

Inner*Child

An Astrological Profile for
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Watching children at play, have you ever wondered how you could have made the innocence and joy of your own youth last into your life today as an adult? Suppose you could reach back in time and capture the enthusiasm, imagination and seemingly infinite possibilities that you felt then. Or go back and undo, heal or reshape the experiences that weren't so happy. Then imagine the possibility of the person you might now become!

One of the things psychology teaches us is that a person's experience of childhood remains throughout life. There's even a term for this part of the psyche. It's called your Inner Child.

Woven into your Inner Child are all the memories, feelings and experiences from your early years. The deepest impressions are usually formed early, some even before you walk or talk. While you may not consciously recall the details of your fourth birthday, what you felt and experienced on that day is stored in your subconscious -- right down to the glow of the candles on the cake! Inevitably, we also tuck away feelings of hurt, rage and disappointment. When the right situation triggers those feelings, our Inner Child can pop out in some very odd ways indeed!

For all these reasons, it's worth while to take the time to recall who we were and what we felt in those early years. Re-connecting with the forgotten parts of our being helps us to be more comfortable with and in command of all sides of ourselves today. Then, we're less likely to be blind-sided by "out of the blue" outbursts. More important, we're be able to reclaim the childlike zest and aliveness that got buried along with the pain.

Fortunately, there's a handy way that you can sneak a peek at some of the treasure -- and trash -- that's stored in this part of your psyche. This is through the symbolism in your astrological chart. Of course, fully digging into your depths to uncover your Inner Child isn't the simplest thing in the world. But you can make a gentle beginning by studying this report.

The pages that follow can be your roadmap on this journey. My hope is that they will spark recall of the person you were when you were young. Then you may realize how those qualities that form your core essence still reside within you now. If, somewhere along the path to adulthood, these qualities took a wrong turn, you can now find them again.

As you read, you may feel a strange mixture of emotions -- from jump-up-and-down joy on the one hand, to deep sadness on the other. Yes, your past is filled with just those kinds of paradoxical elements. After all, if life didn't have those mixed messages, magical moments, disappointments, fabulous celebrations and broken dreams -- it would actually be pretty boring. Sometimes, these shakeups to your psyche can lead you to your most powerful creative impulses.

As you make this journey into your past, think of yourself as a loving guide, support and protector for that precious part of you that existed many years ago, and which still lives inside you now.

Chapter One: The Basic Framework of Your Personality

In discovering who the young Donald was, let's first consider his overall personality type, which is still yours today. One of the best ways to investigate this is to find out which zodiac signs are most emphasized in your chart. This will show how the ancient elements Fire, Earth, Air and Water combine to determine your basic approach to the world.

Another factor to look at is the proportions in which the ancient elements Fire, Earth, Air and Water appear in the horoscope of your birth moment. This depends on which zodiac signs are most emphasized in your chart.

Your Overall Inclinations

To find which of the elements in your personality are strongest, we tally up the signs of the Sun, Moon, planets and other important points. When we do this, it turns out that you have a pretty even balance of Fire, Earth, Air and Water.

This suggests that you're likely to have an especially well-rounded approach to life and the people in it. There can be an ease in relating to all sorts of situations, and a relative feeling of comfort in changing circumstances. This balance of elements can also indicate that you have the capacity to be especially tolerant and accepting. It's also likely that you'll be happy expressing yourself in whatever manner feels natural to you, and that this will be well received by others.

The *least* influential element in your chart turns out to be Earth. With Earth lacking or weak, you may feel that you aren't really grounded. One way to get in touch with Earth is by handling the element itself – through an activity like landscaping, planting a garden, working with clay, or kneading bread. To compensate for a feeling that there's something missing in your sense of foundation, you may also need to cultivate an understanding of structure. Building things or analyzing the way they're put together could help to fulfill this need. Another way your lack of Earth may have surfaced is in your conscious connection to your physical body. This may have been largely nonexistent, or you could have gone overboard and become obsessed with your physical form or your health.

The Earth element affects your inclination and capacity to handle the material plane in general. This includes all the daily activities that you do to sustain your physical being on earth -- everything from health and finances to the way you take care of possessions. Other factors in your astrological chart (like Saturn) can make these areas more important to you, and you may well have become quite proficient in them. However, it's probably required more effort for you than it does for people who have more Earth in their charts.

Alternatively, your lack of Earth could cause you to overcompensate. On the surface you may appear very stable and in touch with both your body and the material world. Again, a strongly placed Saturn can give you some of the same things that Earth signs provide. Also, Venus can give a sensual appreciation of the body and whatever is tangible.

Even so, on an inward level you may still long for the Earthy element that's lacking in your chart. You may spend your adult life seeking structures of various sorts, and in order to derive a sense of comfort and stability you may take up activities like growing or building things, or subjects (like geology or mineralogy) that have to do with the earth. Also, as you matured, you may have discovered that you're drawn to others who have the Earth element strongly emphasized. Whenever others model Earth attributes such as carefulness, dependability, responsibility and attention to physical resources, it can help you to feel more balanced and complete.

Also, besides being one of four elements, each sign is Cardinal, Fixed or Mutable. These astrological modes (or action models) determine how a sign manifests its energy. In your case, there's a healthy, rather even balance between Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable signs. This means that you're likely to get along with all sorts of people. This balance can be especially helpful when you have to deal with difficult situations, changes or unfamiliar circumstances. In everything from projects to relationships, you have an equal focus on starting, working through, and reaching closure.

Your Earliest Personality

Most people know about Sun signs, but during your earliest years your needs and expressions were reflected mainly by your Moon. That's because the Moon tells the story of feelings and pure emotion. So during your infancy and early childhood, people like your parents probably saw the qualities of your Moon long before the Sun's qualities began to shine forth. Expressing the Sun requires more self-awareness, and that develops in later childhood and early adult years. It's your Moon that's really the soul of your Inner Child.

With your Moon in Sagittarius, you like to be on the go. From your earliest days, you've felt a need to be unrestrained and free to roam. This probably bothered your parents, since your tendency to wander left them searching for you in malls, parks and other places more than once during your youth. Now, you're still happiest when you have lots of room, ample opportunity to explore, and time outdoors in natural surroundings. Learning and travel are other extensions of your need to reach out and experience as much as you can about life. Your appetites are big – for everything – and you may still need to work on accepting limitations.

Developing an Ego

The spark of your ego was there when you were tiny, and it steadily grew brighter as you became more self-expressive. Just about the time you started school, the true radiance of your individuality started to pour out into the world so that others could see it.

Your ego and individuality are symbolized in your chart by the Sun. Your Sun sign gives clues about how you'd like to be seen, and shows what you need to feel motivated toward achievement. When you think back to your youth about what made you feel special in the world and what you wished others would support, you're remembering the drive from your gently shining Sun.

Actually, you don't really "own" your Sun Sign until you become an adult, but you practiced showing it when you were a child. While the solar drive gains in power as you grow up, developing healthy ways to get in touch with and express your Sun began in childhood. If you don't think that your Sun nature was fully honored or understood when you were small, it's not too late to honor and celebrate it now.

Your Gemini Sun suggests a need for plenty of distractions. As an infant, it would have been good to fill your crib with toys, mobiles and rattles (which, when finally quiet, would have been the clue that you were asleep). These then could have given way to tricycles and bicycles, since being on the move was a top priority for you. In preschool years, your preference for spending time with your buddies would have given you a chance to experience even more variety and to practice your communication skills. You may have talked early, and probably had plenty of questions.

Your primary-school years could have been pure joy, since a Gemini Sun tends to have great enthusiasm for learning. While focus may have been a problem, if you were interested in a subject, you paid more attention.

As a preteen, you may have seemed to change friends as your interests changed. But you could still cherish a good friend who understood your humor and honored your need for free-thinking.

Now, you still need variety, and may still be highly curious. Hopefully, you also have a platform from which to communicate your endless thoughts. You could find this in speaking, writing, sales, or other communication or people-oriented activities.

