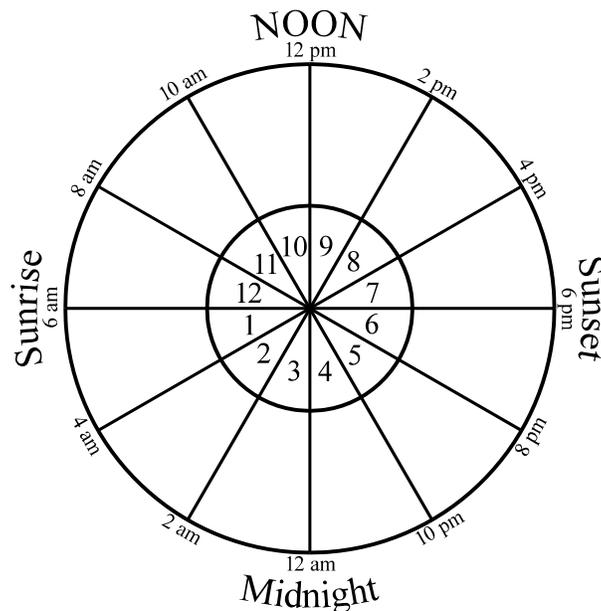
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Getting the Most from Your Professional Natal Report

If you want to know more about your report, here is a brief outline of how horoscopes work, concise meanings of each part of the horoscope and, scattered throughout, tips on how to put these parts together to get further information from your birth chart.

Deciphering Your Horoscope Wheel

The horoscope wheel in your report is a complete, accurately calculated chart such as a professional astrologer would draw up. This wheel is actually a diagram showing how the planets and signs were arranged around you at the moment of your birth.



Think of yourself, just being born, as being at the center. The two horizontal spokes are the horizon of the place where you were born. Above this line are the planets that were up in the sky. Below it are the planets that were hidden below the horizon. The sky is shown as if you were facing south. As the Earth turns on its axis each day, the Sun would rise to your left in the east, culminate or reach its highest point around noon, set to your right, and anticulminate or reach its lowest point about midnight before rising the next day.

Were you born during the day or at night? If you look at your own horoscope wheel, you should see your Sun (☉) either above or below the horizon, reflecting the time of day when you were born. The diagram above shows approximately where the Sun would be at various times during a 24-hour period. The planets, too, make this entire trip clockwise around the horoscope wheel each day, but each rises and sets at a different time.

The twelve spokes of the horoscope wheel are the borders, or cusps, of the twelve *houses*. You can think of the house cusps as partitions that are attached to the Earth and radiate out into space. Each day as the Earth turns on its axis, each of the house cusps sweeps through every degree of the zodiac. Most wheel styles available in *Professional Natal Report* show the degree, sign and minute of the zodiac that was on each house cusp at the moment you were born. Inside the houses are the *planets*, shown with the degree, sign and minute of their zodiacal position.

The Planets

The planets are the main actors in the drama. To astrologers, planets are bodies that appear from Earth to *move* through the zodiac. For this reason, they include the Sun and Moon as well as the other bodies (like Jupiter, Venus and Mars) that orbit the Sun. The Moon appears to go once around the zodiac in a month; the Sun, Venus and Mercury take about a year; Mars takes about 2 years; Jupiter about 12; Saturn about 30; Uranus about 84; Neptune about 164; and Pluto about 245 years.

What the Planets Symbolize

Astrology recognizes that people really cannot be adequately described in simplistic terms like good or bad, energetic or lazy, loving or cold. Perhaps the richest of all languages for describing human complexity, astrology sees people as a composite of at least ten different internal characters. Like the inhabitants of a royal court, each character has an official function (king, queen, jester, minstrel, gardener, cook, etc.) that is the same for everyone. The personality of each functionary and its relationship to all the other characters, however, is unique for each individual. Therefore, though the number of actors is the same, the drama can vary hugely from person to person.

