

# **Your Cosmic Blueprint: A Seeker's Guide**

*for  
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Based on Isabel Hickey's classic text  
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and other writings

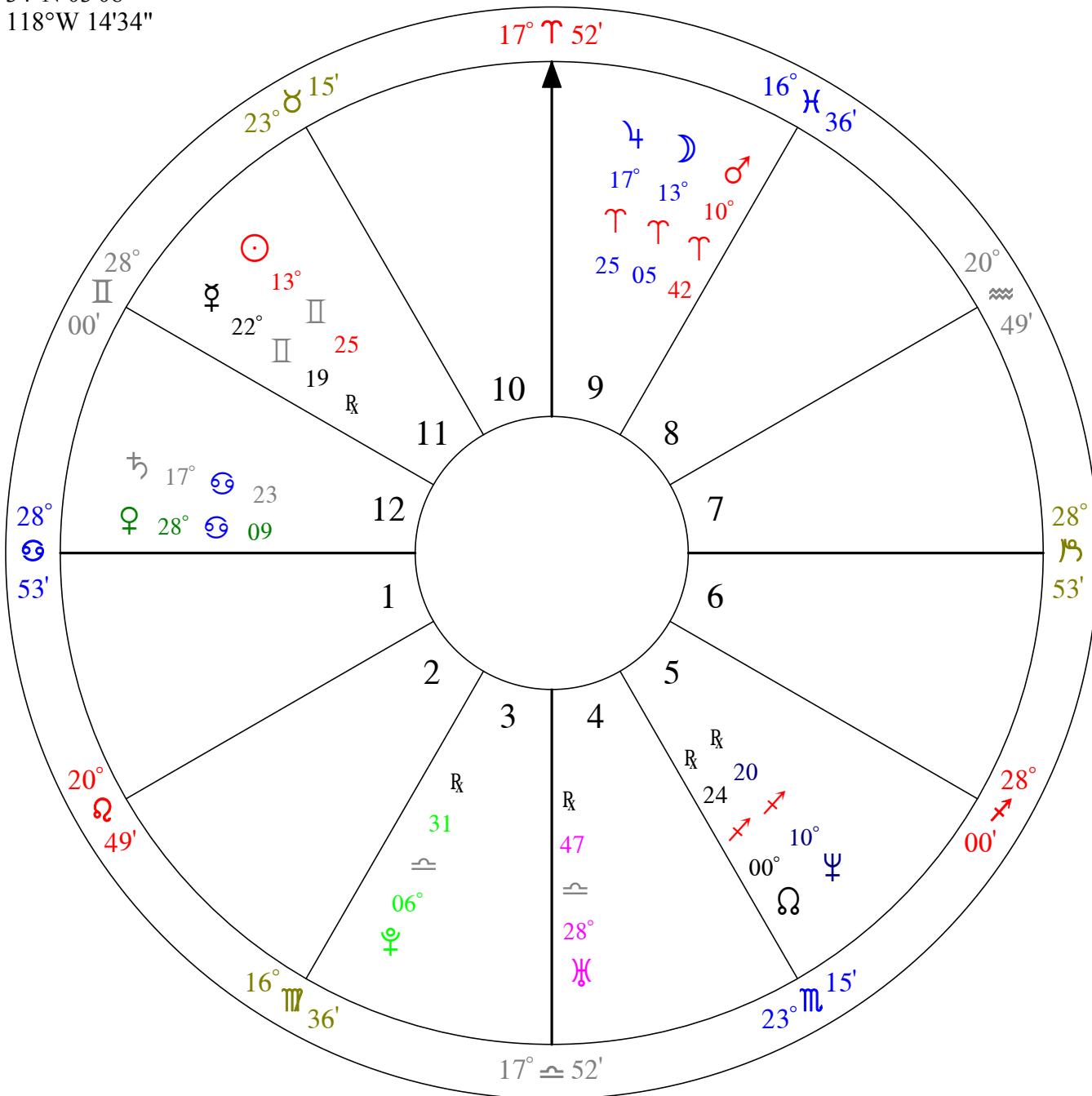
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Symbols of the Planets and Signs

$\odot$ = Sun	$\Psi$ = Uranus	$\text{Aries}$	$\simeq$ = Libra
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$\varphi$ = Mercury	$\Psi$ = Pluto	$\text{Gemini}$	$\times$ = Sagittarius
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$\text{S}$ = Saturn	R = Retrograde		

## Planetary Positions

<b>Planet</b>		<b>Sign</b>		<b>Longitude</b>		<b>Declination</b>
⊕ Sun	is in	Ⅱ Gemini		13° 25' 20"		+22° 24' 50"
☽ Moon	is in	♈ Aries		13° 05' 06"		+ 8° 46' 05"
☿ Mercury	is in	Ⅱ Gemini		22° 19' 41"		+21° 47' 23"
♀ Venus	is in	♉ Cancer		28° 09' 20"		+22° 57' 52"
♂ Mars	is in	♈ Aries		10° 42' 27"		+ 2° 42' 36"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♈ Aries		17° 25' 28"		+ 5° 44' 46"
♄ Saturn	is in	♉ Cancer		17° 23' 12"		+22° 12' 50"
♅ Uranus	is in	♎ Libra		28° 48' 00"		-10° 32' 14"
♆ Neptune	is in	♐ Sagittarius		10° 20' 23"		-20° 24' 49"
♇ Pluto	is in	♎ Libra		6° 31' 25"		+13° 02' 12"
Ω N. Node	is in	♐ Sagittarius		0° 24' 02"		-20° 14' 15"
Ἄ Ascendant	is in	♉ Cancer		28° 53' 30"		+20° 23' 03"
ᴹ Midheaven	is in	♈ Aries		17° 52' 27"		+ 7° 00' 49"
۞ S. Node	is in	Ⅱ Gemini		0° 24' 02"		+20° 14' 15"

### Emphasis in Elements

Fire	:	☽ ♂ ♈ ♉ ♌	Total = 5	Weighted Score = 7
Earth	:		Total = 0	Weighted Score = 0
Air	:	⊕ ♉ ♋ ♏ ♍	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 8
Water	:	♀ ♕ ḡ Ἄ	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 6

### Emphasis in Modes

Cardinal	:	☽ ♀ ♂ ♈ ♈ ♋ ♌	Total = 9	Weighted Score = 14
Fixed	:		Total = 0	Weighted Score = 0
Mutable	:	⊕ ♉ ♍ ♏	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 7

### Weights Used Above

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

## Planetary Aspects

⊕ Sun	is *	Sextile	☽ Moon	The orb is 0° 20'
⊕ Sun	is ♂	Conjunct	☿ Mercury	The orb is 8° 54'
⊕ Sun	is *	Sextile	♂ Mars	The orb is 2° 43'
⊕ Sun	is *	Sextile	♃ Jupiter	The orb is 4° 00'
⊕ Sun	is ♀	Opposite	♀ Neptune	The orb is 3° 05'
⊕ Sun	is *	Sextile	M <sub>C</sub> Midheaven	The orb is 4° 27'
☽ Moon	is ♂	Conjunct	♂ Mars	The orb is 2° 23'
☽ Moon	is ♂	Conjunct	♃ Jupiter	The orb is 4° 20'
☽ Moon	is □	Square	♄ Saturn	The orb is 4° 18'
☽ Moon	is △	Trine	♀ Neptune	The orb is 2° 45'
☽ Moon	is ♀	Opposite	♀ Pluto	The orb is 6° 34'
☽ Moon	is ♂	Conjunct	M <sub>C</sub> Midheaven	The orb is 4° 47'
☿ Mercury	is *	Sextile	♃ Jupiter	The orb is 4° 54'
☿ Mercury	is *	Sextile	M <sub>C</sub> Midheaven	The orb is 4° 27'
♀ Venus	is □	Square	♅ Uranus	The orb is 0° 39'
♀ Venus	is ♂	Conjunct	A <sub>S</sub> Ascendant	The orb is 0° 44'
♂ Mars	is △	Trine	♀ Neptune	The orb is 0° 22'
♂ Mars	is ♀	Opposite	♀ Pluto	The orb is 4° 11'
♂ Mars	is ♂	Conjunct	M <sub>C</sub> Midheaven	The orb is 7° 10'
♃ Jupiter	is □	Square	♄ Saturn	The orb is 0° 02'
♃ Jupiter	is ♂	Conjunct	M <sub>C</sub> Midheaven	The orb is 0° 27'
♄ Saturn	is □	Square	M <sub>C</sub> Midheaven	The orb is 0° 29'
♅ Uranus	is □	Square	A <sub>S</sub> Ascendant	The orb is 0° 06'
♀ Neptune	is *	Sextile	♀ Pluto	The orb is 3° 49'



*"The gifts to be gained from astrology are those of eternal value--  
clear perception, comprehension of the meaning of life,  
a greater tolerance and understanding of one's fellow students.*

*We are all in this boat together;  
why not learn to know each other better?"*  
- Isabel M. Hickey

Truly, astrology is a *spiritual* science. It involves the relationship between the larger universe outside of you and the personal universe within. The same energies that function in your personal universe function in the larger one "out there."

The blueprint that we call the birthchart plots the energies that flow in your magnetic field. With the first breath that you drew, you took into your body the vibrations that manifested on that day and time, at that particular spot on earth. This basic pattern goes with you throughout life.

Your birthchart shows your tendencies and potentials. Fate is earmarked in tendencies, not in facts. All anyone can see in your birthchart are tendencies that will become facts if you do not do something to alter them. The influences of your birth moment and place show the potentials that can be actualized in the future.

We can change by changing our attitudes and patterns of behavior. In so doing, we change our destiny. When you understand your chart, you can take your life into your own hands and intelligently utilize the planetary influences that will help you to evolve.

All this is possible — if you but will.

## The Signs in Your Blueprint

The signs of the zodiac are symbols of great and potent forces. They show character — the way you use the energies of the planets. The way you use them in this life comes from the way you used them in other lives, wisely or not. Your signs may reveal defects in character that need changing, but they also show how to make the needed changes.

## Your Preferred Mode of Action

Signs can be grouped into the Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable modes. These show how you express life force in the world of matter — how you habitually approach and respond to the world. Like water, the life force can take liquid form (Cardinal), be crystallized into ice (Fixed), or vaporized into steam (Mutable).

Knowing the strengths and weaknesses of your mode type helps you to make the best use of your energies. When you accept your own way of being, you won't try to be a round peg in a square hole.

### *You are strongly Cardinal and Mutable*

While your Cardinal planets (in Aries, Cancer, Libra and/or Capricorn) are in the most dynamic signs of the zodiac, your Mutable planets (in Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and/or Pisces) are in the zodiac's most fluid, adaptable, insightful and consciously aware zones.

Cardinality is the outgoing, driving force of the universe, which gives us the power to create. The keyword for the Cardinal signs is Activity or Creativity. Your Cardinal placements heighten your activity and speed, giving you energy, ambition, and executive ability. They make you fast and results-oriented. Responding to crises with action, you meet the immediate situation, solve it, and go on to something else.

Your Mutable signs add adaptability and an ability to take the wishes of others into account. Mutable keywords include Flexibility and Sociability. Your Cardinality gives you the single-minded force to get things started, and your Mutability enables you to seek feedback and to change course when that is necessary to reach your goal.

Too much Mutability could make you like a weathervane, constantly pulled by external forces, but the thrusting energy of your Cardinality can keep you on course. If change becomes necessary, you are able to begin anew.

Using both modes of energy, you can be bold enough to plunge into action, and social enough to want others to share in your experience. This can bring wisdom and make you an effective agent for change.

However, being strongly Cardinal and Mutable means that you are weak in the persistent and disciplined Fixed signs. You must seek to cultivate the Fixed qualities of concentrating your energies, staying on course, and maintaining integrity. On the plus side, you are probably more tolerant, adaptable and people-oriented than an overly Fixed person would be.