Learning to Meet the World

The way you learn to present yourself to the world is shown by the astrological sign on your Ascendant – also known as the Rising Sign. The Ascendant is like a mask, an apparatus we build in order to transmit what's inside us to the world outside. The Ascendant and the First House represent your body and physical appearance, your mannerisms and dress. All of this determines how other people see you. While the Ascendant isn't your innermost essence, it's a necessary tool for dealing with the social realm outside.

The sign on your Ascendant shows your *natural* way of presenting yourself. The way you come on to the world is shaped not only by inborn inclinations, but also by what other people told you about who you are and how you ought to appear. It was also influenced by social norms and other environmental conditioning.

If you're dissatisfied with the image you present, or it doesn't seem to work to get you all the love, respect and cooperation that you want, it may help to take another look at what your natural expression of the Ascendant would be. The sign on your Ascendant (together with the planetary influences on your Ascendant discussed in Chapter Four) can give you a better idea of the raw materials you've been given to work with. Understanding their nature and learning to respect their qualities can help you create a presence that works in your best interests when you're dealing with others.

With Leo rising, your trademarks were likely to be personal pride and a flare for drama. It's difficult to ignore anybody with a Leo Ascendant! As a kid, you needed a place to show off and shine – that is, when you wanted to be noticed. You could have been rather self-absorbed when you were young, and that could still be the case unless you've learned to become more aware of the others around you. Also, even as a tiny tot, you may have exhibited a loving, generous warmth. Now, you're probably known for your big-heartedness, with a little showmanship thrown into the mix for good measure!

Chapter Two:

How You Saw Your Parents

Anyone who spends time in therapy discovers that many hours are devoted to reconstructing your childhood – most especially, your relationship with your parents. And even if you aren't drawn to psychotherapy, you've probably discovered that you now see your parents differently than you did when you were a kid. After all, in early childhood, your own survival was what was most important to you, and it was natural to view everyone else simply as either contributing to or endangering your welfare. Only when children have grown up considerably are they ready to see their parents and others as people with needs and drives of their own.

Even so, throughout life humans tend to project their own drives and needs onto others. Projection is a key concept in psychology. To better understand it, think of a movie projector projecting an image onto a screen. Every day, people project their own emotional state onto the screen of the outside world. When you feel happy, the world itself looks bright to you -- and when you feel low, you project your own gloom onto the world and as a result tend to see unhappiness wherever you go.

The concept of projection extends into your personal relationships as well, including your early relationship with your parents. When you were young, many of the urges, needs and desires that you felt were impossible for you yourself to express at that stage of your development. Since these feelings were of primary importance to you, it was only human to seek some way to experience them. And so you found an appropriate person -- the "screen" -- on which to project the feelings, needs and drives that were actually your own. In doing so, you were able to "see" your own feelings and needs. When you projected these needs onto the parents and other people close to you, you then were able to experience a necessary part of your own being.

You may have seen things in your parents that they wouldn't recognize in themselves. For example, your mother or other primary caregiver would have been the natural projection screen for your own needs for security and nurture. Also, you would have naturally used Mother to see your own inner feminine self -- something that's an integral part of the psyche of boys as well as girls. And if you had strong feelings such as love or rage, those, too, could have been projected onto your mother and entwined with your ideas of both nurture and the feminine.

But all this is relative to *you*. If you had brothers or sisters, they could have had a very different perception of the same parents, according to their own individual needs.

What You Looked for in Mother

Understanding how you perceived Mom and Dad any anyone else who filled these roles exposes what you hoped to see and needed to experience from your first caregivers. And what you needed from and experienced through these parental figures formed the basis of your own developing sense of self.

Your perception of the mother figures in your life is principally shown by the placement of the Moon in your chart. This is very important because, as you've probably grown to realize, the way you saw Mother provided the model for the way you now show care and mothering toward others, including children of your own.

Even more important for Inner Child work, it determines how you will nurture and care for yourself. Before trying to become the parent to yourself that you always wished you had, you need to become aware of what parenting – primarily, mothering – really means to you.

Your Moon in Sagittarius suggests that one of your needs was to see your mother as the ultimate teacher, someone who was in touch with culture and ideas, and who placed a value on education and possibly also religious training. You looked to her for inspiration and faith, and any outbursts of enthusiasm from her could have provided some of your most cherished memories. You probably also wanted to see her as a free and independent spirit, full of optimism and a zest for exploring.

You needed your mother to model these qualities because they're really an essential part of your own nature. You looked to a female figure to teach you the best ways of expressing your own bubbling-over enthusiasm and strong need for elbow room. If your mom was quite a different person than the one you needed her to be, you may have looked to other females as models of independence and intellectual curiosity. Quite possibly, later on you found female teachers, mentors and guides to be the models that you needed.

At times, your mom may have been too independent for your tastes. When you were small and needed tender and consistent nurturing, Mom may have been off on an adventure, or simply preoccupied with her own enthusiasms. Also, before you had developed sufficient emotional resiliency, she might have been a bit too blunt and insensitive to your emotional states. And you may at times have found her inconsistent or unreliable. If any of these things happened, you may now find others trying to deal with similar qualities in you.

The Moon being harmoniously connected with Mars adds a tendency to see Mother as assertive, strong-willed, and ready to stand up for her own rights and beliefs. For you, it was extremely important that your Mom showed you how to stand up for your personal needs in a healthy way.

In addition, a harmonious Moon-Jupiter connection suggests the image of a mother who encouraged you to expand and grow — perhaps a bit too much. (“Now, eat everything on your plate!”) This expansion also, however, involved your moral sense, which is most likely modeled after your mother's. You may have viewed Mom as a spiritual teacher, and looked to her especially when you needed a shot of confidence and optimism.

With the Moon in a dynamic contact with Uranus, you definitely saw Mom as unique. You could have felt that this uniqueness was a plus, or you might have thought, “My mom is weird,” or even “My mom is crazy.” At the very least, your mother may have seemed radically different from the moms of the other kids in your class. If she was secure in her sense of individuality, you probably didn't find this to be such a problem. But if your mom was bizarre in her actions or disrespectful of herself, you'd have had a much harder time dealing with your feelings about her.

Another key factor in Uranian aspects from the Moon is what you learned about emotional distancing. If Mom seemed “out there,” then you were very likely to develop a kind of emotional bubble that served to maintain that distance. This may have affected the way you relate to others now, setting up a pattern in which you seek out relationships with people who are either unreachable or inappropriate for fulfilling your needs.

Alternatively, you may have felt that Mother's nurturing, protection or support was inconsistent. One day, it may have seemed that Mom was balanced and approachable; while the next day she seemed unreachable. Another possibility with this aspect is that you received inconsistent messages from Mom about developing your own independence.

On the plus side, you may have seen Mom as remarkably intuitive. The way she used her intuitive flow would have affected your trust of your own intuitive perceptions.

What You Looked for in Father

Perceptions of your father and other male figures to whom you looked for support are mainly symbolized by the placement of your Sun. The Sun is the primary masculine archetype in astrology, and it could also be described as your sense of self.

A true sense of self is very limited in a young child, who is unlikely to "own" these qualities until the preteen years or later. Nevertheless, the way you eventually developed a sense of self may be strongly tied to your initial relationship with your father. Further on in your development, this could have been supplemented by interactions with other significant male figures and mentors. If you saw your father and other important males in your early life as supportive and consistent, you would have become more confident about your own individuality and identity.

The placement of the Sun in your chart shows not only your perceptions of your father, but also what you needed or hoped to see in him. It's important to ask yourself whether you felt that he and the other male figures in your life met these needs. For example, part of the frustration some children feel with their dad during their rebellious years comes from an unconscious awareness that he didn't match their projections about him.

If there are areas where you feel that Dad didn't match up to your projections, it's not too late to fill these hollow places in yourself. Looking at your birth chart can give clues about the inner masculine qualities that you can repair and nurture within yourself now.

With your Sun in Gemini, you tended to project qualities of intelligence, flexibility and perceptiveness onto Father, until you could develop and own these qualities for yourself. For you, time spent sharing ideas with Dad would have been particularly special. You could still miss those rides in the car, when you seemed to talk about any and everything with him.