These ten characters are, of course, the *planets*. The *sign* each planet is in determines its personality. For example, is the king (the Sun) in a naturally regal sign (Leo), in a sign that is shy and retiring (Pisces), or in one that is all business (Capricorn)? The *house* a planet is associated with shows the area of life where the planet will tend to express itself. For the king, will it be mainly through pomp and celebrations (5th house), secret diplomacy (12th house), or repairing the roads and making the trains run on time (6th house)? And finally, his relations with the others in the realm are shown by the *aspects* he makes with them. Does he work smoothly with his ministers and generals (trines and sextiles), is he in open conflict with them (oppositions and squares), or is he in poor communication with them or even being secretly undermined (quincunxes and semisextiles)?

We will get to all these factors further on. Right now, the first step in understanding this complex drama is understanding each courtier's basic role. The basic functions of the planets are as follows.

☉ **The Sun** Just as its target-shaped symbol or glyph suggests, the Sun represents your center: the center from which all your energies radiate, the center from which you view the universe, and also the physical center that is your body. Its position by sign, house and aspect shows how and where you radiate your energies into the world. The Sun is the basic life-initiating or father principle. You could think of the Sun as the king.

☾ **The Moon** Whether you see this symbol as a crescent Moon, bowl, or radar dish, the idea is the same. The Moon receives, contains, and gives form to the abstract energy represented by the Sun. If the Sun is the basic you, the Moon is what gives you your particular personality – your genetic heritage, earliest training, and habit patterns. The symbol can also be seen as a cradle or enfolding arms; the Moon is the basic life-sustaining, nurturing or mother principle. Most obviously, the Moon

is the queen, but she is also the land and the people.

☿ **Mercury** This glyph suggests the messenger of the gods with his winged helmet. Fittingly, this planet represents how you think, communicate and move about. Mercury appears from Earth to shuttle back and forth near the Sun – like the nerve impulses in your body or the transportation systems of our society. It is a link, a bridge, a translator, putting abstract energies into symbols so they can be manipulated within your mind or communicated to others. Mercury has many guises, including the scribe, the ambassador, the merchant, the bell cord that goes from banquet hall to pantry, and the air itself, which carries the sound waves of speech. Mercury is also the nimble juggler, and the child who skips through the hallways and plays pranks.

♀ **Venus** This glyph is traditionally the mirror of the goddess, but it is even more like a flower, whose function is to attract pollination so the plant can bear fruit. Venus symbolizes your powers of attraction, of bringing people, objects or ideas together to create harmonious wholes. It shows how you project and appreciate beauty, how and what you love, what gives you pleasure, the areas of your creativity, your tact and social skills. Venus could be the royal mistress, the hostess, or the artisan who makes the castle beautiful.

♂ **Mars** The shield and spear of the war-god Mars are also like the Sun glyph with an arrow showing energy emerging from it. Whereas the Sun is your basic energy center, Mars, centerless but with an arrow, shows how you apply this energy to get things done. And, if the Sun is your basic self or ego, Mars is how you assert yourself and defend your ego. It is anger and aggression, but it is also the energy that enables you to fight for survival. Mars is the "muscle" of society as well as your body: the workers, the soldiers, the knights who defend the helpless, and the police who enforce Saturn's law.

♃ **Jupiter** The glyphs for Jupiter and Saturn are almost the reverse of each other, just as the planets in many ways symbolize opposite energies. Jupiter is like arms raised and flung out to take in all the goodness of the world. It signifies that part of you that wants to reach out, overcome limitations, and take in everything to make it your own. (Appropriately, Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.) It gives expansiveness, optimism, generosity, magnanimity and a love of freedom and new experiences, but it can also bring acquisitiveness, wastefulness, insensitivity to others' needs, and lack of attention to detail. Jupiter can be the chancellor who helps the king rule, a minister of far-reaching vision who sees the big picture and lays plans for the future prosperity and well-being of the state. He can also be the lawgiver who maps out the basic code that holds society together; or the archbishop, who calls on a higher power and unites the realm under the banner of faith.