With your strongly Cardinal-Mutable personality, there is seldom a dull moment, as you are constantly dreaming up a new adventure or embarking on one. Travel and writing may be lifelong joys, with the satisfaction of good companions along the way.

For a summary of which planets are in which signs, see the chart wheel and Planetary Positions table at the start of this report.

## **Fire, Air, Earth or Water?**

The signs also group into the four traditional *elements*. Fire and Air signs are of the “positive” (yang) polarity. Masculine and active in expression, they represent your assertive and cerebral qualities. Earth and Water signs are of the “negative” (yin) polarity. Receptive and feminine, they represent your pragmatic and empathic side.

### *You are strongest in Fire and Air*

The Fire signs (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius) and Air signs (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius) reinforce each other, as they are of the same positive polarity.

The keyword for the Fire signs is Inspiration. Fire signs emphasize the spiritual side of your nature — energy, enthusiasm and the joy of living. Your Fire planets pour the fire of self into an active livingness, enabling you to be forceful, ardent, direct and outgoing.

The keyword for the Air signs is Aspiration. The Air element represents the mental plane. Through your Air energies you are a knowledge-gatherer who employs intellect and intuition. Your Air planets also emphasize communication and relating to others.

Fire and Air make a volatile mix. Fire is inherently impulsive, and if you let your Fire blaze out of control, you could act before you think. Before acting, it is wise to subject your impulses to common sense.

With overemphasis on Air signs, you could live too much in the plane of ideas and mind. You may have to “root” your ideas through activity on the outer levels. The real issues of life will teach you that it is never “head to head” but “heart to heart.”

With a Fire-Air mix you must consciously ground yourself and apply the brakes so as to not jump to conclusions or fly off into flights of speculation. However, your forceful Fire energy can work well with your Air emphasis on relating and communicating. When these energies are functioning at their best, you can be eloquent and persuasive in conveying your enthusiasm to others.

### *You are least active in Earth*

The Earth triplicity (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn) represents the earthly field in which the personality is planted. Focused on material affairs, these signs help us to deal with the physical world.

Having few or no placements in Earth may make you feel insecure in dealing with material things and the practical, here-and-now matters of life. Any planets you have in Air signs can compensate somewhat by focusing you on what is going on in the world. Still, you could create lovely plans that never materialize.

To get much-needed ballast, rely on your Saturn. Standing in for Earth, a strong, well-placed Saturn can slow you down, make you responsible and steady, and help you manage the practical tasks that enable you to survive in bodily form.

Saturn is strong when placed in a sign where it rules (Capricorn or Aquarius) or is exalted (Libra), by being in aspect to the Sun or Moon (discussed in the Sun or Moon sections), or by being in or near the

cusp of your 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th house (which you can see in your chart wheel at the start of this report).

## Your Sun and Moon

The three most important points in your blueprint are the Sun and Moon, plus the Ascendant (discussed later). The Sun and Moon represent the two basic poles of your being. Their signs carry extra weight, and any planets that they aspect become more prominent.

## The Sun: Your Immortal Spirit

The Sun sustains life, gives light, heat and energy, and signifies your immortal Spirit. Depicted as a circle with a dot, the Sun is your eternal self, the divine spark at the center of all living cells, the “light” which lighteth every person.

Your Sun represents your core self, individuality, purpose, will, and drive for significance. Showing your urge for leadership, power and success, it also signifies your ego and self worth, which is yours by divine right.

The Sun rules your heart (Love) and spine (Will), and stands for your father, other males and those in authority. The way the Sun’s vitality fuels your personality is shown by its sign, aspects and house.

### *Your Sun Sign is Gemini*

Gemini is the Mutable sign of the Air triplicity, and its keyword is “I Think.” Inwardly, Gemini rules the conscious mind. In your body, Gemini rules the hands, shoulders, arms and lungs as well as the nervous system as a whole.

Like all Fire and Air signs, Gemini is positive or masculine. Although a masculine sign, it is ruled by Mercury, a dual, asexual planet. Like Mercury, Gemini’s true gender is neutral, blending male and female principles in subtle ways.

Gemini is the most dual sign. The sign of the Twins, Gemini is depicted in Greek myth as Castor and Pollux — the heavenly twin and his earthly brother. Until the two harmonize, life will be ruled by the law of opposites. In terms of universal law, Gemini is the most important of the twelve signs for our Earth, for it represents the opposition of the human and the divine in all of us.

As a Gemini, your duality shows in many ways. For example, you may find yourself having two of everything. Given your dual nature, beware of a tendency to be two-faced. Your personality will be divided until you understand the function and power of your mind and then learn to control it.

Gemini’s time of year is reflected in the light, changeable breezes of early summer. Following this, one of its key ideas could be “Here today and gone tomorrow.” (However, there is no doubt that one is better for the contact!) Due to its extreme restlessness, the Chinese speak of Gemini as the monkey sign. Others call this sign the butterfly of the zodiac. Your mission is to grow through many varied experiences, so you flit from one situation to another. This makes you versatile and adaptable — but concentration and persistence may elude you unless you also have a strong Saturn.

Because of your restless desire to be on the move, you may struggle to build the firm foundation of basics needed to bring any project to fruition. While you can be a dreamer of big schemes, you must work hard on starting at the beginning and proceeding in an organized manner.

As for jobs, being tied to a desk can bring nervous difficulties. You would be happiest in a vocation that lets you move about and mingle with people. With your easy ability to communicate, you would make a good teacher, writer, or reporter. Your ability to sell ideas to anyone could also make you excel in publicity or sales. Apt to let your imagination carry you away, you dramatize everything that happens to you. Your breezy, friendly manner, and witty sense of humor endear you to others.

While you tend to like everyone, you may find it hard to love only one person. Because you are averse to close, binding ties, your motto may be “Don’t fence me in.” You want to feel important to someone, but the more liberty you can have within a relationship, the happier you are.

As you aren’t very emotional, people can appeal to you best through logic and reason. Also, Geminis tend to fuss and nag over inconsequential matters. If you do this, know that it could alienate others.

The nervous system of a Gemini is highly geared. If you feel tense and nervous, it is related to overstressing your body and not controlling your thinking. In the extreme, this can lead to a nervous breakdown. Or, if the tension that you feel leads to smoking, your lungs (ruled by Gemini) would pay a high price. It is vital to calm and center yourself, possibly through yoga, tai chi or meditation.

If your difficulties are due to self-preoccupation, your way out is to serve others. As a Gemini, your spiritual motto should be “Let go and let God.” In that simple word “let” there is magic for us all.

The aspects of your Gemini Sun show more about your character and ambitions. Aspects from your Sun can be the most important in your chart, as the Sun vitalizes any planet that it contacts.

#### *Your Sun is sextile the Moon*

This harmonious aspect between the symbols of your inner and outer selves suggests that there was harmony between your parents when you were conceived. Most likely you are a harmonious soul, stable, self-reliant and independent. Good health and success are earned increments from your past.

#### *Your Sun is conjunct Mercury*

Mercury never goes beyond 28 degrees from the Sun, but in your blueprint these bodies are within orb of a conjunction. This suggests that you are intellectually posited, quick-witted, and somewhat nervous. Effective at communicating ideas, you would do well in teaching, speaking and writing. If your Mercury is very close to your Sun (less than 8 degrees), you will tend to lack perspective. You could relate all happenings to yourself, which prevents you from thinking of others. Bear in mind that you could be selfish without realizing it. See the list of aspects at the start of this report. The “Orb” column shows the exact number of degrees between your Mercury and your Sun.

#### *Your Sun is sextile Mars*

Your excellent vitality in this life may come from past lives in which you subdued your animal nature and harnessed it through your will. Now, your will and your actions operate harmoniously, with good and constructive actions leading to success.

#### *Your Sun is sextile Jupiter*

A protective sextile from your Sun to Jupiter gives you abundant vitality and a strong, powerful spirit. Blessed with good character and an optimistic outlook, you use your strength to help others in quiet ways. Your intuitive powers could help you excel in fields like medicine, counseling and psychology.

Your religious philosophy was brought over from past lives, and earned increments in your spiritual bankbook bring harmonious, beneficial conditions to you now. These blessings include good health, success, and most likely a good deal of travel. Physical, financial and moral, your benefits often come through men, including your father.

#### *Your Sun is opposite Neptune*

You may experience emotional confusion, chaos, deception or disillusion through others. If this is true, you have karmic debts to pay. In this life you must work to eliminate deception and deceit in your dealings with others. You may also need to guard against obsessive behavior.

The signs and houses that the Sun and Neptune are in will show where and how your payment is due. Neptune's placement by house shows where your obligation to sacrifice will manifest. If you took from others in prior lives, you must now restore the balance. Only by seeking nothing for your separated self can you be set free spiritually.

Having the Sun opposite Neptune can be a very hard aspect if you are male. If you are female, you may attract males who would cause you to make sacrifices or become disillusioned.

## **The Moon: Builder of Form**

The Moon rules the Form side of life, your functional activity and routines. It rules cycles, including the tides and the rhythms of your body. It also rules mothers and other females, and your stomach and chest.

Your Moon shows your feelings and how well you meet the public's needs. It is your memory, your ability to empathize, and the subconscious ancestral patterns and habits that have become instinctive. Its influence is strongest in childhood.

#### *Your Moon Sign is Aries*

Your emotional being is spontaneous and impulsive, causing you to feel keenly and intensely in the moment. You can be courageous and foolhardy, direct and aggressive, with a quick temper and quick reactions. If you rush to act from your feelings rather than with good reason, your judgment will be off. Beneath your independent and aggressive exterior there's a sense of insecurity. Though emotional volatility may make it hard for you to keep them, you tend to make friends quickly. The women you attract tend to be very assertive.

#### *Your Moon is conjunct Mars*

You can be a decisive executive with the ambition to establish a good career. But you can also be aggressive, opinionated and hot tempered! To cut the cycle of continually extreme actions, strive to balance your impulsivity with forethought.

Females with this aspect may dislike their own or the opposite sex. If you have problems with men, seek to resolve the conflict with the male figure in your subconscious. This will improve your experience with males in your outer world.

#### *Your Moon is conjunct Jupiter*

This is an excellent combination because Jupiter is exalted in Cancer, the home of the Moon. It gives a pleasing personality, a sympathetic nature, and an optimistic outlook on life. Your inner compassion attracts both physical and financial protection. You would be excellent working with the public.

Jupiter expands anything it contacts — including your physical body! Your health tends to be good, but overindulging in food could lead to weight concerns.

#### *Your Moon is square Saturn*

By itself, this aspect can make you rather cold and selfish, depressive and fearful. Because they stem from forgotten events, the fears may seem irrational.

Especially if you are female, your relationship with your mother may be difficult. If you have children, you may lack strong maternal instincts or be overly controlling or demanding.

If you are a man, sexual difficulties can arise due to gender-identity conflicts. Some try to compensate for this by being petty and tyrannical. Since Moon aspects tend to work on the subconscious level, you may not realize why you act this way.

#### *Your Moon is trine Neptune*

Your psychic sensitivity is keen, so much so that you can be greatly affected by the emotional atmosphere around you. To preserve your health, avoid atmospheres of discord and friction.

You are drawn to music and could be an excellent musician. You also have strong imaginative powers, so you could do well in a literary field. However, you tend to dramatize life, so watch a tendency to exaggerate and distort events.

If you are male, you are likely to attract a sensitive, refined and creative type of mate.