Alternatively, you might have seen your father as a kind of Peter Pan – someone who was fun but who never quite grew up. While he was charming and a great pal, he might not have assisted you in developing the patience and consistency needed to become an effective adult. Unwilling to make a commitment, he may have not been there when you needed him, and it's possible that he could have sometimes played fast and loose with the truth.

If things went well, however, he left you with the gift of versatility and ingenuity, and a curiosity about every little part of life. Like the hero Odysseus, you may now have nimble wits that enable you to move along your own kind of heroic path.

The fact that your Sun is in the Tenth House fills out the picture of what you needed from your father. It reinforces the idea that when you were a child you needed your father to have an important place in the world. You very much wanted to believe that he was worthy of admiration. Certainly, within the family he may have commanded great respect, especially from you. In order to discover your own public identity when you emerged into world as an adult, you had a special need for your father's positive leadership and guidance.

A connection between your Sun and Jupiter was likely to be projected as a kind of Santa Claus image, reinforcing your view of Father as the great provider. If Dad provided all those material things to compensate for not spending time with you, however, you might have felt that these gifts were hollow. Nevertheless you most probably saw your dad as optimistic and enthusiastic, and looked to him to provide both inspiration and praise for your achievements.

With your Sun conjunct the planet Uranus, you may have felt that your father was either aloof or erratic and unreliable. Still, you may have been rather proud that he stood out from the pack, and was independent or even a bit eccentric. You could have seen him as someone who lived beyond the limitations and structures of society and who offered a different view of life from the norm.

If your dad had positive outlets to express his individuality, you most likely grew to feel confident about your own uniqueness as you matured. However, if he was simply rebellious or unreliable, you were likely to rebel against him when you entered your teen years. To show him that you weren't going to replicate what you saw as a failure, you may have actually become more conservative and restrained.

Authority Figures Then and Now

Another important need that you had in childhood was for solidity, structure and safety – and most children look to their parents to establish this for them. Though you've now stepped into the world as an adult, you didn't just automatically understand how the world works. You needed older people to teach you this. Because you didn't arrive on planet Earth with a clear idea about how limits might work in life, parents and teachers had to instruct you about limits, consequences, and the rules of life. Even now, you're probably quite aware that there are still lessons to learn in this regard.

These rules, tests, structures and frameworks are shown in your chart by Saturn. Looking at your Saturn shows how you related to authority figures when you were young, and also where you may need to develop self-discipline in your life as an adult.

Your Saturn being in the sign Cancer indicates an especially powerful need for the security of family ties and tradition. You looked to your elders for emotional security and a clear sense of home, and wanted them to teach you how to create this for others. You may still think of your parental and family structure as representing an ideal. Preserving values from the past is extremely important to you, to the point where you could be inordinately tied to tradition.

With Saturn being in your Eleventh House, there's a special need for you to learn to establish goals and objectives. If you were taught the importance of clarifying your aims, then this set you well on your way toward a solid path to success. To learn how to deal with responsibility, you tended to watch the way your parents related to community and to friends. Confirmation from friends and community is also part of your own basic security framework.

Many children are anything but delighted at the prospect of being “responsible” – that’s what adults are supposed to be, not kids! Especially in childhood, Saturn energy can feel very judgmental and limiting. Nevertheless, Saturn brings the discipline, structure, stability and relationship to tradition that every child needs in order to become a functional adult.

Saturn’s expression is definitely learned, and is something that you probably didn’t begin to own until about age 14. Certainly, you felt Saturn’s influence when you were young, but you could still fall back on parents and teachers to provide a safety net. It was probably mainly your parents and teachers who provided this safety net and stabilizing influence. In other words, adults took on Saturn’s role for you until you were capable of shouldering the responsibility yourself. And then, taking on responsibility became one of your key trials in adulthood.

Chapter Three:

Your Unfolding Mind

Learning is a lifelong process, but the way you deal with it was shaped during your childhood. The messages that you picked up about learning in those days continue to influence the way you go about developing new skills and acquiring fresh knowledge as an adult.

To better understand why you approach learning in the manner you do now, let’s consider what was likely to be happening during your early learning experiences. This depended both on your own potentials – your personal style of absorbing information – and the influence of teachers, mentors, parents, and the society in which you grew up. It also depended on the style of communication that was natural to you, and how that got to be shaped by outside influences.

Which parts of learning were easy for you, and which were hard? It’s coming to be accepted that there are at least seven kinds of intelligence, and that only two are measured by the usual I.Q. tests. Early intellectual development involves many factors besides the usual verbal and mathematical abilities. Children can be brilliant not just in the three Rs -- but alternatively in music, in the way they move their bodies, or in the way they visualize things in space. Or they can have special interpersonal intelligence that makes them geniuses at human relations, or intrapersonal intelligence that gives exceptional inner wisdom and intuitive abilities. In addition, intellectual skills include memory, judicial thinking, decision-making, speculative thought and creativity -- and you could have had a hard or easy time with any of these.

Did your teachers and mentors understand the way your mind worked, or did they try to shoehorn you into a mold that really didn’t fit your natural pattern? To explore the natural inclinations of your mind, we’ll look at the Moon and the planet Mercury in your chart.

Maybe you didn’t get as good a start in learning as you’d have liked. If so, seeing what your chart says about your cognitive style can give you clues about how you can now refocus and reshape the way you think and learn.

The Way You Absorb Information

We've talked about the Moon as it reveals your basic emotional nature and your perception of Mom, but it also shows how you take in the impressions that the world makes on you. The Moon shows the way you store memories in the vaults of your conscious and subconscious mind. This includes not just emotional memories, but also information and ideas. Its position in your chart shows things like whether your mind is more like a sponge that soaks up everything, or a sieve that discriminates -- whether it's quick on the uptake, or deliberate and thorough. It also shows the kinds of information you're most apt to absorb.

Your Moon is in a Fire sign, which suggests that you've always had a highly active mind. For you, inspiring ideas are more interesting than practical matters, because philosophical ideals and theoretical possibilities give your mind room for creative expression.

Some classroom experiences may have been enjoyable. However, you may recall the fascinating things that you learned through travel or friends from far-away places better than you can remember how to spell the words that stumped you on tests.

As you began to grow up, you might have liked to engage in fiery discussions. Acquiring skills in public speaking and debating could have helped you in the line of work you've chosen today. Dramatic expression through acting could also still be fun for you. To reawaken your free-flowing self-expression, you might thoroughly enjoy being part of a community theater group, even if you're now in a "respectable" career.

The Moon's speed when you were born also says something about your learning style. Each month, the Moon varies in its motion from less than 12 to more than 15 degrees per day. In your case, the Moon was moving at an easy pace. Its relatively slow speed suggests a strong need to observe a situation before you make a change. Even now, you may feel reluctant to face or step into unfamiliar ideas or situations, and if you're forced to move too quickly, you may lose confidence.

You'll be more comfortable in new situations if you make allowances for your innate style of taking in information. Instead of worrying that you can't come to a conclusion as quickly as others do, give yourself the time you need for cautious observation and due consideration. Then, even when you're in unfamiliar territory, you'll do just fine. You can also remind yourself that there's a definite place in the world for thinking things out carefully. Some situations require just that kind of thought. Also, the more you practice it, the easier and faster this kind of thought gets as you grow older, and it produces an extraordinarily solid, finished product. When you're surrounded by sprinters, it's good to remember that in many cases slow and steady wins the race.

Another thing about your learning style is that you probably feel safer in circumstances that have a lot of structure. If your early education wasn't very structured, or you felt that you were always left behind, you could have grown to regard school as a kind of punishment. However, another major plus of this gently paced Moon was that you tended to retain ideas easily. This talent can give you a retentive memory in adulthood as well.

Your Style of Communicating

As a baby, you began to explore your environment through your five senses, symbolized by the planet Mercury in your chart. Over time, your basic sensory learning became increasingly refined, and your capacity to learn and integrate information grew to encompass abstract concepts. For example, you no longer had to taste everything as part of your experience of identifying it – that was a two-year-old approach! Instead, you could also learn about things through words and other kinds of symbols like numbers.