♄ **Saturn** To make a bad pun, the glyph for "Sat-on" looks like a seat-or maybe a candle-snuffer. When carried to excess, Saturn can keep life down or even snuff it out, but when applied in moderation it is the necessary force that defines limits and keeps Jupiterian expansion from getting out of hand. It signifies obstacles and frustration, but also discipline and order. Saturn could be the minister of finance or the royal housekeeper who keeps a tight hand on the purse-strings, the conservative advisor who champions traditional values and stems the tide of change, the severe judge who puts a stop to crime (and sometimes people's lives as well), or the wise old counselor who guards against excess.

Saturn is the furthest planet in the solar system to be seen by the naked eye. Beyond lie planets not ordinarily visible; these enable you to transcend the everyday reality of Saturn and explore worlds

outside ordinary common sense.

♃ **Uranus** The glyph for Uranus was made up to suggest the initial of its discoverer, Herschel, but it could also be seen as the head of a baby emerging from the birth canal. It represents the first breakthrough into the universe beyond Saturn, a sudden disruption and cracking-open of Saturn's confining shell. It brings upset, surprise and insecurity but also originality, a love of the new, creativity and freedom. Uranus is the court jester who turns reality on its head, the rebel who shakes up the status quo, or the traveler from a remote kingdom who stands out from all others at court with his outlandish manners and dress.

♆ **Neptune** The trident of the Roman sea-god suggests the oceanic quality of Neptune. Whereas Uranus cracked open the rigid shell of Saturn, Neptune furthers the process by dissolving the shell entirely. Neptune is the urge within you to go beyond all the boundaries and limitations that make you a particular human being and return into the vast and formless ocean of oneness with the universe. When people are insufficiently grounded, Neptune can bring weakness, dishonesty, illusion, addiction and an inability to cope with everyday life. But once their egos are fully developed, Neptune can bring empathy, selfless service to others, and transcendent knowledge and bliss. Neptune is the soothsayer, who brings knowledge from the world of dreams; or the religious hermit, who bypasses the archbishop's church and is in direct contact with God.

♇ **Pluto** Pluto is often represented as "♇," but many astrologers prefer a glyph like Mercury's with the crescent in a different place. Whereas Mercury translated information from one form to another, Pluto transforms – people, situations, whatever it touches. Another way of seeing the Pluto glyph is as a dying plant releasing a seed. The disruption and dissolution begun by Uranus and Neptune is completed by Pluto in death and the rebirth that follows. Pluto shows up in everyday life as change, development, transformation, regeneration. People with a strong Pluto can lead lives with many upheavals and "rebirths" or can be forceful and persuasive in bringing about change in others. Pluto could be the magician, who works in the secret realms to bring about change. He is also the invisible tide of change itself, which brings an end to whatever is outworn, so that life can periodically be renewed.

Additional Points

Some astrologers consider additional bodies such as various asteroids and Chiron, a small comet-like object that orbits between Saturn and Uranus and goes around the zodiac in just under 51 years. Many also use the lunar Nodes, mathematical points that travel *backwards* around the zodiac in about 19 years.

♄ **Chiron** The key-like glyph that astrologers have settled upon since Chiron's discovery in 1977 suggests the opening of a door, possibly one through the wall erected by Saturn, leading to a new realm of innovation and freedom represented by Uranus. Half-horse, half-man, Chiron arose from the savage race of centaurs to teach civilized values and technologies for improving human life. Most memorably, he himself suffered a painful wound that would not heal, yet taught the healing arts to the young Aesculapius. Epitomizing the wounded healer, Chiron is thought by many astrologers to signify the hurt places within us, and the ways they can enable us to heal and improve the lives of others.

♋ **North Node** The glyph suggests the Dragon's Head, the old name for this point. Directly opposite it in the zodiac is the **South Node** or Dragon's Tail (♌), which is often omitted from the chart wheel

because it is always 180 degrees from the North Node. The Nodes are the two places in the zodiac where the the Moon's orbital plane connects with the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun. Some astrologers read both Nodes as connections, particularly to relatives or groups. Others see the South Node as old skills, relationships and attitudes that you have thoroughly mastered and now must leave behind, and the North Node as new areas that you need to advance toward for your continuing evolution.