#### *Your Moon is opposite Pluto*

Psychological ties with your mother or another dominant female are likely to be strong, and these deep feelings can have far-reaching implications in your life. You may have much emotional turmoil, and your expression of love may be more forced than natural. Others may view you as emotionally biased or eccentric. Even when you know that others like you, you may feel misunderstood. Because the Moon rules mass consciousness, this aspect could also bring problems in dealing with the public.

## **Aligning Your Sun and Moon**

On the metaphysical level the Moon signifies the personality mask through which the Self speaks. The Real Self (the Sun) is the source of true wisdom, while the personality (the Moon) only reflects its light. To fulfill your true destiny as one of God's children you must learn to align your lunar personality with your solar High Self.

## **Your Inner or “Earth” Planets**

We call Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn — the planets visible to us without a telescope — the “Earth” planets. These represent the great planetary beings in charge of the evolution of the Earth. In the Book of Revelation they are the seven spirits before the throne of God. These planets are focal points through which the radiations from the Sun pour forth upon the Earth.

Symbolizing parts of the personality, the Earth planets are important in every birth chart. Uranus, Neptune and Pluto belong to a subtler realm and may or may not figure personally in your chart. These are discussed in a separate section.

## **Mercury: The Linking Mind**

The planet Mercury rules the mind, intellect and reason, and also communication. As Messenger of the Gods, Mercury carries messages between Spirit (Sun) and personality (Moon), or Heaven (Spirit) and Earth (the personality or body).

Within you, Mercury links sense perceptions to thought so you can communicate. The mind makes you conscious of your self as a separate evolving being, aware of worldly activities. Reason helps you evaluate and observe cause and effect, and choose and be responsible for your acts. By growing in consciousness of self you become aware of your divine origin and potential. Like a mirror, Mercury reflects whatever is in its vicinity, and it uses everything as grist for progress.

Your Mercury's sign and aspects reveal how you think, speak, write and learn. The house where your Mercury falls (discussed later) shows where you focus your attention to learn new skills.

Other things that Mercury signifies include short trips, youth and siblings, and your lungs, nervous system, arms, hands and shoulders.

### *Your Mercury is in Gemini*

Overall, having Mercury in Gemini is favorable, as this is one of the signs that Mercury naturally rules. While Mercury here can be silly, it is never stupid! Rather than being instinctual and intuitive, your mind is clear, intellectual, and quick to grasp ideas. Also, your senses are keen and alert — almost too much so.

Some cautions are in order. Because it is easy for you to jump to conclusions, you must take care that you are not missing some necessary facts. Also, your mind can be restless. Your great versatility is a gift, yet it can also mean a lack of steadiness.

You are apt to over-develop your “thinkbox” at the expense of your vital forces. Don’t let restless anxiety or overwork lead you to a nervous condition or breakdown. Each day strive to spend some quiet time away from worries of the world of appearance.

Being a reflector of other influences, Mercury needs aspects for its expansion. Its closest aspect (shown in the “Orb” column of the aspect list at the start of this report) is especially important.

### *Mercury is sextile Jupiter*

This aspect gives fine intelligence, good judgment and keen powers of observation, which can make you a good teacher or doctor. Your faith is strong, and you trust that, no matter how bad they look, things will come out right — and they usually do. Travel benefits you.

## **Minding Your Thoughts**

Mercury aspects stimulate mental energy. Since Mercury works in the realm of thought you can always change how you use that energy.

This is important because how you think shapes your destiny. Choose which thoughts will dwell in your mind, and strive to nourish the good ones. Reject ugly thoughts with the mantra “Perish the thought.” Lift them up into the light and release them to manifest in beauty and harmony.

Mercury's sign, aspects and house suggest how you can improve your thinking to create happier circumstances.

## **Venus: Love and Beauty**

The planet Venus symbolizes the power of cohesion and attraction that draws things together into a synthesis. She does this through the magnetic power of love.

Named for the goddess of love and beauty, Venus is the principle of union, as well as harmony, cooperation, refinement and social impulses. Through Venus, you beautify yourself and your environment. Venus also shows what you value and appreciate, including art, music and luxury. By adding love, art, beauty cooperation, harmony and unity into your life, she enables you to live more fully. A receptive force, Venus never compels but gently persuades.

### *Your Venus is in Cancer*

In Cancer, Venus is kind, gentle, receptive and feminine, and your affections, rather than being strong or ardent, are more sentimental. Your lack of aggressiveness usually results in your being liked by all. Your quietness has charm, but you are also changeable and thus likely to be inconstant.

When it comes to family, your loyalty is strong. You love children, are fond of your home and parents, and are better at mothering than at mating.

Your search for security is an ongoing basic need. Subconsciously, this dependency is instinctive as it relates to both persons and material possessions.

If your emotional life is frustrated or blocked, you are susceptible to depleting diseases. Indigestion can result if your love life is unsatisfying. If not taken care of, it could affect your digestive organs.

### *Venus is square Uranus*

Your magnetism is strong, but you can be fickle, unreliable and unstable. Sudden separation and upsets in emotional affairs can include divorce. Before you can form lasting ties, seek to stabilize your emotions and feelings. In marriage and in other partnerships, your task is to learn caution.

## **Embodying Love in Your Life**

To express the higher meaning of Venus, use this affirmation: "All my ways are pleasant ways — all my paths are peace." Let this be reflected in your actions, and when you wonder whether to do something, ask yourself "Is it loving? Will it hurt anyone?"

Besides love and relationships Venus has to do with values and self-worth. While everyone is precious and worthwhile to the Divine in them, many are unconscious of their real worth. If you value others sincerely, they will feel secure enough to accept their own divinity and to know their capacity to be and become. Kind deeds and compassionate words of hope will assure their subconscious that they are worthy of the gifts of Divine Beneficence.

In relationships, meditate on the Tarot card known as The Lovers. As long as just two are in a relationship, it's an opposition, but in the Lovers card, hovering above the couple is a third figure, an angel signifying the High Self. If you have that Divine Third in the relationship, I don't give a hoot what your chart says, you're safe. That Self will guide the two selves down below.

They say that relationships are made in Heaven. Why do you suppose some of us feel in tune with each other and recognize each other? I'm not a stranger to some of you; you've seen me upstairs on another level. We get together "up there" before we meet down here, you know. And when a person dies, the love never dies — it only changes form.

In this lifetime, there will always be separations. For real romance, separation can be as essential as companionship. Those who are kept apart and who overcome great obstacles learn the greatest thing of all — to wait.

If you must end a relationship, do it in a loving, friendly way, without resentment, anger or fighting, so that you can be through with that karma. If you say, "Well, the other person isn't loving," that's not your business. If you hold onto resentment, the effect goes on into other lifetimes. Love anyone enough, and you'll never lose them. Hate anyone enough, and they'll never leave you.

If someone ends a relationship with you, remember there is always wrecking work before a new and wider circle is entered upon. That which we think we want today may look as absurd tomorrow as the hopelessness of a child over a broken plaything.

We are vibrantly connected to everyone in our lives. By feeding our creative minds a positive image of the qualities we want in a person, we can attract the person who is right for us. Make a mental shopping list of character traits, then affirm in gratitude that the person is "out there" and on his or her way. I have seen this principle work many times.

## **Mars: Energy, Desire, and Action**

Mars represents your animal nature, your impulse to act, and your sexual drive. The fire of life, enthusiasm and passion, it is the energy that moves matter. An outgoing, dynamic force, it drives over and through obstacles. It governs action, enterprise, initiative, and the energy to pass life's tests.

Impelling you to act, Mars energy travels from your center outward, making it tend to scatter and disperse. It is important to control, channel and conserve Mars energy, and this requires both will and discipline.

Mars rules selfishness, temper, aggressive urges, combativeness, strife and war, but Mars also gets things done, and its passion and courage sustain life through the fight-or-flight response. What counts is how you use your Mars energy. You have the power to change your reactions and behavior. Mars is related to sex, but it also gives you the strength to battle your lower animal nature. People with anger issues may be accident-prone, but when they direct their anger properly, accidents are few.

Mars rules the energy flow in your bloodstream and muscles. Representing the warrior who fights to protect the weak, it rules the right arm. It also rules sports and mechanical ability. The sign, aspects and house of your Mars show how your life-supporting energy manifests and how you can best harness and handle it.

### *Your Mars is in Aries*

Your Mars gains extra strength by being in Aries, one of the two signs that it rules. Mars, the initiator of activity in your outer world, is reinforced by being in the sign that symbolizes the beginning of all objective manifestation.

This placement suggests that you are relatively independent of your environment, with a strong character and a great deal of self-assertion. Very active both physically and mentally, you tend to be naturally, courageous, enthusiastic and ambitious. Your energy begins from within and moves outward into positive action.

At times, you run the danger of being aggressive and impatient, driven, rash, and impulsive. You could be quick on the trigger and, if you let it, your temper could give you trouble. Seek to master your irritability and learn to be calm.

#### *Mars is trine Neptune*

A practical idealist, you realize your dreams by backing them up with action. Your integrity and compassion can be strong. Unseen protection earned in your spiritual bankbook from other lives now helps you triumph over any hidden enemies. Others cannot harm you through deceit, and you can work with psychic forces without being endangered by adverse influences.

#### *Mars is opposite Pluto*

What we project outward returns to us through others. If you experience violence and turbulence coming from others, look at any similar feelings in yourself. Observe them, and then forgive yourself and any who you feel have wronged you. Your almost superhuman energy can help you transform these feelings to love and gentleness.

Protection comes by using your creative imagination to clothe yourself at all times in a robe of light. The following prayer is a powerful protection against violence of any kind. With this opposition, you would be wise to use it often.

I clothe myself in a robe of light  
composed of the love, power and wisdom of God  
enveloping me and interpenetrating me.  
I do this not only that I may be protected,  
but so that all who see it (the psychic forces),  
or come into contact with it (the Earth children),  
may be drawn to God and healed."

Interestingly, Pluto and Mars were in a close opposition on the day that Pluto was discovered, January 21, 1930. This paved the way for Pluto to take the rulership of Scorpio away from Mars.

## **Using Mars Energy Constructively**

The most unbalanced of the planets, Mars needs restriction and control. If assertiveness reigns, it brings temper, domination, aggressive action and destruction. The key is to find balance. The dynamic energy of Mars is as vital as love (Venus), generosity (Jupiter), and patience (Saturn). To function best in your magnetic field, you need all these qualities in balance.

Mars becomes evil only when improperly used. Evil is misplaced energy — like wood burning on the floor instead of in the fireplace, or water coming through the ceiling instead of into the tub. That is why it is so important to direct the fiery energy of Mars into constructive channels.

Mars can either destroy or construct. When Mars activates your animal nature, get busy and do something — even if it's only scrubbing a floor! You must use your energy rightly to release tension and resentment. Repress energy too long, and it affects your health.

## **Jupiter: The Expander**

The largest planet in the solar system, Jupiter is astrologically the Greater Benefic, the promoter and preserver, the bringer of prosperity and abundance. Its nature is expansive, optimistic, friendly, popular, successful and generous.

Jupiter helps you to live more fully, but it can also dissipate time, money, opportunity and energy. Depending on its aspects, it can bring overconfidence, exaggeration, conceit, excess, extravagance, and fondness of display.

Nevertheless, Jupiter lifts up our eyes to take us out of ourselves. It stimulates aspiration, vision and understanding of the Higher Mind. It favors established religion as well as ritual and ceremony.

In the body, Jupiter rules cell growth, the arterial blood, and the liver

### *Your Jupiter is in Aries*

This fiery placement lends you self-esteem, energy, enterprise and a love of freedom and independence. It gives you leadership ability and executive aptitude. It can also draw you to science and philosophy and bring you physical and mental benefits through travel. While you easily attract abundance and the good things of life, you may be challenged to rein in extravagance and to be on guard against making rash judgments.