The peak of Mercury's developmental cycle came between the ages of seven and thirteen, when the major connections between you and the outside world were being formed. That's when you ordinarily would spend a lot of energy mastering language and refining your communication skills. During those years, you were developing your Mercury side probably more than you've done either before or since.

While the Moon shows how you take in information, the way Mercury is placed in your chart shows your very own way of framing concepts, manipulating them within your own mind, and expressing them to others. With your Mercury in Cancer, you could well have a photographic memory. It's easy, however, for you to confuse what you think with what you feel. Also, you can be mentally protective, so that you hold back information until you're certain that it's safe to speak. You may therefore find it more comfortable to be indirect in your communications. This might not have worked out so well when you had to answer multiple-choice test questions, and so you probably did better on essay-type exams.

It's Mercury in square aspect to Neptune that's operating when you seem to be lost in the clouds. This influence gives highly imaginative qualities, but the square adds an element of tension between the logical thought processes and the imaginative or artistic sensibilities. Sometimes this manifests in an odd way, and during childhood, you may actually have resisted your need to fantasize because you could get lost and feel insecure or uncomfortable when fantasy would go too far. You might still feel that way some of the time.

In most cases, however, this aspect indicates the overly imaginative child who had difficulty with clarity of thinking. Mental energy can be drained, lost or dissipated, possibly by confusing sensory input or other elements that might be classified as a learning disorder. Also motivation to learn may have been inhibited. This might have happened if there was an organic or other process that made it difficult for you to learn, or if you felt uncertain about your ability to get things right. Sharing ideas and information in a coherent manner may be difficult when you were young. There was definitely a potential that you may have withdrawn or "spaced out," leaving your parents and teachers to wonder how to get through to you. The doorway was likely to be through music, art or other stimuli. Even now, when you feel blocked, confused or uncertain, you can use music or movement (like dance) to help you connect.

Your Mercury's location in the Eleventh House indicates a special interest in forward-thinking ideas and innovative developments. Even as a toddler, you may have shown a fascination with technology and gadgets, and it may persist to this day. New concepts and the latest discoveries still make you feel mentally alive.

In school, you may have enjoyed its social aspects the most, and you still appreciate the mental stimulus that friends can provide. When seeking confirmation for your ideas, you probably trusted your friends more than you trusted your parents and teachers. You may now be the one who gets a discussion group going, because sharing ideas with your friends is another way you'll always feel young and vital. Exchanging views through conversation, emails or letters could be one of your principal delights. Besides new ideas and technology, subjects that interest you most could include politics, community affairs, group dynamics and social systems – all of which have to do with the behavior of people in groups.

One of the best ways to motivate you to learn is to have a well-defined aim in mind. Then, you'll buckle down and make steady progress toward whatever goal you envision.

With Jupiter in Libra, you may have enjoyed the social aspects of your early spiritual training more than you understood the lessons themselves. For you, the search for Truth is a highly refined experience that stimulates a desire to fine-tune your spirituality. You may have always had a strong desire to develop a sense of justice, and may have had some powerful lessons about what happens when a person passes judgment on another. You're a natural debater, and sometimes no use argument or debate as a means of getting your point across. Hopefully, those who love you understand that it's not always personal!;

Your Mars in the Twelfth House can indicate that you prefer to dream instead of risking physical distress. As a child, you might have been reticent to participate in sports, although once your coordination began to improve, you may have enjoyed complex activities like dancing, swimming or martial arts. Mars in this part of your chart indicates that you can put a lot of energy into those dreams of yours, and shows that you can be quite accomplished in directing activities that can make a difference in the world.;

Chapter Four:

Emotional Drives and Needs

It's time now to go back to your early years and explore some of your emotional strengths and vulnerabilities. Hopefully, from these hints you'll recall experiences that will help you reconstruct what happened then, and how you felt when you were a kid. This is one of the best ways to become more aware of what drives you today.

Your Early Emotional Foundations

As we've already found in Chapter Two, the Moon symbolizes the psychological archetype of Mother and whatever else makes you feel nurtured, comforted and secure. Mother was the model for your developing sense of how you learned to care for and nurture both others and yourself. Connected as it is with the first human contact that you made, it's not surprising that the Moon is also the first and primary indicator of your emotional needs.

Even as a baby, long before you could verbalize it, you had a strong awareness of what was happening around you. Your feelings, impressions and emotional reactions at that time were absorbed into your psyche, where they still exist today. The Moon symbolizes this process: it's your emotional storehouse. It's also the storehouse of habits, which become another kind of unconscious memory. Like the impressions that you receive early in life, once you learn a habit, it exists below the level of your consciousness and becomes part of your automatic functioning.

As you grew, you absorbed more and more of these impressions and tucked them away into a level below awareness. While you may pride yourself on your rationality and your ability consciously to determine your actions, these emotional depths remain beneath you, unseen but supporting everything you do. Because they represent a more primitive and basic part of you, they're the foundation on which your conscious self rests. If this fundamental part of you is out of order, the conscious part won't function well, either. You may think that you're in control, but a hidden puppeteer will be pulling your strings.

As you matured into adulthood, hopefully you maintained some kind of friendly connection with this rich inner store of impressions, and you remained easily able to access your feelings. However, many adults lose touch with this deep layer. This can result in a sense of dryness, an insecure feeling that you're cut off from your roots and unable to take nourishment from life. This is very much like a loss of soul. It's also a loss of the psychic energy that powers your conscious actions. In order to be effective and to feel truly comfortable and at home in the world, you need to be friends with your inner child, the "little animal" self that lies inside us all, and which is essential to our aliveness and all our conscious, adult endeavors.

Exploring the meaning of the Moon in your astrological chart can help to guide you back to this fundamental part of your being. Making peace with this part of yourself can restore the inner sense of safety that every human requires for optimum functioning. Then you'll be better able to move through life with an unspoken assumption that you're basically okay and that the universe will always support you.

The overall tone of your own particular feeling nature is set by your Sagittarius Moon. Having the Moon here suggests that you crave freedom to move about and explore. Even as a small baby, you were eager to venture out into the world. You were the kid who especially loved rides in the car. (Though as you grew older, you almost certainly chimed in with a persistent “Are we there yet?” Patience isn’t likely to be one of your strongest suits.)

Your urge to know the truth stimulated you to ask questions — endlessly! You probably thought that learning was fun, and unless other factors in your chart frustrated this need, school was a place that nurtured your need to know. Whether you’re still enrolled in a learning institution or you just like to stay informed on your own, in a sense you’re still the perpetual student. You may also find that travel feeds your soul.

Your inner child simply doesn’t understand the concept of limits. At the core of your being, you resonate strongly with the idea of infinity. This expansive quality drives you now, and setting boundaries can still be a problem no matter what your age. In fact, your Sagittarian need to expand could include overindulgence in virtually any form. When you do decide to cut back on anything, it’s a good idea to avoid excessive restraints unless you offer yourself “hope for reward.” Without the payoff, there’s no way that your inner child will agree. If that kid inside decides to undermine you, you’ll end up paying the piper one way or another.

The house where your Moon is located suggests some likely outlets for your emotional nature. Your Fourth-House Moon gives you a greater need than most people to feel embraced by home and family. You’re a real “nester.” As a child, and now as an adult, you may be especially attached to family traditions and holiday celebrations and have a special love for the comforts of home. You were the kid most likely to cling to a security blanket or some other object from home that made you feel safe when you went out into the world. This urge may still arise when you’re preparing for a long journey, and if you take along a little something from home, you’re likely to enjoy your trip a lot more.

Since the Moon and Mars are in trine to one another, your feelings, emotional sensitivity and self-assertiveness seem easy and natural. Because of an inner feeling of strength, you have a knack of becoming comfortable in most situations. As a child, this aided your ability to adapt to new situations and helped you make friends. However, while you can easily muster your personal courage, you probably don’t like to have to push change unless it’s absolutely necessary. Why rock the boat?

To re-pattern your old response that tends to be a bit lazy when it comes to breaking away from a situation that you may need to change, you need ways to stay in touch with your inner self. Meditation can help, but staying physically active can also be a tremendous way to remind yourself when and where you’re holding your stress. To forge ahead toward challenging goals, your inner child needs a lot of encouragement. Remind yourself of what you need or want to achieve, and then tell your inner child that change is a good thing!