Which Planets Are Most Important in Your Chart?

In general, the Sun and Moon – the "luminaries" or "lights" – are the solar-system bodies to which astrologers would pay the most attention. While the other planets supply the details, these great lights in the sky symbolize the two fundamental poles of your being, the basic yang/yin, radiating-outward/enfolding-inward sides of your nature. Contemplating the aspects, signs and perhaps also the houses of the Sun and Moon can reveal volumes about the most profound parts of your self.

Next in personal significance are the inner planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Following this are the outer, or slow-moving, planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

This basic order of importance is reflected in your report, where aspects from the Sun, Moon and inner planets are always listed before aspects from the outer planets. Also, whenever planets are tallied in signs, houses or other categories, the luminaries and inner planets are given more weighting points.

Each individual chart also has its own *individual* pattern of planetary strength that distinguishes it from other people's charts. Which planet or planets happen to be speaking the loudest in *your* chart? Here are some things to look for, in order of their importance.

1. Turning back to the chart wheel or aspect listing at the beginning of this report, do you find any planets very near the Ascendant, Midheaven, Descendant or Imum Coeli of your chart? (The way charts are most often cast, these are at the beginning of the First, Tenth, Seventh or Fourth houses.) Having a planet within seven degrees of a conjunction to any of these four points is almost guaranteed to make that planet one of the most obvious and strong components in your character. The closer a planet is to one of these points, the stronger it is.
2. A close aspect to the Sun or Moon (say, within a 5-degree orb) can also confer great importance on one of the other planets.
3. A planet can also become very important if it is in some other aspect than the conjunction to the Ascendant or Midheaven. Here, you would consider aspects within an orb of about 5 degrees.

Aspects between the Planets

Since each planet travels around the zodiac at its own speed, the angles between the planets constantly change. When the angle between two planets approaches an even division of the circle (such as 1/2 or 180 degrees, 1/3 or 120 degrees, 1/4 or 90 degrees, etc.) astrologers find that the symbolism of those planets becomes linked in your personality. These significant angles are called *aspects*. Aspects come in families, each of which is based on number, and each of which has its own characteristic feeling.

The Strongest Aspect The **conjunction** (0 degrees, symbol σ) is in a family by itself. Whether it is easy or difficult depends almost completely on the two planets involved. It is usually considered along

with the "hard" aspects below simply because it is so intense.

The "Hard" Aspects Aspects that arise from dividing the circle by 2 (the **opposition**, 180 degrees, symbol ♂) and 4 (the **square**, 90 degrees, symbol □) are called "hard" because they tend to precipitate crises and usually call for effort on your part. For the same reasons, they can also be dynamic and productive. This report discusses the conjunction and hard aspects first, because these are the aspects that usually concern people the most, and which bring them to consult their astrologers.

The "Soft" Aspects These arise from dividing the circle by 3 (the **trine**, 120 degrees, symbol Δ) and 6 (the **sextile**, 60 degrees, symbol ✳). Planets linked by trines or sextiles tend to work easily together, aiding and abetting each other. Trines and sextiles show the parts of your nature that tend to run along smoothly and effortlessly.

The Minor Aspects The **semisquare** (45 degrees, symbol ∟) is 1/8 of the circle, and the **sesquiquadrate** or **sesquare** (135 degrees, symbol ◻) is 3/8. Coming from a smaller subdivision of the square, the semisquare and sesquare have a similar dynamic and stressful feeling but are not quite as strong.

The **semisextile** (30 degrees, symbol ♁) is 1/12 of the circle and the **quincunx** (150 degrees, symbol ⚡) is 5/12. These aspects connect signs that have no relation to each other, being neither of the same element nor of the same mode. They have a problematic quality, like two characters who have to deal with each other, but just don't seem to speak the same language.