### *Jupiter is square Saturn*

This signifies what Marc Edmund Jones called a “last chance” lifetime. In this life your challenge is to learn to follow through and grow your soul. While you have the power to do so, you could be tempted to cop out on responsibilities. An inherent selfishness could also cloud your judgment.

You have many powers and talents, but if you don’t use them you will be defeated by life and your later years will be marked by regret over unused opportunities. Remember that a physical muscle atrophies when not used, and so do your talents and your spiritual muscles.

At some period of your life, responsibilities concerning older people may come to you.

## **Expanding beyond Personality**

In its higher manifestation Jupiter is your superconscious Self, which nothing can confine, restrict or limit. Eternally one with the Divine, it is the Self that is meant to be in command. When it is, the Will of the Father in Heaven (Spirit) is in charge. When the personality took over and said “Let my will — not Thine — be done,” so began the hardships on this Planet of the Sorrowful Star.

## **Saturn: The Tester**

Saturn is the principle of contraction, limitation and endings. It is also Father Time or the Reaper, ruling old age and the wisdom gained through experience. The planet of necessity, Saturn represents the material world as the proving ground of spirit. It shows where you must make your own world according to the conditions it defines, and where you must conform in order to know security.

In the ancient mysteries, Saturn (Satan, the Tester), tried the soul until one grew strong enough to withstand the personality’s demands. Saturn builds character by testing our souls until we learn to break free of our self-imposed bonds.

Saturn connects your animal self with your spirit or real Self. Revealing your weaknesses and character deficiencies, it prods you to turn them into strengths. It *creates* neither your hardships nor your successes, but as you set creative processes into motion, it returns your creations to you. Saturn retains the impressions that experience makes upon your consciousness, building the fruits of experience into soul patterns.

Since the world of appearance mirrors your actual nature, the limits that Saturn seems to impose are really within you. Saturn only touches your mask, not the real you, and its limits are walls that help you gain the strength to stand without them. By breaking down selfishness and separateness, the contracting energy of Saturn strengthens your soul so that you can go free.

If self-control is a higher trait of Saturn, its lower trait is suffering. No one can break the cosmic laws with impunity, or escape responsibility without paying a price. Used negatively, Saturn fills you with selfishness and fear, emotions that cannot exist apart from each other. The antidote to both is the love that seeks to give.

The sign, aspects and house of your Saturn show your duties, lessons and responsibilities. As the Lord of Karma, your Saturn conveys the qualities that you need to redeem.

#### *Your Saturn is in Cancer*

You can be ambitious and shrewd, and place great importance on material things, yet you could also have psychic tendencies.

Due to early-life hurts, perhaps by parents, your emotions could be crystallized. Emotionally distant, you may live within a self-protective wall so that you withdraw when human involvements threaten to come too close. While you can be kind, you may find it hard to put yourself in another's shoes. Lacking close relationships could lead to aloneness in later years.

Your life lessons involve developing empathy and responsibility. These areas have deep emotional significance to you, and deserve your serious attention.

## **Inviting the Gifts of Saturn**

During every life, transits involving Saturn can test you with various sorrows, delays, disappointments, limitations and privations. But it is through these that you learn humility, wisdom and compassion.

Saturn brings you the patience, persistence and self-discipline that enable you to turn skepticism, fear and materialism into confidence, dependability and reverence.

To let Saturn do its work, invite silence and look within for guidance. Through retrospection, meditation, concentration and patience, Saturn will help you to evolve.

After a dream, this poem came to me:

### **Saturn, Angel of Discipline**

In the deep darkness of grief and pain,  
I found the angel of Light again.  
She wore no lovely garment of white  
But was garbed in robes as deep as night.

I saw in her arms no flower fair,  
 Instead, a crucifix nestled there.  
 She didn't walk with joyous tread  
 Or offer me relief from dread.  
 But I felt her peace and her quiet power  
 And knew in that night of awe-filled hour  
 She was the angel of Eternal Dawn.  
 Lifting her hood I saw her face  
 And knew the glory that hid her grace.  
 From earth-blinded eyes too dim to see  
 That only through her, could we ever go free!

Saturn builds in time for eternity. To understand the mission of Saturn means to grasp the solution to the mystery of life.

## Your Higher-Octave Planets

Beyond Saturn are planets that were unknown before the modern age because they are invisible without a telescope. As Earth's evolution progressed, great beings were called from outer space to step up its progress. These beings wear the vestures of the planets we call Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. They are called the "higher-octave" planets because Uranus (intuition) is the higher octave of Mercury (intellect), Neptune (divine compassion) is the higher octave of Venus (personal affection), and Pluto (regeneration) is the higher octave of Mars (animal energy). The higher-octave planets fulfill and renew the higher qualities of their inner-planet counterparts.

Uranus, Neptune and Pluto show your potential to develop special talents and spiritual gifts. For humanity, they represent advanced physical, mental, emotional, intuitional and soul powers. Since they pertain to evolutionary impulses, these planetary energies may or may not be obvious in your personal makeup.

These planets move so slowly that their signs indicate the issues and missions of your whole age group. How they apply to you personally is shown by their house position (discussed in the next major section). If these planets are in or near the cusps of the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th houses, they are more likely to be important keynotes of your character.

Aspects can further show the degree to which these higher-octave energies function in your life. Aspects from Uranus, Neptune or Pluto will have more personal significance if they involve your Sun, Moon or Mercury. Aspects between the higher-octave planets and these inner planets reflect the age of the soul. They describe special life challenges that call upon you to evolve.

If you have aspects *between* the three higher-octave planets, they will be discussed below. These rare, long-lasting aspects define a whole generation. If the planets involved *also* aspect your Sun, Moon or other faster-moving "personal" planets, this can tie you into the major forces active at your time in history.

## Uranus: The Awakener

A core Uranus thought is "Behold! I make all things new." Uranus brings transformation in unexpected, unpredictable ways. Uranus keywords include freedom, rebellion, independence, individualism, originality and genius.

As the higher octave of Mercury, Uranus signifies the intellect free of prejudice, precedent and tradition, accepting nothing as final. Seeking truth and wisdom, Uranus drives the urge for new life experiences and new means of self-expression. On the mundane level, it rules science and telecommunications that transcend old means of transmission.

Uranus receives knowledge in flashes of intuition. As you respond to your intuitions, you gain an inner sense of what is right for you. Working within us beyond logic, Uranus rules metaphysics and higher perceptions like telepathy, clairvoyance and psychometry. Seeking insight into the laws that relate humanity to the cosmos, Uranus also rules astrology. Uranian individuals may be occultists, but they can insist that others put their ideas into action even when such action would be premature.

In its highest aspect, Uranus is the power of cosmic consciousness, emerging from your constructive Super Will. There is no stronger power in the chart.

#### *Your Uranus is in Libra*

Occupying each sign for six to nine years, Uranus reflects the world that you were born into and your generation's outlook. Uranus-in-Libra periods include 1800-07, 1884-91, and 1968-75.

The years 1968-75 manifested Libra's key idea, "High winds and line storms followed by calm." This is because the wreckers always prepare the way for the builders. In these years the planetary subconscious was in upheaval, throwing up long-underground tensions. As convention-smashing art subsided, new art forms emerged. Chaotic music, clashing colors and psychedelic art forms broke up the old crystallizations and then departed. Freer-flowing than previous generations, your group was born to invent new forms of harmony and beauty. With Libra ruling law and justice, this era also brought major status-quo-changing legislation.

Your generation also broke from convention with regard to marriage, valuing the spirit of the union more than the form, and love more than legalities. The Uranian individualism and desire for freedom can upset relationships like marriage, threatening to break up a union unless each partner can have a great deal of freedom.

If your Uranus has squares or oppositions, your kidneys may be sensitive. As relationships purify the psyche, so do the kidneys rid the body of toxins.

## **The Law of Compensation**

The planet of destiny, Uranus operates suddenly and unpredictably. When transiting Uranus aspects a planet in your birth chart there are unexpected turns that alter your life circumstances. No one can say exactly how transiting or progressed Uranus will affect you, and it often works through another person or circumstances over which you have no control. You *are*, however, in control of how you react to it.

The function of Uranus is to break up existing conditions to free the spirit locked in crystallized patterns. Breaking you out of a rut in which you have become ensconced, it brings you new growth, expansion and experience. The gift of Uranus is that it never leaves you where it found you, nor will it take anything from you without replacing it with something better.

In his essay “The Law of Compensation” Ralph Waldo Emerson explains this well: “A cruel disappointment, a loss of wealth, a loss of friends, seems at the moment unpaid loss. . . . But the sure years reveal a deep remedial force [which] later assumes the aspect of a guide or genius . . . it commonly operates revolutions in our way of life, terminates an epoch . . . which was waiting to be closed. . . and allows the formation of new ones more friendly to the growth of character.”

## **Neptune: The Dissolver**

The higher octave of Venus, Neptune stands for divine compassion: “I love because it is the nature of Love to love.” Love’s truest expression means sacrifice and a selflessness that embraces humanity. Only by loving humanity are we *truly* able to love individuals.

Neptune is not at home in the material world and it is uninterested in worldly success. Rather, it belongs to the subtle worlds. Sensitive and receptive, mystical and dreamy, Neptune works unseen, with a pervading energy that seeps into your psyche and gently persuades. Often bestowing mediumistic ability and psychic powers, Neptune works via feeling and imagination in an elusive, mysterious, subtle vibration that emanates from the next dimension.

Closely related to Neptune is Chaos, a dissolving of structure. Watery Neptune rules the ocean as well as fogs and mists that make it hard to see clearly. Neptune dissolves the physical, as when the ocean wears away the shore. Similarly, negative emotions can subtly erode the structure of the body, since whatever you think and feel has a physical effect. While Neptune can open you up to Chaos, however, it can also open you to the Cosmos. With devotion, Neptune brings cosmic consciousness.

Naturally operating through dreams, Neptune can give an aversion to reality, a preference to dream rather than act, and a desire to escape reality via drugs, alcohol, illusion or deception. (Ironically, its illusion can sometimes bind you to materiality.)

While Neptune rules escapism and the suffering that it causes, it also signifies the divine compassion that delivers you from suffering. Neptune’s symbol, a crescent pierced by a cross, implies the suffering that frees the personality to be a true reflector of the solar Self.

On the Earth plane, Neptune’s sign, aspects and house suggest your obligations and how you conform to group consciousness and social responsibilities. They also show your cosmic debts and your obligation to serve the universal whole.

### *Your Neptune is in Sagittarius*

This era (1970-84) brought recognition of higher realms. Due to incoming Light, orthodox creeds and dogmas began to dissolve. Educational concepts underwent revolutionary changes. Far-distant travel became possible at new speeds.

As Neptune opposed the Gemini planets of the U.S.A. horoscope, karma from the destructive use of atomic energy was unleashed. Karma must be faced and cleared. Cosmic law, like space, is curved so that everything in the universe eventually returns to its source.

As a 21st century adult, you have the potential to rebuild the world. At times you could lack judgment and your emotions could lead to indecision. However, your highly developed intuition enables you to pierce the veil of matter and know Truth. You know that, while they are disconcerting, the geographic and economic upheavals of this era are there to instill a deeper understanding of life’s meaning.

### *Neptune is sextile Pluto*

This remarkably long sextile came within orb in the late 1930s and it lasts until around 2040, thus spanning over a century. In over 6,000 years, only three long sextiles have occurred. The one from 1450 to 1550 marked the flowering that we call the Renaissance. Both the Renaissance and the current era saw an extraordinary speeding-up of human understanding and progress that profoundly changed the world. The next long sextile will be from 2427 to 2529, and then there will be nothing like it for many millennia to come.