A positive sense of optimism and confidence may be present in your personality, since the sextile between the Moon and Jupiter can stimulate a feeling that everything will always turn out okay. However, this aspect can also indicate a kind of lax attitude about meeting challenges. Instead of doing hard work, you may prefer to do the minimum or rely on your innate talents. Learning that applied effort may be necessary to excel would have been an especially valuable lesson for you during your youth. However, it's probably taken this long for you to understand that sometimes the things that don't come easily may have rewards that you can't measure until you put yourself fully into them!

Your parents needed a heads up, since you've always had a powerful rebellious streak. With the Moon in opposition to Uranus, you simply don't like unnecessary restraint and when you were growing up, you may have seemed to be a bit untamed. It's that wildness, however, that is part of your special genius. Tame it too much, and you lose your spark. It's a delicate balance!

To feel satisfied, you need situations that seem at least a bit risky. Some of these needs may be satisfied at an early age by physical activities such as gymnastics classes. You needed to learn how to make changes that would lead to positive new directions instead of just destroying or disrupting whatever was in your path. Now, you might also tend to take physical risks, and might also burn off some of your need for a thrill by witnessing extreme sports or other high adventures. Still, you may need a few adventures of your own, so it's worthwhile to let those who love you know that you occasionally just have to test possibilities!

If your family situation was chronically unsettled while you were growing up, you may now feel that the only constant is change. Trying to remain independent, you might also have trouble juggling your freedom while still allowing others to nurture or care for you. You also need a relationship where you can be supportive without being required to give up your individuality.

Your Growing Sense of Identity

Your sense of identity and of your mission in life are symbolized by the Sun in your chart. When you find this part of yourself it's like a mythic hero who discovers who his true Father is – not the mortal who raised him, but really one of the gods! This discovery carries with it a sense of your true destiny, and it applies to women as well as to men.

The road to this discovery can be a long one, but it begins in childhood. As you grew beyond the lunar period of infancy, you started to reach out to the world and began to establish your sense of self. When you or someone else let you shine -- when you first had reason to be proud of yourself – that was the moment when you started to find the answer to “Who am I?”.

This glowing spark at your center began to emerge then, like the first few beams of the Sun at dawn. If all went well and you were able to develop a good feeling about your identity, this radiance of self poured forth increasingly as you grew toward adulthood. If you were lucky, you arrived at a sense of your true path in life. For many of us, however, this process gets derailed somewhere along the way. We find ourselves in adulthood lost in semi-darkness, with a vague feeling that we're nowhere near our center, and don't know who we are or what we're really supposed to do.

Whether or not you've found your path, taking a look at your astrological Sun can give you greater clarity and confirmation of who you are. As we discussed in Chapter One under "Early Ego Development," your Sun in Gemini suggests what your true nature is, and what kind of journey you were born to make in your life. In Chapter Two, under "What Your Looked for in Father," you read about how your developing sense of self was affected by your childhood relationship with father figures. We're now going to take another look at the aspects to your Sun, because these can give you a more detailed picture of your identity. They can also give you an idea of what obstacles might have diverted you from your course, and hints about how you might return your true path and center.

You were born at or very near the time of a the full Moon, meaning that Sun opposes the Moon in your chart. This can indicate a kind of seesaw effect, with you vacillating between wanting to be noticed (the Sun) and wanting to be nurtured (the Moon). Integrating the masculine and feminine aspects of your psyche was probably a trial, with one part of yourself suffering in favor of the other.

When you were young, you may have been overly sensitive, and you were likely to display strong emotional reactions to everything that happened in the world around you. Now, as an adult, you may cover your emotional distress a bit more, but your inner turmoil can be fierce when you're faced with unfamiliar circumstances or relationship issues. You may have to teach your inner child that it's okay to withdraw some of the time in order to work out how you really feel, and that other times you need to enjoy the limelight.

With the Sun in a sextile aspect to Mars, you can be quite bold, and during your childhood, you may have seemed to be fearless when it came to trying new things. In early years you may have been especially active, and you were likely to have had a good response to lessons that illustrated the connection between cause and effect. That fearless attitude is still around. It's just that now you carry into everyday life, not just onto the playing field.

Your Sun in a harmonious connection to Jupiter signifies a natural exuberance that can be contagious. Self-confidence and optimism are likely to be hallmarks of your personality. Even as a child, you liked to feel important, and accomplishment would make you positively glow.

You were eager to please when you were young, and you needed to receive acknowledgment from your parents and teachers that you had fulfilled their expectations. Now, you still need to receive accolades from time to time, but you may have to be the person who assures that your hard work and accomplishments are noticed when they can make a difference to your life. Just as important, you need to show gratitude when you do succeed. Thanking others for their help or support may seem like a small gesture, but it will go a long way toward generating good will. Your tendency with this planetary contact can be to take things or people for granted, so pro-active gratitude helps balance this tendency!

While this Sun-Jupiter connection can give you an honest desire to reach beyond your current situation or capacities, it can also indicate laziness. You may still have to be a cheerleader if you're going to motivate your inner child to get off that cushy sofa and start a significant project.

The Sun in conjunction to Uranus indicates that you're usually eager to experiment with new possibilities. In fact, you may seem to invite unusual situations. Even as a child, you were likely to be the one who would try something different – or who would set a trend (even when you didn't intend to do so!). It's possible that your Father is independent or free-spirited. If so, you'd have been likely to model that image until you discovered your own sense of identity.

You need every opportunity to exercise your inventiveness and independence, and your capacity to integrate innovation into your current life circumstance may keep you at the leading edge personally and professionally. As a teen, you may have been fairly rebellious, although the extent of your rebellion would be dependent upon other factors beyond this planetary contact. While this aspect can suggest insurgence against authority, other elements in the chart will indicate how powerful this quality will be. Your goal is to integrate your revolutionary attitudes and actions with personal responsibility, so that your efforts can take a more significant hold.

Expressing Your Feelings

As your emotional nature and sense of self began to unfold during childhood, you also developed a style of expressing yourself. Talking about emotional experiences and sharing ideas with others helped you to learn to trust your feelings. For this reason, you needed a safe sounding board when you were a child. As you look back, you may discover that the way you communicated when you were young -- and the responses that you got to those communications -- have shaped your capacity to express your feelings now that you're an adult.

We've established that the planet Mercury represents how you communicate. Mercury's function in your life is to link internal processes to the external world, and one of the most significant links is sharing emotions and thoughts. Though Mercury isn't traditionally linked with the emotions, it's important to your emotional development because it enables you to speak your feelings, get other people's input on them, and thereby feel less alone. While talking about emotions is sometimes used as a way to avoid feeling them, it can also help you to gain some necessary objectivity.

Your connection between Mercury and Neptune stimulates a need to reach into imaginative realms with your mind. For you, imaginative stories and ideas are never lacking. Magical thinking is part of childhood, but a part of you still may not like it when fantasy and reality collide! When you were very small, you probably had trouble distinguishing real from imaginary. Even now, you may resist exchanging tall tales or white lies for more realistic descriptions. When you need to express your thoughts or feelings and have a tinge of insecurity, you may be tempted to stretch the truth. The problem with that is that when you need credibility, if others have learned not to trust you, there are not enough tales to tell that will get you back in good graces! Today, your inner child will definitely appreciate a good yarn, and if you need entertainment, great fiction can be a wondrous escape. You may even write such stories yourself!

Loving and Self-Esteem

Throughout life, to encourage growth on every level, a person needs to experience love from others. Learning to trust love begins in childhood. This in turn engenders self-esteem, one of the cornerstones of psychological well-being. The key planetary energy behind both love and your sense of self-worth is Venus. Venus also forms the fabric of your value systems, and determines your sense of beauty and artistry, which we shall talk about in the next chapter.

Although it may at first seem odd, one feature of the immature emotional expression of Venus is selfish behavior. Most small children are selfish and have a hard time sharing. In fact, learning to share is one of the psychological milestones at the age of three or four. For the first four years of your life, Venus probably showed up mainly as your particular expression of selfish behavior. After that time, you began to express the more outgoing side of your Venusian energy. This was when you began to want to give something to another. The full flowering of Venusian development occurred during your teen years, when falling in love for the first time was another major milestone in your growth.