The "Orb" of an Aspect

It's rare for the angle between two planets to be *exactly* 60 degrees or 90 degrees, or whatever. How far an aspect can be from exact and still have an effect is called the aspect's allowable *orb*. For example, for a conjunction between the Sun and Moon many astrologers would set an orb of 10 degrees. This means that if the Sun and Moon were 9 degrees, 30 minutes apart, it would be considered a conjunction; but if they were 10 degrees, 5 minutes apart, the aspect would be ignored.

Most astrologers give wider orbs to aspects that involve the Sun or Moon, and narrower orbs to aspects that do not involve these two luminaries. Also, major aspects like squares and trines usually get larger orbs than minor aspects like semisquares and semisextiles.

Which Aspects Are Most Important in Your Chart?

The aspect table at the beginning of this report summarizes the aspects that exist in your chart. In the "The orb is" column you will see the number of degrees and minutes that each of your aspects is from being exact. Aspects having an orb of less than 1 degree are likely to be main keynotes in your personality, particularly if they are a major aspect such as a conjunction, opposition, trine or square. You might want to make a list of the five closest aspects in your chart, and then pay special attention to those interpretations in your report.

The Signs of the Zodiac

As the planets orbit the Sun, they appear from Earth to travel through a narrow belt of fixed stars. This we call the *zodiac*. Most astrologers in the West use the *tropical zodiac*, which puts its starting point (0 degrees Aries) at where the Sun is on the first day of spring in the Earth's Northern Hemisphere. The tropical zodiac describes the cycle of the seasons, a cycle of beginning, growth, and preparation for

new beginning. Each of the twelve signs represents a stage in that cycle, and gives its own characteristic coloration to the planets and houses that lie within it.

♈ Aries The pointed face and horns of the ram – or a young plant springing from seed. As befits the beginning of spring, the idea is one of arising out of nothing into life, from non-being into being. Aries gives a fresh, sharp, young, eager quality, full of starting energy not yet disciplined or refined. It is adventurous, impatient, self-expressive, open, direct, and not always sensitive to others' feelings.

♉ Taurus The bull's head and horns – or a pot of earth to contain the Aries seedling. Taurus gives Aries energy a material, earthy base of operations. It is symbolized by the plant taking root, and by the baby discovering the physical world: seeing, tasting, touching. It is much concerned with the body, with comfort and sensual pleasure, with good quality in material things. It is practical, steady, persistent, and tends to do things more slowly than other signs.

♊ Gemini The twins – or the Roman numeral two, or a swing. The idea is of shuttling back and forth. It is the young plant putting forth its feathery branches in all directions, and of the baby learning to walk and name things, to move about the world, to communicate and interact with others. This sign has a light, youthful quality. It is sociable without getting deeply involved, interested and curious, talkative, restless and in constant motion.

♋ Cancer The crab – or cradling arms. This is the sign of the family unit, a protected space from which one can grow. The plant is now lush and green, pulling water up from deep levels of the soil so it can provide nourishment and shade. Cancer has to do with shelter, food, mother love, nurturing, taking care of. It gives a sensitive, emotional quality, a tie to one's heritage and the past, a concern with home and security, and a desire to foster, protect and to be attached to someone or something.

♌ Leo A lion's tasseled tail – or the proscenium arch of a stage. The plant is now in full flower, at the apex of its development, yet already it is showing signs of dryness. In Leo the child revels in its own energy, in pleasure, in being alive and having a self; and it proudly presents itself to the world. Leo is a star performer, radiating life energy to others and desiring in turn to be admired and appreciated. It runs the risk of egotism and bombast, but on the plus side is self-expressive, open and generous, as well as proud, dignified, fond of ceremony, and persistent.