Since your Neptune-Pluto sextile is rather near to being exact, you have a special connection to our extraordinary time in history. Your desire to transcend boundaries can bring a thirst to explore dimensions beyond the physical. To explore these dimensions safely, tune into your Superconscious Self. Otherwise, you are wise to stay safely centered on *terra firma*.

Your gift for seeing through people and circumstances can work in constructive or destructive ways. If you are willing to undergo the necessary purification and sacrifice of the lower self to the Higher Self, you can be led to the heights of spiritual attainment.

Your great sensitivity will be enhanced by meditation. No spiritual consciousness can unfold unless you touch the higher nature of the Neptune-Pluto energies. This can give you inexhaustible spiritual energy. Remember to seek out spiritual companions, because advancement to higher realms is greatly accelerated by being in the company of the spiritually awake.

### **Let Go and Let God**

To the unevolved, Neptune is chaos, confusion and suffering, making life feel like hard labor in a prison-house of skin. This happens when we resist life. Awakened souls let go and let things happen. Liberating through non-resistance, Neptune teaches us the mantra: “Life is flowingness; I cannot lose what is my own. Only what I am has power. All that is mine will be drawn to me. I let go, and let God run my life.”

In the words of the Piscean Age Master, “He who loses himself (personality) shall find himself (Soul).” Neptune’s sacrifice obliges you to give your self to the greater good. Wherever you take, you must give to restore the balance. Paradoxically, the more you give, the more you have to give. That is why I call Neptune the Cosmic Santa Claus. The universal law, “Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and all else shall be added unto you” is as true today as it was 2,000 years ago.

Willingness (vs. Willfulness) is another Neptune keyword. While Willfulness spends itself in serving self, Willingness is the desire to see others attain joy and freedom. The Piscean Age Master said “I came that your joy may be full.” Neptune gains its energy from helping to fulfill others’ needs. Its inner nature is the freedom and joy that comes through self-relinquishment.

Neptune says to us “Serve or Suffer!” The choice is yours. To heed Neptune’s message is to know a peace that goes beyond understanding.

### **Pluto: The Transformer**

Pluto was discovered in 1930. Adding to the hierarchy of our solar family, it marks a new step in our evolutionary process, one that calls us to deal with both the highest and lowest parts of our nature.

In 1930 the world was absorbing the depth psychologies of Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung, who taught that disturbances in our conscious life arise from unconscious drives. Similarly, Pluto's energy stirs hidden from us long before it manifests. Silently and unseen, Pluto works in the depths of our being before erupting like an earthquake or volcano. We do not know Pluto's true effect until its undercover work is done. Only then do we know and understand our dark side. Recognizing that our fears are unconscious projections enables us to come to terms with our hidden selves. To find the light we must first go into the darkness. Then, when we turn on the light of consciousness, the darkness disappears.

All growth begins in the dark and grows toward the light. That is the message of Pluto's manifestation as Minerva, named for the Roman goddess of wisdom. With Minerva you are changed from within, like a new day dawning. Once changed, you are never again in the old consciousness. Purged of the dross, you are refined and regenerated. Pluto is the death of the separated self; while Minerva is the rebirth that brings us to wisdom and leads to evolutionary progress for humanity.

For those who are tuned to Minerva, the keyword is Consecration. We realize the Minerva side of Pluto only when the personality dissolves. Only those willing to go through the necessary regeneration can even touch the hem of Minerva's garment.

Pluto rules the masses, and with a prominent Pluto one is able to work with groups. Inside the law, Pluto operates through groups that uphold the law. Outside the law, it works through mobs and gangs. The mob acts at a low level of consciousness, and Pluto's energy can activate a group to be more vicious than anyone would be alone. Most of what we call evil is ignorance, but organized evil is beyond most people's comprehension.

Pluto is power, and so often it is unbalanced and extreme. Full of duality and ambivalence, Pluto operates as a dichotomy, as conflicting interests and one group opposing another.

While Pluto can show the lowest to which you can descend, it can also show the highest attainment you can reach. It reveals the path to illumination and Cosmic Consciousness, and how you can best help (or hinder) the great tide of human evolution.

#### *Your Pluto is in Libra*

Libra is the law of polarity, in which two poles — I and thou, male and female, parent and child, spirit and matter — seek balance. Pluto's 1971-84 stay in this sign transformed Libra's areas of marriage, partnerships and relationships in general. This period also saw changes in the Libra area of the law and the Air-sign domain of communications.

During this time the Feminist movement brought new gender equity and questioned old attitudes to marriage. Couples wrote their own marriage vows and contracts or lived together outside of marriage, relying on emotional bonds instead of the law.

Losing faith in dogmas and creeds, people challenged outmoded religious strictures, and the Watergate scandal undermined faith in the government. From the arrest of the Watergate burglars to Nixon's resignation in 1974 the nation was shocked by the undercover lawlessness of prominent government figures.

A focus on air pollution brought clean air laws, and there was also a focus on pollution of the mind through the airwaves. Buying up TV, radio and newspaper media, rich corporations sought to further their interests by biasing the news. These years amply demonstrated that “there’s more here than meets the eye” and that there is spin behind opinions portrayed as facts.

Your generation is challenged to weigh the evidence and sort out the truth. It is your job to tolerate those who think differently, benefit from their extra input, and achieve balance by appropriate compromise. The special enemies of the Pluto in Libra generation are hypocrisy, indecision and failure to speak up or vote. Pluto here charges you to communicate, cooperate, take global responsibility and learn to relate to others with Love as your principle.

## **Desecration or Consecration?**

To understand Pluto better, consider this passage from Hugh Walpole’s novel the *Duchess of Wrexel*:

“. . . every man is given at the outset of life a Beast in the finest, noblest sense with whom through life he has got to settle. It may be an Ambition, or a Passion, or a Temptation, or a Virtue, what you will, but with that Beast he’s got to live. Now it’s according to his dealings with the Beast that the man’s great or no. If he faces the Beast — and the Beast is generally something that a man knows about himself that nobody else knows — the Beast can be used, magnificently used. If he’s afraid, pretends that the Tiger isn’t there, builds up walls, hides in cities, does what you will, then he must be prepared for a life of incessant alarm. . . .”

Pluto is the Beast within, but this can fuel immense energy for good. The energy is always pure. It is your use of it that determines whether the experience is positive or negative.

Darkness precedes the dawn. Behind apparent chaos and confusion Pluto’s energy is at work. Earth’s vibration is accelerating, and long-submerged evils are surfacing to be faced, cleansed, and changed.

However, some souls cannot withstand these increased vibrations. Lethargic and apathetic, they are interested only in what concerns them personally. For sleeping souls, Pluto will remain a non-functioning energy until their heights and depths are stirred.

With Pluto, we can express darkness or light, disintegration or integration, willfulness or willingness, annihilation or transformation, submersion or submission, obsession or illumination, karma or grace. Pluto’s lowest expression is Desecration; its highest is Consecration. Again, the choice is yours.

## **How the Planets Work in Your Life**

The planets are the cosmic energies that you are given to work with. Your Ascendant, and the houses of your chart, show *where* — in what areas of life — those energies apply. They show the earthly circumstances, the environmental pattern where you fulfill your destiny, and the opportunities your environment offers.

On average, the Ascendant and house cusps move one degree in every four minutes of time, so people born on the same day can have totally different houses. Also, if your birthtime isn’t known to within a half hour, what is said in the following House section might not seem like a close fit.

## The Ascendant: Your Window to the World

Your houses begin with the Ascendant, the zodiac degree that was rising in the east at the moment you were born. Also called your First House cusp, the Ascendant ranks with the Sun and Moon as a key point in your chart.

Your Ascendant is the window through which you see the world. No two people see things exactly alike, and no one else can look through your window — or your eyes.

Your Ascendant also shows how the world sees you. The sign on the Ascendant — or Rising Sign — does much to explain your unique temperament, disposition, physical appearance and personality. Adding to the indications of the Rising Sign, any planets in your First House will further portray your body, appearance, personality, disposition and manner.

### *Your Ascendant is in Cancer*

You approach the world like the sidestepping crab, identified with its dwelling place, carrying its house on its back and retreating into it when threatened by external forces. Even though you might like to travel, you always want a home base to which you can retire.

The protecting or covering principle, Cancer is the sign of the house, the home and the womb. Concerning the interiors of things, it also represents your soul. With Cancer rising, your soul is very in touch with your feminine nature.

Cancer is also the maternal, nurturing principle, which you express strongly. Your role is the nurturer, and you like to be nurtured. You may be very attached to your home, family and mother, and if your Moon is prominent you could even have a mother complex that keeps you from maturing and becoming independent.

As a child, you may have been timid and quiet and have required much love and encouragement to calm your insecurities. Possessed of an active imagination, you would have needed a constructive path for your imagination to wander and wonder.

Your emotions surge and ebb like the tides, and you respond to life via your feelings in ways that are sympathetic, receptive, passive and psychic. You are easily upset, but don't stay disturbed for long. When you do become emotionally disturbed, your stomach juices suffer and you get indigestion.

Like the Fourth House, the sign Cancer also rules your roots and ancestors. Tradition is important to you, and you can cling to your past. On the mundane level you could be drawn to genealogy or antiques.

Your Moon sign, house and aspects show further how you project your personality in the world. Cancer rules mass consciousness and the public, and this Ascendant can bring you into contact with the general public in your chosen career. This would be especially true if your Moon is near the cusp of the First, Fourth, Seventh or Tenth House (something you can see by looking at your chart wheel).

### *Your Ascendant is in Cancer's Third Decanate*

The final third of Cancer is the Pisces decanate, ruled by Neptune. This adds to your sympathetic nature. Very emotional, you can over-identify with passing currents. Very psychic, you can absorb the atmosphere around you like a sponge. You could be a martyr or a server of humanity.

## **House 1: Your Personal Self**

Though your Ascendant is a very important point in your chart, it is only the start of your First House. If planets (or even another whole sign) are *in* your First House, that will say more about your personality, appearance, disposition and manner.

The chief characteristic of the First is action — destiny in the making. Like the Fourth, Seventh and Tenth houses, the First is an “angular” house. Similar to the Cardinal signs, angular houses bring out whatever is latent within you, making it manifest and concrete. Planets in angular houses are extra strong, especially if they are near the house’s beginning (something you can check in your chart wheel at the start of this report).

## **House 2: Possessions and Desires**

If the First House was “you,” the Second House signifies your resources, what you own, your money, financial standing, and your capacity to earn and spend. This house also shows how you meet your obligations. Inwardly, it is the repository of your strongest desires, and it indicates your peace of mind and the values that you cherish.

The Second House is the first “succedent” house (the others being the Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh). Like the Fixed signs, succedent houses involve your emotional nature and desires.

### *Leo on the Second*

Finances may be a central concern, and your materialistic side can be greater than others expect. Leo on your house of finances ties your capacity to earn money to your drive for significance and your desire to shine. You may seek to express yourself by looking prosperous or by making extravagant gestures.

Realize that true security and fulfillment do not lie in material things. You could end up with much money, but little peace. Use your generosity to spread some of your wealth to those in need.

## **House 3: Exploring Your Environment**

The Third House represents your early environment, and how you relate to your surroundings, siblings, acquaintances and neighbors. You do this primarily through communication and moving about in your neighborhood, so in addition the Third rules short journeys, speech, writing, news and rumors. It also shows what is behind your communications — your early education, your memory and perception, your conscious mind’s powers of synthesis, and what you think. The ruler of basic education, the Third House shows your level of dexterity, the skills that come easily to you, and also your level of restlessness.

The Third House is the first “cadent” house (the others being the Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth). Like the Mutable signs, cadent houses involve the mental and psychological realm. Planets here have a strong influence on your thinking.

### *Virgo on the Third*

With Virgo here, your mind and feelings, your head and heart, can either clash or work together. Having this humble sign on the house of communication and reason suggests an inferiority complex that stems from your early years.