Your own Venus happens to be in Cancer, which means that you vibe in on all the delicious, comforting things of life, including good food, family dinners, and warm hugs. During your childhood, you may have thoroughly enjoyed cooking and gardening as part of play. Now, these experiences help to warm your heart, and may be some of the best ways for you to show someone you care. Keepsakes are meaningful to you, and even in the early years you may have had a collection of sorts. You're a natural when it comes to showing tenderness, and tend to take good care of the people you love. However, you can be overbearing, especially when you're insecure about a relationship. It's just your inner child wanting "one more hug and kiss" or needing reassurance that the connection you crave is secured.

Your Venus-Saturn connection gives a tendency to feel inhibited about expressing love and affection. It can indicate low self-esteem. You may feel that to be loved, you must do certain things, or do things in a particular way. Such self-imposed restrictions on receiving love can be tremendously detrimental to your need to express tenderness openly.

You may also associate love with fear: the fear that the love may not be there, or the fear that love will cause pain. Your tendency has been to "store up" the times you've been hurt by love, and to build a layer to protect yourself with each hurt. That adds a lot of weight to your need to be loved, and also serves to block your capacity to either give or receive love.

Whatever barrier you have built against intimacy, you need a partner (or a good friend) who can help you trust yourself again. You may also have absorbed negative information about sexual expression during your formative years, and eliminating your inhibitions or fears in this area can take extra work if you're to be satisfied in an intimate relationship.

Since Venus also deals with the concept of beauty, it's possible that you've become overly focused on whether or not you're sufficiently attractive. For better or worse, our society places a strong value on the way someone looks. Given the media exposure we all receive today, your inner child is still bombarded by images that you will try to emulate. In addition, if you received messages from parents or teachers that there was a problem with your looks, then you'd have taken it very seriously, and may have worried about it then ... and now! It's crucial for you to understand and embrace the many layers of beauty, and now you have a chance to support your inner child's need to feel beautiful and fully loved — even with a few flaws that challenge the popular ideal.

Competition and Self-Assertion

Play in childhood isn't completely innocent. In fact, it's a preparation for life. Through play you learn about your likes and dislikes, and about the meaning of weakness and strength in yourself and others. Play can provide the basic framework for learning to assert yourself and stand up for your own interests and needs.

The planet Mars comes out as self-assertion when it's benign, and as aggression when assertion is carried too far. However, probably the most recognizable *emotional* expression from Mars is anger.

Early on, during the "terrible twos," the assertive, active and fiery qualities of Mars show up in an obvious way. At that time, you began to test limits, and it was the energy of Mars that you harnessed to push your way to the boundaries! Since testing limits is a natural part of development, each parent has to deal -- hopefully in healthy ways -- with a child's emerging sense of power.

Mars also expresses itself as pure physical energy. Sports and other physical activities can be excellent outlets for this energy during childhood, and your approach to fitness was probably shaped during this time. Of course, you can change it, but you may find that a part of you feels like a rebellious child when you attempt to initiate a new physical routine or change lazy habits. It's that same old Mars at work again, defiantly saying "I won't!"

The raw energy of Mars can also surface as hostility and aggression. Through Mars, a child develops willpower, and when frustrated, that irritation can trigger feelings of anger. If you came to feel that anger is healthy and normal, and you learned to use its tide of energy to defend yourself and secure what you want without harming others, then you're already ahead of the game. As you might imagine, owning up to Mars energy is something society expects from males, but still resists somewhat from females. Think back to a time when you had to meet a challenge head-on. Remember the point at which you started to feel confident, courageous and powerful. Each time that you can recall this feeling, you'll make yourself better able to draw energy from Mars.

Your Mars in Leo suggests a strong assertion of will and a desire to be in control. As a child, when you wanted attention, you could become highly demanding if you didn't get it. Even now, you need full attention from time to time, although you may be more understanding about how and when. Others who know you will attest to the fact that when you're the central focus that you can be a commanding presence ... if you want to be. Even at a young age, you preferred to be noticed for positive reasons and hated being placed in embarrassing situations. That has not changed much, either. Opportunities to show leadership and courage can be energizing for you, and you like to have a goal to remain inspired. When you're angry, you can be quite boisterous. What makes you most angry is a feeling that someone has betrayed you or has been disloyal. Woe to those who are at the business end of your claws!

Owning Your Uniqueness

To determine how the qualities of ingenuity, rebellion and personal uniqueness surfaced during your youth, we'll look at the planet Uranus in your chart. Even though this energy was present when you were young, it's the rare child who can consciously embrace and express these needs on an individual level. For the most part, Uranian characteristics are shared as a quality of peer-group identity. However, during teen years, Uranus awakens in a more personal manner. It's usually seen as rebellion against the status quo. Ultimately, each individual can tap into Uranus' strengths by owning what makes him or her unique. This process is part of the self-actualization that accompanies your young adult years and which may be ongoing throughout your life.

Your Uranus in the Tenth House stimulates a desire to gain public notice. Not just anything will do. Either your accomplishments need to be groundbreaking, or you need to stand out as special or unusual. When you were young, you may have felt good about being different, but if you didn't, and you tried your darndest to conform, you could have ended up creating the impression that you didn't fit in at all! Now, to nurture your need to follow a different life path, it's crucial that you give yourself permission to let your unique talents, viewpoints, and approach to life pour forth. You're an innovator, and – one way or another – the world will eventually see it!

Your age group has Uranus in Gemini. During the 20th century, Uranus was in this sign from 1942 to 1949, which witnessed the first part of the Baby Boomer generation. Marked by a penchant for innovative ideas and a desire to change the way we communicate, yours was the generation that pioneered in computer technology. Other Uranus-in-Gemini themes include advances in transportation and education, and a powerful attraction to revolutionary ideas.

Hidden Emotional Currents

The energy of the planet Pluto may also have played a significant role in your early emotional life. Because Pluto represents your deepest reservoirs of emotional energy, its qualities and drives often aren't expressed openly by children. However, when Pluto makes aspects to important points in your chart, its profound level of emotional and transformational power will be easier to see, even when a child is young. If you have such connections in your chart, you'll find them explained in other sections of this report under the areas of your life that they most affect.

While Plutonian energy may be there in a child, it's virtually impossible for a child to direct an awareness of it. That's because the personal self must be well-developed before knowledge of this esoteric plane of consciousness can awaken. In fact, most adults have difficulty with this part of themselves! Although generally the energy of Pluto isn't consciously expressed during childhood years, you probably did feel it unconsciously. Pluto can represent deep-seated anxieties or fears that are absorbed into the psyche.

The house that Pluto occupies suggests the area of life where you may most need healing and transformational change. This can also be an area where you had to deal with some kind of power struggle. While these power issues may have been present in your childhood, their impact will be more likely to show itself now that you're an adult.

With Pluto in your Twelfth House, your connection to your inner self runs rather deep. Sometimes, your dreams can seem to be profound, and you may expend a lot of energy probing into their meaning. It's probably a good idea for you to study the workings of the psyche, including the symbols and underlying elements of your dream experiences. Your fantasies and imaginative experiences can be highly intriguing, and this position of Pluto can indicate that you may tap into images, words, music or other creative expressions that will speak to the collective consciousness. As a child, you needed to share some of your secret thoughts, but may have been fearful of the results if you didn't trust those who held your confidence. Now, in your relationships, you still require plenty of space for secrets, and ample opportunities for time alone.

Pluto, on average, takes nearly 250 years to make a complete circuit of the zodiac, and so its sign tells more about the transformational influence that Pluto will have on your whole generation. You and your generation were born when Pluto was in Leo, which occurred in recent centuries from the years 1938 to 1957. The emotional drive of Pluto in Leo is to restore the value of personal expression. Individual power, with all its trappings, fascinates you. The influence of Pluto in Leo focuses on the significance of individual will, and its uses for good or ill. It is your generation that has challenged the concept of ego power based upon gender or race.