♍ Virgo Coils of energy walled off and contained – or a symbol with its legs tightly crossed! This is a time of toil, when the plant bears fruit that needs picking, and the grain is ready to be gathered and stored for the lean part of the year. The energy realized in Leo is contained and put to work in Virgo. Pleasure is now deferred in order to master life's practical details, develop one's skills, learn to do and make. One learns not just to be an individual as in Leo, but to function as one, to be self-sufficient. Virgo gives a consciousness of duty, practicality, craftsmanship, pride in accomplishment, discrimination and attention to detail.

♎ Libra Balance-type scales, a bridge, or the setting Sun. This is a time of pause after the harvest, a point of equilibrium, of Indian summer when there is a final burst of flowering before the cold. Being self-sufficient, one is now ready to reach out for a partner and settle down. If Aries was a sign of a single being springing up vertically into life, Libra, its opposite, is one of reaching out horizontally. Aries went from stillness into motion; Libra seeks balance – in a relationship to another, in judgments and opinions, in manners and esthetic matters. In order to achieve balance, scores must sometimes be

settled, so Libra may court contests and confrontations on the way to establishing a relationship of equals. Libra sees the world in terms of relationships; is sociable; is concerned with harmony, beauty, decorum and justice.

♏ Scorpio The scorpion with its barbed tail – or a coil accumulating and releasing energy. This is the time when the first frost congeals water, putting a decisive end to that which is green. In the old Celtic calendar it is the point of death, a break in the chain of the year, when the plant kingdom goes dormant and soul separates from body before a new cycle begins. In Scorpio, the energy harnessed for practical uses in Virgo is gathered more intensely and released to effect profound transformations. Having linked with another at a social level in Libra, one is ready for a deeper merging in Scorpio. Taurus had a simple sensuality; for its opposite sign, Scorpio, sex is the ego-death and merging of two individuals. Scorpio has a sustained emotional intensity, an interest in what is below the surface, a probing quality, an air of hidden power.

♐ Sagittarius The arrow and bowstring of the archer – or the Scorpio arrow of energy breaking through the surface. Deciduous plants are dormant, and so we celebrate the evergreen to remind ourselves that life continues. As the world of nature retreats, we enter the conceptual world of philosophy and religion. In Sagittarius the coiled-up energy of Scorpio is released into the air and it soars toward freedom. Sagittarius symbolizes wide-ranging energy, either physical as in travel and sports, or mental as in far-reaching intellectual interests. In both motion and thought, it covers much more ground than Gemini, its opposite sign. Whereas Libra and Scorpio perfected personal relationships, Sagittarius now attempts to comprehend relationship to society and the world as a whole. Sagittarius is fast-moving, energetic, idealistic, philosophical, and dislikes details.

♑ Capricorn The face and curling horn of the goat – or the winding path to a mountain peak. Capricorn marks the turning point when the year reaches its darkest day, and the daylight begins to increase once more. Cold and dry, it symbolizes a maximum of separateness and solidity. Capricorn slows down the energy released in Sagittarius so it can be *used* in the world to make *things*. It puts Sagittarian insights to work, implementing the details. Its eye fixed on the peak, it plods onward and upward, aspiring toward the pinnacle of personal achievement. It is firmly embedded in the social structure, conscious of everyone's place on the ladder. It still sees itself as an individual in society; only in the next sign will a true group consciousness be attained. Capricorn is conscious of authority, practical, serious, and wants to achieve something concrete and significant in the eyes of the world.

♒ Aquarius Streams of water from the waterbearer's jug – or a row of seats in a theater. Aquarius marks the time of year when the life processes that ended in Scorpio have new, barely perceptible beginnings. Looking closely, you will see buds forming. Humans, however, are still indoors and focused on their social world. If Leo is the star performer, concerned with personal identity, Aquarius, the sign opposite, is the audience, the collective participant in the drama of life. Instead of the one-to-one relationships of Libra, Aquarius signifies one-among-many relationships. Capricorn carried the idea of personal achievement to the utmost; Aquarius begins the theme of being part of a group. Aquarius identifies with friends and organizations, wants to perfect society, wants freedom for groups of people, is detached and fair-minded though fixed in opinions, does not cling to the past, is idealistic and wants the good of all.