You can tell stories in minute detail. You tend to be fussy and could be overly bothered by nonessentials. However, you are also adaptable in your communications. In a big crisis, Virgo's practical nature enables you to summon your reasoning powers and rise to the occasion magnificently.

Digestive issues may originate in your nervous system. A sensitive stomach could come from tense solar plexus nerves. As you are likely to be interested in health, you probably know that it's best not to eat when overtired.

#### *Pluto in the Third*

Pluto's house shows where your weaknesses are unrevealed to your conscious self, and where you must bring your subterranean forces into the light.

In this cadent house Pluto's hidden, subtle workings affect your mind and nervous system. This can create a mind that is cautious, serious and deep, with a tendency toward depression and negativity.

In your early home life you may have experienced unusual conditions in relationships with siblings or neighbors. You may now have great mental turmoil, which will create problems if suppressed. If you cannot discuss your issues with a confidant, then express them, as through writing or painting. This can act as a safety valve and save your nervous system from too much pressure. After you give your thoughts and feelings a tangible form, it may be wise to destroy them. Eliminating what you expressed can be cathartic and healthy.

Pluto here gives a probing mind, and little escapes your notice. You can either delve into the secrets of the universe or uncover secrets of a personal nature. Because you can evaluate situations and people accurately, you could be a fine counselor or psychologist. If Mars is highlighted in your chart, you could do police work or private investigating. You could also be a good researcher in medicine, or deal with fields like ecology or metallurgy.

The aspects between Pluto, Saturn, and Mercury will show if you use your Pluto's energy positively or negatively. When you rise to the higher Minerva aspect of your Pluto in the Third, your mind will be illumined, and you could bring light to others by teaching spiritual law.

## **House 4: Your Base of Operations**

The Fourth house, where the Sun would be at midnight, is the midnight of your chart, showing the roots of your being. The activity of this house centers on building the foundations of your life on material and spiritual planes. It shows your instinct for security and for building consciousness through experience. Though hidden from view, the energies of this house are potent.

In the outer world, your Fourth House represents your home as your base of operations, the nature of your residence, and all of your domestic affairs. It shows whether you should stay or leave your birthplace, and the advantages gained by either course. It also describes matters that pertain to real estate and property.

In your inner world, the Fourth House is your soul, hidden in the depths of your being. It represents your deeply ingrained basic values, and the final outcome of what you do with your values. This is why it represents the latter part of life and the end of any matter. What you are in the roots of your being comes to the surface as you grow older.

The Fourth House also indicates your less prominent parent. This could be your mother or father, depending on which parent represents the “boss” (shown by the Tenth House, which is opposite the Fourth).

#### *Libra on the Fourth*

With Venus-ruled Libra on this house, ownership gives you a sense of emotional security. You have a deep desire for a home because you are unhappy without roots. Besides owning a home you also have a need to “own” things and people.

At bottom, you have the restlessness of an Air sign. It’s hard for you to sit still long enough to know who you are and what your soul is seeking in this life. While you may appear quiet and peaceful on the surface, to have true inner peace you must anchor yourself in eternal values. Before you can know peace, you must find the proper balance between your soul and your personality.

#### *Uranus in the Fourth*

Uranus here brings instability or unconventionality in your home environment. You are not generally a domestic type, and you may experience upsetting conditions around your home or mother.

Preferring a home life that isn’t boring, you may often change residence. Your restlessness springs from the roots of your being. From time to time sudden and unexpected changes break up whatever is over-crystallized in your life. In your later years, astrology and metaphysics may claim your interest.

## **House 5: Self-Expression**

Your Fifth House represents your effort to distinguish yourself from others. It signifies anything that bears your personal stamp — the children and art you create, the books you write, and the affections you display. It rules children of the body, mind and emotions, and in a sense it also rules schools. It covers all emotional and romantic drives of the heart, including love affairs and luck (or the lack of it) in your love life. It also rules amusements like the theater, and risk-taking activities like gambling and speculation.

Because the Fifth House includes the misuse of your will and of the love principle, it is the house of hidden karma.

#### *Scorpio on the Fifth*

With Scorpio here, your love affairs may be secret or unusual. While they last, you are tenacious and intense, but once the link is broken you move on. You have a tremendous interest in sex, but it is more from the angle of curiosity than of passion.

Your need for romantic relationships comes from being unsure about your own center and your own worth. You attract others, as you have much to give, but jealousy or possessiveness can damage any relationship. Selfishness is another romance-wrecker. Unless your Uranus, Neptune or Pluto is prominent, you may expect everything to revolve around you.

As regards your children and creative endeavors, you may find it hard to let go of them. Children may be a mystery to you, until you see them as the miracles that they are. They may be drawn to you as they sense your awe at their magical qualities.

### *Neptune in the Fifth*

Neptune in the Fifth can mean secret love affairs. You could be in love with someone who isn't free, or former ties could prevent you from expressing your true feelings.

Because you dramatize life and can play many roles, you could be a good actor. However, your imagination is so vivid that it can sometimes fog up your common sense.

As the esoteric house of karma, the Fifth shows how you used your will in past lives. Desire binds us from lifetime to lifetime, and with Neptune here you are called to give more love than you take.

As your children become adults, your ties with them may dissolve. If you have made sacrifices for children and received little in return, it may be due to karma from past lives. If you understand this, it will help you to accept the situation with grace and forgiveness.

## **House 6: Work, Health and Service**

The Sixth deals with how you attend to basic needs like food and clothing, and also to domestic pets and servants.

It rules both work and health (a busy person has no time to be sick!). The Sixth shows any enmity between the physical body and the Dweller within it, enmity that can lead to mental or organic disease. The Sixth also shows working conditions, which have a clear impact on health.

Related to work is the idea of service. The Sixth portrays your capacity to serve, and the character and qualities of those who serve you, such as employees, and any issues with them. One reason that Sixth-House matters can go relatively unnoticed is that the nature of service rendered or received is mostly personal, unobtrusive and routine. Also, the Sixth deals with mental energy, and that may not be apparent on the surface.

The Sixth is sometimes called the house of self-adjustment. Activities here are generally under your control, just as your body's health depends largely on your actions.

### *Sagittarius on the Sixth*

Sagittarius here calls for job freedom and variety. While you may or may not travel over long distances in your work, you will be happier if your job offers some travel. It can involve new places and peoples, or just the chance to explore a diverse range of ideas. You may do well at writing, publishing or teaching.

It's important to get enough sleep, and if you crave sugar make an effort to limit sweets and starches.

## **House 7: Marriage and Partnerships**

Opposite your First House of personality and self-image is your Seventh House, reflecting your not-self. The Seventh shows your "we" consciousness — marriage, partnerships, the mate you attract, and your ability and willingness to cooperate with others. It also rules open adversaries and the lower courts.

### *Capricorn on the Seventh*

When relating to others you show a delightful side and a keen sense of humor, and when the Sun shines for you, there is no happier and easier sign to be with. "Home" is truly your castle. Loving to entertain in it, you can be a good host and a wonderful cook.

However, despite your Cancer-rising tendency to protect and mother others, you may find it hard to sustain a long-term relationship. You are strong for the “tie that binds,” but may need to grow up a bit to take the needed responsibility. You may not want to feel restricted yourself, but be aware that Cancer’s tendency to over-concern and over-possessiveness could make the other person feel restricted. You also need to watch any moodiness and self-centeredness that would work against the mutual cooperation needed for a good alliance.

Because Capricorn is a business sign, you could go into business with your mate. However, if you find that the partners you attract are self-indulgent and lazy, or unstable, with fluctuating emotions and responses, look within. Most likely they mirror tendencies you must address in yourself.

## **House 8: Generation, Degeneration or Regeneration?**

The Eighth House shows your capacity for generation (sex), degeneration, and regeneration, which you do by reorienting yourself and enlarging your mental and spiritual view.

Besides showing your inner attitudes toward sex, the Eighth is connected with death, including legacies and the goods of the dead. It also shows the possessions and financial condition of your partner.

The Eighth rules the psychic levels and the astral plane, so that planets here can bring sensitivity to invisible currents. If these planets have squares or oppositions or are in a weak sign, however, you need to guard against misusing psychic faculties. This is especially true with a Mars/Neptune square or opposition.

This House can signal crises, losses and storms, but remember that every Eighth-House operation is a celestial messenger in disguise. Your challenge is to penetrate this disguise and receive the blessing that the messenger bears. In the wake of a storm, a rainbow appears — if only you lift your eyes to see it.

### *Aquarius on the Eighth*

With Aquarius on your house of regeneration, you want to know everything there is to know about the mysteries of life and sex, and you approach this area with dispassionate curiosity.

To avoid becoming obsessed, take care to use the creative force wisely. Especially if you have Cancer rising, you could be taken over by adverse forces. Be careful how you use your body, because wrong use could bring circulation difficulties or shock. Although you may greatly dislike exercise, doing plenty of it can keep you healthy.

To further understand the affairs of this house, look to the sign, house and aspects of Uranus and Saturn, the co-rulers of Aquarius.

## **House 9: Expanding Your Horizons**

The Ninth House is the realm of the Spirit and understanding. Showing your intuition, your inspiration and your spiritual visions, it signifies the superconscious mind and the deeply ingrained religious philosophy of the Self.

On earth, the Ninth signifies expanded mental and spiritual horizons, including long journeys and the probability of distant travel, worldwide contacts and mental adjustment to alien ideas. It also rules publishing and the higher courts of law. And, being the Third House from your Seventh, it rules your in-laws.

#### *Pisces on the Ninth*

Pisces here suggests a devoutly religious outlook. If you choose to live the higher way, your mystical vision can help you to serve and inspire others.

Your greatest quest is for peace. A life lesson for you is to learn that the world cannot give you peace. Rather, it comes through self-sacrifice, and through going within to your own Center.

Even when you lack peace yourself, your gentleness can give peace to others. You have a healing quality that others find helpful. This tenderness and compassion could make you a wonderful nurse.

To further understand this house, look to the sign, house and aspects of Neptune, the ruler of Pisces.

#### *Moon in the Ninth*

Your Moon here can bring a love of travel and a number of long journeys. Unless your higher-octave planets are strong, you could be orthodox in religion, with strongly held beliefs tied to maternal influences and feelings about the past. Alternatively, your varied life experiences may cause you to build your own life philosophy through feelings and devotion to the ideal.

If your Moon is well-placed, your dreams and visions could be of great significance. Receptive to the superconscious realms, you could have the ability to dream true.

#### *Mars in the Ninth*

You are intellectually independent, with an enthusiastic mind, but you may need to guard against fanaticism in promoting your religion or worldview.

Your energy favors athletics, and your restlessness could lead to travel far from home. When going abroad be sure to learn the cultural norms and courtesies so as not to cause offense.

If you experience strife with your in-laws, it could be best to live at a distance from them.

#### *Jupiter in the Ninth*

Jupiter here bestows good judgment, intuition and a strong interest in religion and philosophy. You could be successful in higher education, religion, or fields like publishing, writing or advertising.

You expand your horizons through travel, and living in a foreign country could be favorable. Your in-laws may be very helpful.

## **House 10: Career and Reputation**

The place where the Sun would be at noon, the Tenth House rules the limelight. Showing how you focus your aims in order to serve the public, it signifies your most visible self — your honor, reputation, prestige and standing in the world. It also signifies your career. If you are self-employed it shows your work, and if not, it shows your employers. It can also indicate your father.

The Tenth gives clues about your life purpose. The most important house from a material point of view, it amplifies whatever you represent into the material world.

#### *Aries on the Tenth*

Aries in your blueprint is where your soul initiates activity in the world of appearance. It is where the real ego — the Self — commences its real mission. In your case, it is your drive for significance that thrusts you into activity before the public.