Showing Your Feelings to the World

In Chapter One we talked about your rising sign or Ascendant as the window-dressing or mask of your personality. At a more fundamental level, the Ascendant is the point where your inner self meets the outer world.

To learn more about your most probable ways of expressing yourself – emotionally and otherwise – we'll look at the planets that connect to your Ascendant. The things you learned about expressing yourself during your childhood may still color the way you present your being to others.

The difference now is that you can alter your self-expression and your appearance without having to ask permission from parents or teachers. While you may now think that you need permission from society, partners and your boss -- in actuality, now that you're an adult you have only to serve your true nature. Knowing what self-projections most suit you, you'll be able deal with the world with a greater sense of confidence, effectiveness and ease. ! TOPIC ASPASC NO Your chart is unusual in that there aren't any close major contacts from the Sun, Moon or planets to your Ascendant. For this reason, the qualities of the sign on your Ascendant as described in Chapter One will be presented all the more more clearly and directly. You have little internal conflict about what you hope to communicate to others through your appearance and attitudes. It's likely, too, that you encountered less resistance from your parents and teachers about your appearance. Therefore it's easier for you to create the face you show to the world. Because of this, you probably formed a clear idea of your own style and manner of self-expression quite early in your personal development.

Mars conjunct the Ascendant confers a need to project strength and energy. Assertiveness is a key factor in your personality projection, and physical activity is a must. Many times, this indicates a strong interest in sports and fitness. You may find that you can easily marshal your courage when you need it most. In matters of relationship, you can also feel more confident about letting someone know you're definitely interested.

The Direction of Emotional Flow

Yet another factor that influences the emotional expression of your planets is whether they were traveling forward through the zodiac as they usually do, or appearing to move backward, as planets sometimes appear to do when they're viewed from the earth. When a planet is traveling backward or "retrograde" it usually takes on a more inward expression.

When Jupiter is retrograde, its expansive energy works even better, because then the Jupiterian search for truth turns inward before you express it to the world. Your retrograde Jupiter can strengthen your personal faith, since ideals and philosophical beliefs are best developed within. Because you're likely to work your ideals and morals out by yourself, however, they may run counter to those of society at large. Writers William Butler Yeats (who wrote extensively about mystical philosophical concepts) and Upton Sinclair are among the famous people who were born with Jupiter retrograde.

Neptune's energy ordinarily draws us into the inner self where we dream, visualize, imagine and escape. Since you have Neptune retrograde, this energy becomes even more introspective, and your desire to escape the ordinary world and its pressures is intensified. As a small child you may have had to struggle to distinguish between physical-plane reality (what we usually think of as "real") and the world of imagination and illusion.

Now that you're an adult, it's important that you trust your creative imagination and seek out positive uses for it. At the end of the next chapter you'll learn about Neptune's house placement. This will suggest areas where you can find creative escape and where you can be most effective in using your imagination.

Farrah Fawcett, Yoko Ono, and Ralph Waldo Emerson are some of the well-known people who were born with Neptune retrograde.

Chapter Five: Creativity and Spirit

When you were a child, you had a natural connection to spiritual awareness and creative expression. While you may not have realized it at the time, your sense of wonder and your joy in the daily discoveries of life brought light into the lives of those around you.

As people mature, however, this free expression of joy often gets locked away. While some people still radiate a contagious exuberance as they grow up, others have a harder time feeling the zest for life that they once had as a child. Hopefully, your natural connection to a sense of the divine was encouraged and rewarded when you were young. It's also possible, however, that when you look back on your life, you feel that this aspect of yourself was muted or stifled. Or that in dealing with "adult" concerns and the "real" world, you've managed to exhaust the rich store of joy and wonder that you once had.

Now that you're grown up, you have the strength and wisdom to restore this early aspect of yourself. When you can give yourself permission to express the love, joy and artistry that was natural to you then, you'll find that it's still an integral part of you now. All the life-enriching qualities of your inner child are still within you, waiting for a chance to express themselves once again.

The first step you can take is to set aside a little time for wonder each day – *especially* at those times when adult obligations seem to overwhelm you. As you start your morning, take time to listen to the birds sing outside your window. Or instead of speeding through the floral section of the supermarket, stop a moment to relish the beauty of a rose. Doing such simple things to feed your soul won't take energy away from your adult duties. On the contrary – it will restore your energy so that the duties seem much easier. Balance will be restored in your life so that, instead of taking up most of your consciousness, the duties and "realities" will assume their proper place in your life along with the spiritual reality that feeds all the rest.

One of the best ways to stay in touch with Spirit is to learn to trust your creative flow, and open your life to the many directions where your creative impulses take you. During your childhood, you may have had hopes and dreams that were heartfelt and deeply significant, and others that you now dismiss as pure fancy. Such "frivolous" aspects of life are especially likely to get pushed aside by the pressures and responsibilities of adult life. Now, it can be worth while to take another look not only at your "significant" hopes and dreams, but also at the ones you *don't* take seriously. They may not be so impossible after all!

To get back into the creative flow, select an unfulfilled dream that makes you feel happy just thinking about it. Then take one small step toward realizing it. Enroll in a class, get the supplies you need, pick up the phone. Do something just a little scary, and then enjoy the exhilaration you feel after you do it. And then take another little step. At each stage, savor your feelings. Along with happiness, you may feel some fear, sadness or anger. That's okay -- these emotions can spur your creativity, too. Like a wise parent, you can accept *everything* that the little child within you feels. We all have those feelings, and that's what makes us all so human and wonderful. That's what connects us to other people, and makes our creations move them. Keep taking these little steps, remember to feel your feelings each time, and your creative connection will grow.

Yet another element of your spiritual self is connected to your capacity to honor your intuitive insights. As a child, you may have trusted your intuition without a second thought. Now, you can re-cultivate that inner knowing simply by making a little effort to listen to it. As you awaken, pause a little to savor your last dream. During the day, make it a habit to stop now and then and check in with your feelings. When a certain thought or situation arises, how does your body feel? Do you have tension in certain parts, and has your breathing changed? These little signals are your inner self talking. When you get a message from your inner self, then take it seriously enough to act upon it. First act on your intuition in small ways and see what happens. Then, when you get more confidence, use intuitive messages to make decisions in more important areas. More and more, this will open you to the riches that are stored in your inner self.

The astrological factors that support your experience of spirituality and your expression of creativity include Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Neptune. While there are other factors, too, these planets will provide the main clues to re-activating your own kind of playful, artistic, jovial and imaginative self.

The Link from Your Inner Self

Mercury is usually considered just in relation to mental development. But because it serves to link ideas and concepts from your inner self to the outside world, it plays a very important role in your creative self-expression as well. The position of Mercury in your chart suggests some of the creative outlets and mediums that could have interested you when you were a child, and which in a more adult form can provide you with avenues for creative expression now.

Creative Expression and Artistry

Traditionally connected with art, the planet Venus is another very important key to your special expression of creativity. Venus represents beauty, a quality to which every child innately responds. Your expression of Venus comes straight from your heart. The things that you feel are beautiful, and the ways that you tend to express beauty, help to determine the way you'll show your feelings to the world. Venus also shows what you love and where you find pleasure. This, in turn, determines not only your tastes, but how you transmit pleasure to others through your creativity.

In addition, your Venus is in the Eleventh House, which can indicate a love of getting into creative endeavors that can be shared with friends. As a child, you may have been the one to volunteer for the school play, you might have loved team sports, or you could have been the best person to organize the decoration of the float for the homecoming parade. Now, you're a natural when it comes to "people skills," and may be involved in politics in some way (even if it's at work). You've also been creatively inventive for most of your life, and now may seek out ways to bring innovations into your life circumstances.

A conjunction aspect from Saturn to Venus makes it possible that you've always felt excessively critical of your own efforts, thus restricting your creative flow and causing feelings of frustration. Whether or not additional criticism came from the outside (parents, teachers or others), there's probably no critic as exacting as yourself! A kind of creative inertia can result, prompting you to feel that you simply can't share or show your artistic or creative expression until you're certain your efforts will meet with approval. In other words, you're a perfectionist! You may also procrastinate, and miss important deadlines. As a child, you may have turned in assignments late, or failed to show up for a recital or game because you feared reprisals if you were not good enough. Spontaneity is almost frightening to you, although exercises in impromptu performance would certainly have been beneficial when you were young.