♓ Pisces Two fishes bound together – or an image reflected in water so you cannot tell the image from the reflection. The remains of last year's plants have reached their final dissolution, and the

moisture gathers to provide a medium for new growth in Aries. In Pisces everything is dissolved in the same ocean, image and reflection are the same, and you cannot tell the player from the audience. Whereas Aries began the zodiac with the first assertion of individuality, and Aquarius transmuted this into group identity, Pisces ends the cycle with the individual's letting go of the structure that peaked in Capricorn. The most fluid of the water signs, Pisces functions by loosening up and simply allowing flow, change and living processes to take place. The Pisces dissolving of structures and blurring of boundaries can come out in ordinary life as dreaminess and vagueness, but also as selflessness, sensitivity, and a deep sense of unity and empathy with others.

Which Signs Are Most Important in Your Chart?

Obviously, the more planets you have in a sign, the more significance that sign is likely to have for you personally. Otherwise, the most important signs in your chart tend to be those of the so-called "personal points": the Sun, Moon, Ascendant and Midheaven. Next in importance will be the signs of the faster-moving planets like Mercury, Venus, and Mars. But Jupiter stays in a sign for about a year, Saturn for about two and a half years, Uranus for about seven, Neptune for about fourteen and Pluto for an average of twenty years, so that the signs of these planets usually have more to do with the generation you were born in than with your personal characteristics.

The Elements and Modes

In the above descriptions of the signs, you may sense that there is more to the signs than just seasonal symbolism, and you are right. The twelve signs also derive their meaning from each being a unique combination of one of the four *elements* and one of the three qualities, or *modes*.

Fire, Earth, Air and Water

The four elements are also called the triplicities because there are three signs formed from each element, and these signs are related by a trine aspect. Elements get their characteristics from being a unique combination of hot (high-energy and active), cold (low-energy and passive), wet (blending or making connections between things) and dry (separating things into distinct parts).

The Fire signs (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius) are hot and dry, meaning that they are high-energy and have a hard-edge, high-definition approach to life. Among the signs, they tend to be the most active and decisive. Fire signs are concerned with process and action, and with making one's personal mark on the world. A strongly placed Sun or Mars can make people seem more fiery; a strong Moon or Neptune, less so.

The Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) are cold and dry, meaning that they also see things as distinct entities, but are lower in energy so that they do things more slowly. Earth signs are deeply concerned with tangible reality, with things. A strong Saturn can make people seem more earthy; a strong Mercury or Uranus, less so.

The Air signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) are hot and wet, meaning that they are high-energy, active, outgoing and eager to make connections. Known for their sociability and impulse to talk, the air signs are associated with social and intellectual relationships. A strong Mercury or Uranus can make people seem more airy; a strong Saturn, Moon or Neptune, less so.

The Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) are cold and wet, meaning that they also like to make connections, but are more inward, passive and still. These are the signs most concerned with

emotional relationships. A strong Moon or Neptune can make people seem more watery; a strong Sun, Mars or Saturn, less so.

Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable

The three modes or qualities are also called the quadruplicities because there are four signs in each mode, and signs in the same mode are related by a square or opposition aspect. The modes mark the three stages of each season.

The Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn) begin a new season and symbolize starting energy. If you have a high score in Cardinal signs, you may be specially gifted at initiating new projects. A strong Sun, Mars or Uranus could make you seem more Cardinal; a strong Moon, Venus or Neptune, less so.

The Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius) are points of equilibrium in the middle of a season. With a high score in Fixed signs, you would tend to keep whatever has been started going, polishing it and bringing it to perfection. Fixed people are noted for stability, constancy, and, on occasion, stubbornness, qualities that can also be imparted by a strong Saturn. A strong Mercury or Moon can make you seem less Fixed.

The Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces) symbolize times of transition to the next season and are noted for their adaptability. If you have a high score in Mutable signs, you tend to change, adapt and transform what has already been started and sustained. A prominent Mercury or Moon can make you seem more Mutable; a strong Saturn, less so.