You were born for the limelight. Even if you feel shy and insecure, you desire recognition. For you, happiness comes from being recognized beyond the family circle, and you will work ceaselessly until you attain importance and recognition.

Early in life, however, you may not know what you really want to do. You may rush into a profession, only to later see that it is not for you. Arriving at your goal and maintaining it may seem like an endless struggle. When a cycle ends, you may fight to hold onto the status quo, but you will quickly adapt to new conditions.

Since Mars rules Aries, its house, sign and aspects will show more about your career issues and options.

## **House 11: Goals and Friendships**

The Eleventh is the house of your hopes, wishes, ideals, projects, goals and objectives. Also ruling friendships and group affiliations, it shows how strong your friendships are and how helpful your friends are to you. Its sign, its ruler and the planets within it show your idea of happiness and the probability of your attaining it. If these are afflicted, you may have to work harder to attain satisfaction on the outer level. Along with the Ninth, the Eleventh also has to do with higher levels of consciousness.

#### *Taurus on the Eleventh*

With Taurus here, money and the social doors that it can open are goals in your life. While material things do not bring you lasting satisfaction, you do like money's ability to make you feel secure.

Concerning friends, you want to come first in their affections, but remember that jealousy can make both you and them unhappy. To keep your friends, guard against over-pressuring them or holding them too tightly. Friends help you to stop and smell the roses, so appreciate the non-material things that they have to offer.

To learn more about this house, look to the sign, house and aspects of Venus, the ruler of Taurus.

#### *Sun in the Eleventh*

The house of your Sun sets a keynote for your life, and here it is “To Transfigure.”

You strongly identify with your goals. Your drive for significance is expressed in your objectives, through which you gain recognition.

Friends play a big role in your identity. They may be a vital part of attaining your objectives, and in turn you are there to support them. If your Sun has hard aspects, however, friends could be problematic. For more about these issues, see the sign and aspects of your Sun.

### *Mercury in the Eleventh*

Mercury in the Eleventh suggests that you have fine mental powers to help you attain your goals.

Your friends appeal to your mind more than to your emotions, and may be younger than you are. With youth comes immaturity, and if Mercury has hard aspects, you may also have “frenemy” issues. Mercury’s sign and aspects tell more of the story.

## **House 12: The House of Drawn Shades**

We now reach the hidden area of your life — the house of subconscious attitudes that have been carried over from your past. These are the inhibitions, repressions and frustrations that come from causes beyond your control. Traditionally, the matters of this house include self-undoing, limitation and confinement, and hence hospitals and institutions. These involve the loss of personal liberty and matters that, if they cannot be cured, must be endured.

When rightly used, however, the Twelfth brings initiation and divine understanding. It is the house of solitary sustainment, in which insight and perception show you others in their own light. Often its issues are revealed in your dreams. It is important for you to recognize the need for change, and to go about it without self-pity or self-condemnation.

This is a house of karma, the law of cause and effect. It is also the house of charity received and given. With the planets inside this house or ruling it, you have a special choice to suffer or to serve. To transmute karma requires atonement and attunement to the grace of God which is above and beyond the law.

As with everything in your chart, Twelfth House energies can be used or abused. As always, the choice is yours.

### *Gemini on the Twelfth*

Gemini here means that your hidden nervous side can be your undoing if not handled properly. In endless inner chatter you can ponder things to the point of creating a problem where none existed.

It is important to slow your thoughts. Deepen your breathing, and concentrate on one thing at a time. As well as talk therapy, meditation, yoga, tai chi or a similar discipline can help to steady you.

Issues with relatives can be worrisome. If you have squares or oppositions to your Mercury, these can be karmic issues, and you may need some distance from close family ties, including siblings. Mercury rules Gemini, and so its sign, house and aspects can tell you more about the affairs of this whole house.

### *Venus in the Twelfth*

With Venus here, you value solitude and emotional privacy, and it can be hard for you to express your feelings. You may suffer from feeling unworthy of love, or from wanting someone who is not free. Art in any form, including painting and singing, can benefit you as an expressive outlet. Shopping could also be therapeutic, as long as it is not overdone.

To those who are evolved, this position can give a strong compassion and a desire to serve God through helping the less fortunate. Rather than worldly success, devotion to an ideal would be your motivating force. Venus in this house is extremely protective, and though you may not know it, you have a guardian angel who guides and protects you.

Venus' sign and aspects are very relevant. If Venus has squares or oppositions or is in a sign like Scorpio or Virgo it would be wise to head off health and other problems by not indulging in drink or drugs.

#### *Saturn in the Twelfth*

Very sensitive, you crave solitude and often wish to retreat. You could feel threatened, but this actually stems from unconscious fears within you.

An underground egocentricity could be your undoing, but suffering could help you dissolve it. You will find healing through opening your heart and serving others who are faced with harsh circumstances. Learning forgiveness will also help you find peace. Saturn's sign and aspects can tell you more.

## **Your Overall Orientation to Life**

In your chart wheel, are your planets mostly in the upper half (houses 7-12) or lower (houses 1-6)? In the eastern half (houses 10-12 and 1-4) or western half (houses 4-9)?

The way planetary energy is distributed in these main divisions of your chart suggests your dominant approach to the world. In scoring this, the main energies of your chart, the Sun and Moon, get the most points while the outer planets get the fewest.

#### *Strength in the upper half*

More planetary energy in the houses above the horizon suggests that you are more extroverted and engaged in the outer world. Your career becomes an important vehicle for expending positive energy toward the public.

Your upper planets elevate you from your sphere of birth. If they cluster on the upper half's eastern (left) side, your rise comes early in life. If they cluster in the upper middle, it comes in middle age. If they cluster on the upper right side, your rise comes largely through others.

#### *Strength in the eastern half*

Having more planetary strength in the left-hand, eastern or rising half of your chart suggests that in this lifetime you are free to design your life on your own terms rather than primarily responding to others. Whatever planets you have in the western half will work more through your relationships.

## **Your Spiritual Path**

Earth is a school, where each grade or lifetime is a stage in the growth and development of a soul. The lessons assigned to students in the early grades are uncomplicated. In the higher grades, studies are more difficult, meaning that more work must be done and more tests taken and passed.

## **Where You Stand in This Lifetime**

Where are you in your evolution? At one stage you must learn to involve yourself in matter and build a personality. Later, you are called to evolve out of the personality and build a soul. The distribution of your planets in the zodiac suggests where you are in this process.

#### *More planets in the early signs*

With planets concentrated in the first six signs (Aries through Virgo) it is natural for you to involve yourself with personality and the world of appearance. As you evolve out of personality orientation and master the basics, life will present you with more complex challenges.

## Other Clues About Your Progress

Looking at your chart wheel at the start of this report, do you see Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto near the cusps of houses 1, 4, 7 or 10? If you do, this is one indicator that you have had much soul experience in past lifetimes.

Further, any aspects between higher-octave planets like Uranus, Neptune and Pluto with faster-moving “personal” planets like the Sun, Moon or Mercury are there to stimulate you to evolve in this lifetime. The more of these aspects you have, the more challenging your path will be, and the more strongly you will be pushed to evolve. Even if you don’t have these aspects in your birth chart, inevitably the outer planets will transit or progress to your personal planets at various points in your life. While these times may feel like crises, they will stimulate you to move forward on your spiritual path.

The age of your soul is also hinted at by the sheer number of aspects you have. The more aspects you have (harmonious or not), the stronger your soul and the more power it has to meet challenges. Younger souls have few aspects, giving less power and fewer lessons.

Your degree of evolution is also shown by the resonance of the planets to the signs where they are placed. Having many planets in “dignity” — their ruling sign or sign of exaltation — indicates earned increments from past lifetimes. Planets in dignity are able to project themselves freely in a field harmonious to their own nature.

When not in the signs of their dignity, their full expression is hindered. This is particularly true in the signs where planets are in detriment (opposite their ruling sign) or fall (opposite their exalted sign). For example, Saturn rules Capricorn and is in detriment in the opposite sign, Cancer. A mothering, nutritive, emotional sign, Cancer is constricted and inhibited by the contractive, cold, and practical Celestial Schoolmaster.

Here is where the planets are dignified and debilitated:

- **Sun:** rules *Leo*, is exalted in *Aries*.  
Detriment in *Aquarius*, fall in *Libra*.
- **Moon:** rules *Cancer*, is exalted in *Taurus*.  
Detriment in *Capricorn*, fall in *Scorpio*.
- **Mercury:** rules *Gemini* and *Virgo*, is exalted in *Aquarius*.  
Detriment in *Sagittarius* and *Pisces*, fall in *Leo*.
- **Venus:** rules *Taurus* and *Libra*, is exalted in *Pisces*.  
Detriment in *Scorpio* and *Aries*, fall in *Virgo*.
- **Mars:** rules *Aries* and *Scorpio*, is exalted in *Capricorn*.  
Detriment in *Libra* and *Taurus*, fall in *Cancer*.
- **Jupiter:** rules *Sagittarius* and *Pisces*, is exalted in *Cancer*.  
Detriment in *Gemini* and *Virgo*, fall in *Capricorn*.
- **Saturn:** rules *Capricorn* and *Aquarius*, is exalted in *Libra*.  
Detriment in *Cancer* and *Leo*, fall in *Aries*.
- **Uranus:** rules *Aquarius*, is exalted in *Scorpio*.  
Detriment in *Leo*, fall in *Taurus*.
- **Neptune:** rules *Pisces*, is exalted in *Cancer*.  
Detriment in *Virgo*, fall in *Capricorn*.
- **Pluto:** rules *Scorpio*, is exalted in *Pisces*.  
Detriment in *Taurus*, fall in *Virgo*.

Planets in exaltation express in their highest form, much as if they were in a powerful and favorable aspect. While a planet in its ruling sign is entertaining comfortably in his own home, an exalted planet is not only entertaining in his own home, but has plenty of substance so that he has no limitations whatsoever.

Planets in dignity represent energies you have used well in past lifetimes, while planets in debility represent energies you must learn to use better in this one.

## **Your Direction of Evolution**

The specific *direction* in which you are called to evolve is shown by the Moon's North and South Nodes. The Nodes (always exactly opposite each other) are the two points in the zodiac where the Moon's and Earth's paths cross. Having to do with the Moon, both Nodes signify subconscious patterns.

The South Node shows subconscious drives from your past. Indicating lessons learned in other lives, it shows what is now easy for you to do. Although it is your line of least resistance, it is a pattern that you have outgrown. Now you must leave it behind and concentrate on learning the lessons of this current life.

The North Node shows your way out. Indicating the new patterns that you are being called upon to unfold, it describes the path of integration through which you can achieve spiritual fulfillment. It is the new challenge of new work to be done, the new faculty to be developed, the new channel to create in this lifetime.

Since each Node stays in a sign for over a year, you share the karma of your Node signs with your whole age group. On the other hand, the house positions of your Nodes depend on the time of day you were born. These convey a more personal message about where you are intended to evolve.

### *South Node in Gemini, North in Sagittarius*

You and those born around your year are easily inclined to focus on personal attitudes. Now you must learn to take a broader, more long-range view. New physical and spiritual horizons beckon, and you grow by exploring different ideas and cultures.

### *South Node in House 11, North in House 5*

In past lives you learned very well to use team effort. You evolve in this lifetime by using your own forces to create children of your body, mind and emotions. Growth comes from expressing yourself through your creations, and from strengthening your character through the use of will.

Although the ancients viewed the South Node as malefic and the North Node as benefic, it is simply that if we cling to the past and refuse to build new skills, we retard our development. You can dilly-dally and pass up opportunities. If you fail your tests, you redo that grade. The choice is yours. God is patient. God is also pressure. You cannot evade this inexorable force.

## **Continuing on Your Path**

We chose our environment, our parents and our blueprint before we came into matter. In this lifetime the body is new, but the soul in the body is not. Death is only the finish line for the vehicle that we use on Earth.

Let nothing dismay you. Whatever you have the power to create, you have the power to redeem.

As you move along your Path, you may find it helpful to practice the following meditation. Called “The Pattern on the Trestleboard,” it was introduced by Paul Foster Case and used by his group, Builders of the Adytum, and other seekers. It is keyed to the essence of the numbers 0 through 10. Planting these affirmations in your mind through repetition can bear rich fruit in your spiritual unfoldment.

~0~

All the Power that ever was or will be is here now.

~1~

I am a center of expression for the Primal Will-to-Good  
that eternally creates and sustains the Universe.

~2~

Through me, its Unfailing Wisdom  
takes form in thought and word.

~3~

Filled with understanding of its perfect law  
I am guided moment by moment along the path of liberation.

~4~

From the exhaustless riches of its Limitless Substance  
I draw all things needful, both spiritual and material.

~5~

I recognize the manifestation of the Undeviating Justice  
in all the circumstances of my life.

~6~

In all things, great and small,  
I see the Beauty of the Divine Expression.

~7~

Living from that Will,  
supported by its unfailing Wisdom and Understanding,  
mine is the victorious life.

~8~

I look forward with confidence  
to the perfect realization  
of the Eternal Splendor of the Limitless Light.

~9~

In thought, word and deed, I rest my life, from day to day,  
upon the sure foundation of Eternal Being.

~10~

The Kingdom of God is embodied in my flesh.

## Appendix: Taking Your Aspects Further

To further understand your chart, it helps to take another look at your aspects as shown in the “Planetary Aspects” list at the start of this report. This shows three categories of aspects:

**Conjunctions.** In an exact conjunction, the two planets would be 0 degrees apart. The keyword for conjunctions is Emphasis. Of all the aspect categories, this is the strongest, and if its “orb” is small (see the section on orbs below) a conjunction becomes a major focal point in your chart. The conjunction’s potential for good or ill depends on how well the two planetary energies blend, and whether the planets involved are in favorable signs.

**Trines and Sextiles.** The trine (120 degrees) and sextile (60 degrees) aspects are based on the hexagon. The keyword for trines is Harmony, and for sextiles it is Opportunity. The trine shows earned increments from good that you gave out in other lives, and it operates whether or not you do anything. The sextile bestows skills with which you can gain benefits, but to fulfill its potential you must apply those skills.

Trines and sextiles indicate an unobstructed energy flow. They are “easy” aspects, as the hexagon mirrors the harmonious forces in nature that stimulate growth and the building-up of life. They represent the constructive side of nature, whereby organic forms are created, nourished and held.

**Squares and Oppositions.** The square (90 degrees) and opposition (180 degrees) are based on the right angle. The keyword for squares is Obstacles, and for oppositions it is Awareness.

Squares and oppositions are considered “difficult” because the geometric figure of the right angle symbolizes the destruction of organic form. This happens through the release of dynamic tensions that counter the forces of growth. In contrast to the flowing quality of the trine and sextile, the square and opposition signify crystallization.

According to the ancient philosophers, life is produced by the forces of the hexagon and the right angle coexisting in nature in a state of equilibrium. Despite their antipathy toward each other, they work together to create the ordered disposition of the whole. As these forces are equal, each complements the other — positive and negative, in-breath and out-breath, construction and destruction, expansion and contraction. These are the dual forces that we must reckon with in every phase of living in a dual universe.

**“Easy” versus “Difficult” Aspects.** Your squares and oppositions imply a misuse of the planets’ energies in past lives that you are called upon to redeem. If unredeemed, your squares and oppositions can manifest in health conditions and other difficulties. However, if you see more squares and oppositions than trines and sextiles, do not be perplexed or alarmed.

Every chart presents difficulties, for this planet is a school where we who are rebels have come to learn the lessons of Life and Love. Anyone who has attained any spiritual or material stature in this life has a chart replete with squares and oppositions. The obstacles come with the strength to overcome them. An “easy” chart does not give power and strength, but only ease and harmony. Too many trines and sextiles can create inertia unless you bestir yourself. The squares and oppositions prod you to action.

Know, too, that for a characteristic to be strong, it will be implied by more than one aspect and in several ways. If it is shown only once in a chart, it is a relatively minor factor in your character.

**Dealing with Difficult Aspects.** Comparing the “Planetary Aspects” list at the start of this report with the sign information in the “Planetary Positions” list sheds light on how best to deal with your squares and oppositions.

*If your square or opposition is between Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn),* debts of wrong action from a past life require corrective action in this one. If you handle them rightly in this lifetime, they need not become entrenched. If they do get entrenched, they could manifest in a future life as Fixed-sign afflictions, which will take far more energy to overcome.

*If your square or opposition is between Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius),* debts deeply ingrained over many lives can require great effort to redeem them. These aspects arose from the harmful effects of self-will, and they now call upon you to give up self-will. To channel their energy constructively requires much attention and discipline.

*If your square or opposition is between Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces),* it represents faults that arise from wrong thinking. You can redeem these faults quite easily by developing a healthier attitude and a capacity to process experience with more faith and humility.

The body is the end terminal for difficulties. If you address these on the mental and emotional levels, they need not manifest physically. By going the way of the Higher Self, you can save yourself a great deal of pain and suffering.

**Also Look at the Orbs.** In the last column of your aspect list, you will see the aspect’s “orb” — the number of degrees and minutes it is from exact. The closer the aspect, the stronger its influence. The closest aspect in your chart has great importance. Even those that are one or two degrees apart are very strong.

Aspects with orbs under one degree are called “partile” and are the strongest of all, for either good or ill. These powerful “fate” aspects must be handled wisely, as they give no leeway and can become the keynote of your chart.

**Aspects to Your Ascendant and Midheaven.** While these are not discussed in this report, aspects to the Ascendant or Midheaven are shown in your aspect list. Their importance relies on an accurate birth time within a half hour. Any planet that is conjunct or opposition your Ascendant or Midheaven gains great prominence, and merits special attention to anything said about it in this report. To a lesser extent, squares, trines and sextiles to your Ascendant or Midheaven also increase a planet’s importance.

**A Final Word about Aspects.** The energy shown through your aspects is neither constructive nor destructive. It is just pure energy at your disposal to use or abuse. It’s how you use it that labels it good or bad. Once you activate an energy, you invite the law of cause and effect to operate, and you must abide by the results.

Never let a difficulty in your chart frighten you! Your blueprint is your personality pattern, but not the Spirit or High Self behind it. That Self has the Power, the Love and the Intelligence to help you if only you invite it to do so. As it never intrudes upon or interferes with your free will, it can only assist you by your invitation.

## About this Report

Your report is based on Isabel Hickey's classic text *Astrology: A Cosmic Science*, with insights from her other writings and lectures. Still a bestseller, *Astrology: A Cosmic Science* is the definitive work on the interplay of astrology, karma, and reincarnation.

Isabel's spiritual philosophy was applied in this report by her long-time student, Amy Shapiro, and her daughter, Helen Hickey, to convey the essence of her inspiring and constructive guidance.

**Isabel Hickey** pioneered spiritual astrology in the modern era. Lecturing throughout the United States, she was renowned as a counselor, healer, and metaphysical teacher whose guidance transformed the lives of thousands. Believing in reincarnation, she devoted her life to helping others tune into the universal laws governing our lives.

"Issie," as she was affectionately known, had a Leo Sun (9th house) in trine to Uranus (1st house). Living in Watertown, Massachusetts, she was called "Boston's spiritual sparkplug" by students and friends. She helped seekers use meditative practices to invite their Higher Self to live more dynamically through their personality.

Isabel Hickey left this physical world in 1980, but, as one of her students stated, "Anyone who has been touched by Issie is never the same." Her essence shines brightly in the countless lives she touched during forty years of learning, sharing, loving, and caring.

In her early spiritual life Issie had two teachers. One was an Easterner on the path of devotion, the other an occultist on the path of knowledge and power. One of the most important principles she learned was that power divorced from love and service can lead one into darkness, not light. Lovingly sharing the wisdom gained through her studies, Issie helped so many people toward a better life that her correspondence was filled with enthusiastic expressions of gratitude.

Like many wise astrologers, Isabel taught that segmented computer-generated chart interpretations cannot replace having a live, intuitive astrologer discern the spiritual meaning of your unique planetary patterns. Nevertheless, her insights in this report can support your ongoing search for truth and meaning. May they inspire you to seek the highest Light and Love of your True Self, as you remember that you are, in essence, much more than your chart!

Besides her astrology writings, Isabel wrote *It Is ALL Right* to share further insights. That book is still available. In 2012, her autobiography, *Never Mind*, was published posthumously, with memoirs by Amy Shapiro and Isabel's grandson, Jay Hickey.

**Helen Hickey**, Isabel's daughter, earned graduate degrees in guidance and counseling, and served as Dean of Boston University's Sargent College of Physical Therapy. As a consultant on developing community education programs she worked to provide local services, including prenatal care programs aimed at preventing birth defects. A busy career kept her traveling, most of the time out of her base in New York City. She later moved back to Boston.

Though not an astrologer, Helen was an enthusiastic supporter of Issie's work, and referred many health professionals and students to her mother as clients, knowing that they would benefit from Issie's experience, knowledge of human nature, wisdom, and commitment to serving others. Helen and Issie often discussed effective counseling techniques, including the importance of timing when introducing the idea of behavioral changes and getting clients to accept responsibility. She was eternally grateful that Issie was "there" to share ideas with her and help her care for these individuals.

Helen assisted with the early work of this report before leaving this realm in 2005. As part of Helen's legacy, the proceeds she would have earned from this report will benefit students at Boston University.

**Amy Shapiro** studied astrology with Isabel Hickey from 1965-70. Their joint activities included lectures, seminars, and radio and TV appearances, founding associations and promoting respect for astrology. Amy has continued carrying the torch in her consulting practice, her “Good Heavens!” columns and her Cape Ann School of Astrology, plus TV and radio shows and many books.

As an editor at Para Research Amy assisted astrologers Robert Hand, John Townley, Robert Pelletier, Marcia Moore, Dr. Margaret Millard and Robert Jansky. After studying the esoteric lectures of Dr. Oskar Adler (1875-1955) Amy published his biography and his 7-volume *Testament of Astrology*. Among her own books, all listed at her website NewAgeSages.com, are the original research studies *Forces at Work: Astrology and Career* and *Inviting Eris to the Party: Our Provocateur In Unfair Affairs*.

Holding an M. Ed. in Education and Counseling, Amy also trained at Harvard’s Mind-Body Institute and the New England Society of Clinical Hypnosis. In addition, she practices T’ai Chi and helps people improve their foundational nutrition.

Issie did not interpret the outer planets in signs where they had not transited during her lifetime. Amy has therefore added text on Neptune in Aries, Taurus, Aquarius and Pisces and Pluto in Sagittarius and Capricorn. She has also improved the flow of this report and enriched it with her intuitions and cosmic insights inspired by her association with Issie.

**Astrology: A Cosmic Science** is the classic astrology text that forms the basis of this report. This contains all of Issie’s interpretations plus additional explanations for the student. The current edition includes Issie’s second book, *Pluto or Minerva: The Choice is Yours*. This expanded edition of *Astrology: A Cosmic Science* is available from booksellers including Amazon.com and the American Federation of Astrologers (Astrologers.com), or directly from the publisher, CRCS Publications (email [crcspubs@yahoo.com](mailto:crcspubs@yahoo.com)). *Astrology: A Cosmic Science* has also been translated into Spanish and German.

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