To get the overall feel of your horoscope, astrologers often note which signs your planets are in and tally up the elements and modes that are occupied. The system works best if the scoring is weighted, with the Sun and Moon receiving the most points and the slow-moving planets receiving the fewest. You can see your element/mode scores at the beginning of this report.

The Houses

The signs measured the motion caused by the planets' going around in their orbits. But there is another important motion in astrology, the motion of the Earth's daily spinning on its axis. This is measured by the twelve houses of the horoscope. Because they move so fast (all around the zodiac in 24 hours, averaging one degree in every four minutes of time), the house cusps can be completely different for two people born on the same day. While the sign positions and aspects of the planets show your basic structure, the way the planets fall in the houses show the particular ways in which the planets are apt to work in your life.

The Structure of the Houses

The houses are based on the four most important points in a planet's daily cycle: when it rises, culminates, sets and anti-culminates. These points are known as the Ascendant (or rising degree); the Midheaven or M.C. (for Medium Coeli, "middle heaven" in Latin); the Descendant; and the I.C. (for Imum Coeli, "lowest heaven"). There are dozens of mathematical systems for defining the twelve houses, but most of these systems use these four points as the basic framework and differ only in the way that they subdivide the intervening space. These four points are grouped into two basic axes, as follows.

The Midheaven-I.C. Axis You can think of the Midheaven-I.C. axis in your chart as you, standing up. Your feet and roots (I.C. and fourth house) are planted at the farthest possible point below the horizon, symbolizing your past, genetic heritage, and earliest training – your foundation and all that you have to build on. The Midheaven and tenth house are the farthest possible point a planet can travel above the horizon, and so are like your head. They symbolize the highest you aspire to grow or build, what you are aiming for, and the most public and visible parts of you, such as your career and reputation. The axis as a whole describes who you perceive yourself to be.

The Ascendant-Descendant Axis The Ascendant-Descendant axis is like your arms reaching out horizontally to the world around you. Not surprisingly, it symbolizes how you relate to other people and your environment. The Ascendant (and, directly opposite it, the Descendant), mark the points where the zodiac intersects the horizon. The line of the horizon is where the inner you (what is hidden from view below the horizon) meets the outer world (what is above the horizon). Therefore it symbolizes the way you put yourself out into the world (the Ascendant and the first house) and the way you draw the world, especially other people, into your innermost being (the Descendant and seventh house).

Like the Sun and Moon, the Ascendant and Midheaven are considered "personal points" whose sign and aspects are given primary significance. Any planet within a few degrees of one of these four chart "angles" leaps to the foreground of your chart. It is as if these are points of emergence, where the energies of a planet are able to come out the strongest.

Which Houses Are Most Important in Your Chart?

Planets move quickly through the houses, with each staying in a house for an average of only two hours each day. Except for the first, fourth, seventh and tenth houses, the borders of houses are not clear-cut, so that houses tend to shade into one another. If you have a planet within five degrees of the end of a house, you may very well find that the next house affects that planet. Similarly, if a house cusp is within five degrees of the end of a sign, you may want to think about how the next sign would affect that house.

The most important houses for you will probably be those that contain your Sun and Moon and those that contain more than a single planet.

Beyond Sun Signs

Most people today know what "sign" they are, or have glanced at their horoscope as it appears in newspaper and magazine columns. However, you have most likely realized that you are a much more complex and varied person than your Sun sign, by itself, suggests. As you can see, there is much more to astrology than this. For example, when you are told you are an Aries, Leo, or any other sign, it simply means that you were born at the time of the year when the Sun was in that particular part of the zodiac. While the Sun indicates a person's essence or basic character, in each person's chart there are actually nine other planets and all twelve signs. All of these play a part in making you who you are and all you can be. Your *Professional Natal Report* aims to correct these misconceptions and demonstrate that astrology can give you easily understood information that can enable you to obtain insight about yourself and your life.