Because of all of these possible Saturn-Venus meanings, you needed plenty of loving guidance and care. If you didn't receive it when you were young, now is the time to supply it for yourself. The good news is that this aspect can also stimulate a powerful drive to develop your creativity. Venus-Saturn may just mean that there are a few obstacles to overcome! Once you identify the expressions that give your heart wings, all you have to do is create the time and place to let your spirit fly.

Finding Enthusiasm, Spirituality and Joy

At a certain point in your early development, you learned to move beyond purely self-centered awareness, and you started to reach out to enlarge your personal universe. This is symbolized by the expansive energy of Jupiter. Jupiter tells about people's desire to grow, to broaden their horizons, and to feel a sense of adventure and joy.

Your earliest awareness of Jupiter may have come through your hope for rewards. At first, Jupiter showed up when when you would cheer enthusiastically, and when you simply couldn't wait for tomorrow to arrive. Through Jupiter, you anticipated the good things to come for yourself, and then, as you grew, it was through Jupiter that you learned to share your abundance with others. Along with the Moon, Jupiter has to do with your trust in a benevolent universe, one that will supply you with everything you need.

The other facet of Jupiter is its drive to formulate a religion and a philosophy. This started to manifest in early childhood through an endless string of questions, and also when you first felt a natural wonder about universal principles and a Higher Power. Later, in elementary-school and preteen years, you were able to develop sufficient cognitive skill to take this philosophical side of Jupiter further. Moral questions flow through the realm of Jupiter, and learning higher principles from inspiring teachers and mentors is a way that this energy can take form in later childhood. Jupiter is a function of the higher mind – the part of your consciousness that seeks to connect with Truth. While Jupiter gives an early potential for exploring religious teachings and developing a personal philosophy, your overview of life's purpose never ceases to grow and develop.

Through Jupiter, you learned as a child to exercise your sense of hope and vision. Through Jupiter, you were lifted on wings of enthusiasm and you began to experience true generosity. Jupiter is your primary source of inspiration, and your experiences with Jupiterian energy during your early years are still there inside you, waiting to be tapped.

Finding your inner child again means recovering the memory of joy and wonder that you felt when you were young. So touch Jupiter, and let it carry you into the realm of possibility. Kids are so good at that. And so you can be now!

Jupiter's placement in your Second House indicates that, even as a child, you had a need to understand the real nature of value systems. Jupiter in the Second can also show a strong sense of self-worth, but during childhood this was just a potential. Even now, you may feel that you're still establishing an appropriate level of confidence about your own value as a person.

Jupiter in the Second can also give a tendency to take for granted the things that are necessary for a truly abundant life. Learning to appreciate the origins of personal and environmental resources would have been a powerful lesson for you as a child. Now that you're an adult, it's even more significant, since greed, waste or excess can be costly in the long run. One other commodity that you may value much more now than you did when you were a child – the value of time – may be even more important!

Dreams and Imagination

Another significant aspect of creative and artistic expression depends upon pure imagination, which is largely ruled by Neptune. What child isn't a master of make-believe? Hopefully, you were encouraged to use your imagination and to trust your dreams. But even if those around you didn't think that your imagination was a wonderful thing, inside your secret self, you knew differently! There was a time when you *knew* that a part of you was magical. Certainly learning to distinguish between real and imaginary worlds is a major part of growing up to be a functioning adult – but that magical part still exists within you. It's a necessary part of your being, one that balances all the useful and practical everyday things that you do with a reminder of the boundless infinite that surrounds us all.

Some people misuse Neptune as a short cut back to the bliss of the womb – a place where all your needs are met without any effort on your part. Neptune is therefore often decried as the source of escapism and addictions. But these are really misguided attempts to capture the good that Neptune can bring.

Properly used, Neptune can help you grow into a more alive and fully functioning person. That's because Neptune can soften the shell of your ego, and loosen the structure of entrenched positions that adults tend to build around them. These are often what keeps people stuck in one place. Neptune can give you the elasticity you need to become someone else for a time. In trying out new roles in fantasy, you can explore new options in a safe way. And then, if the role feels good, you can make it a reality in your life.

In softening the shell of your selfhood, Neptune can also open you up to others' feelings, so that you feel compassion. While Jupiter can bring the generosity that comes from a feeling of abundance, Neptune enables you really to feel the plight of other people. This is something that requires special support and nourishment during childhood. As an adult, you reactivate this energy each time you put yourself into another's shoes and do a kindly or charitable deed. The more happiness you bring to others, the fuller your own heart feels. Keep the pump primed, and you'll be able to dip into this well of divine compassion throughout your lifetime.

One of the ways to reactivate the life-enhancing energies of Neptune is to pay more attention to your dreams. Another is to indulge your fantasies through poetry and stories, including books, plays and, most especially, movies. This can increase your sympathy for yourself, as well as for others. Yet another very powerful way to activate your Neptune is through listening to or playing any sort of music. This can transport you into a different emotional world and can bring you closer to the Divine. Neptune is an important component of artistic sensibility, the one that frees you from the bonds of everyday reality so that you can envision other worlds. Through fantasy and the creation of alternative realities, it provides a safe and sacred space where you can dance with your Muse.

For clues about the best ways to engage your imagination, to rediscover the stuff of your dreams, and to find the areas of life where you can most easily exercise compassion toward others, we look to the house where Neptune is placed in your chart. Neptune in the Second House spurs your imagination about things that you want. It's always been true that your imagination is best employed when you make tangible things. As a child, you were the one who crafted physical accessories for an imaginary world that only you could envision. These could have been dolls or doll houses, model ships or planes, forts made from chairs and blankets, or costumes for playing your favorite role. You might also have figured out how to use old cardboard to create a little world for your pet hamster!

Neptune in this position can give a tendency to let valuable things slip through your hands. It would have helped if your parents had taught you how to make the best use of all your resources, but you may still need to learn this skill. Even now, paying attention to details like balancing your checkbook may not be one of your top priorities! However, the real world may demand that you pay attention anyway. Remind your inner child that it's easier to make your dreams come true if you can pay for them. In turn, your inner child will remind you that if you give him all the fantasy activity that he desires, he'll grant you extra energy to deal with everyday realities.

Neptune here can also create problems with self-esteem. To gird up your self-esteem, you could still have dreams about an ideal life that would allow you to be the object of true praise or adoration. Perhaps not feeling good about yourself came from your elders misunderstanding your fantasies and dreams. Rather than retreating into grandiose fantasies now, it's time to value your Neptunian side for the treasure it really is, and to learn to esteem the artist and poet that lives inside you.

Neptune's sign in your chart actually speaks for your whole generation. You were born into the age group that has Neptune in Libra. When Neptune was there from 1943 to 1957 it produced the "Flower Child" generation. Neptune's idealization of harmony, peace and perfect relationships haunted this group and formed the core of its spiritual quest. Music and art became especially important, and are a principal part of your generation's legacy. In a nutshell, your generation's mantra is truly, "All you need is love!"

Where Do I Go From Here?

Reading through this report may have felt like a trip back in time, but that journey is meant to be more than a source of nostalgia. Now that you've uncovered some elements of your childhood and looked back at your youth, I hope that you feel more in touch with your Inner Child. At the least, you've been introduced! While you can't live your childhood over again, you can certainly reclaim a sense of the promise of that time. From the perspective you've gained through life experience, you may feel inclined to rekindle certain youthful dreams and hopes with greater clarity about how to make them an integral part of your life today and in the future.

You may also see some of the roots of your personality – the strengths and the liabilities – which have their origins in your early years. One key factor to keep in mind is that now you can begin a healthy relationship with the part of you that's still much like a hopeful, creative, trusting child. You can also establish a dialog with your inner child to aid you when you face guilt, anxiety or fear and remind yourself that now you have experience, knowledge and skill that may not have been present when you were a small child first encountering these negative feelings.

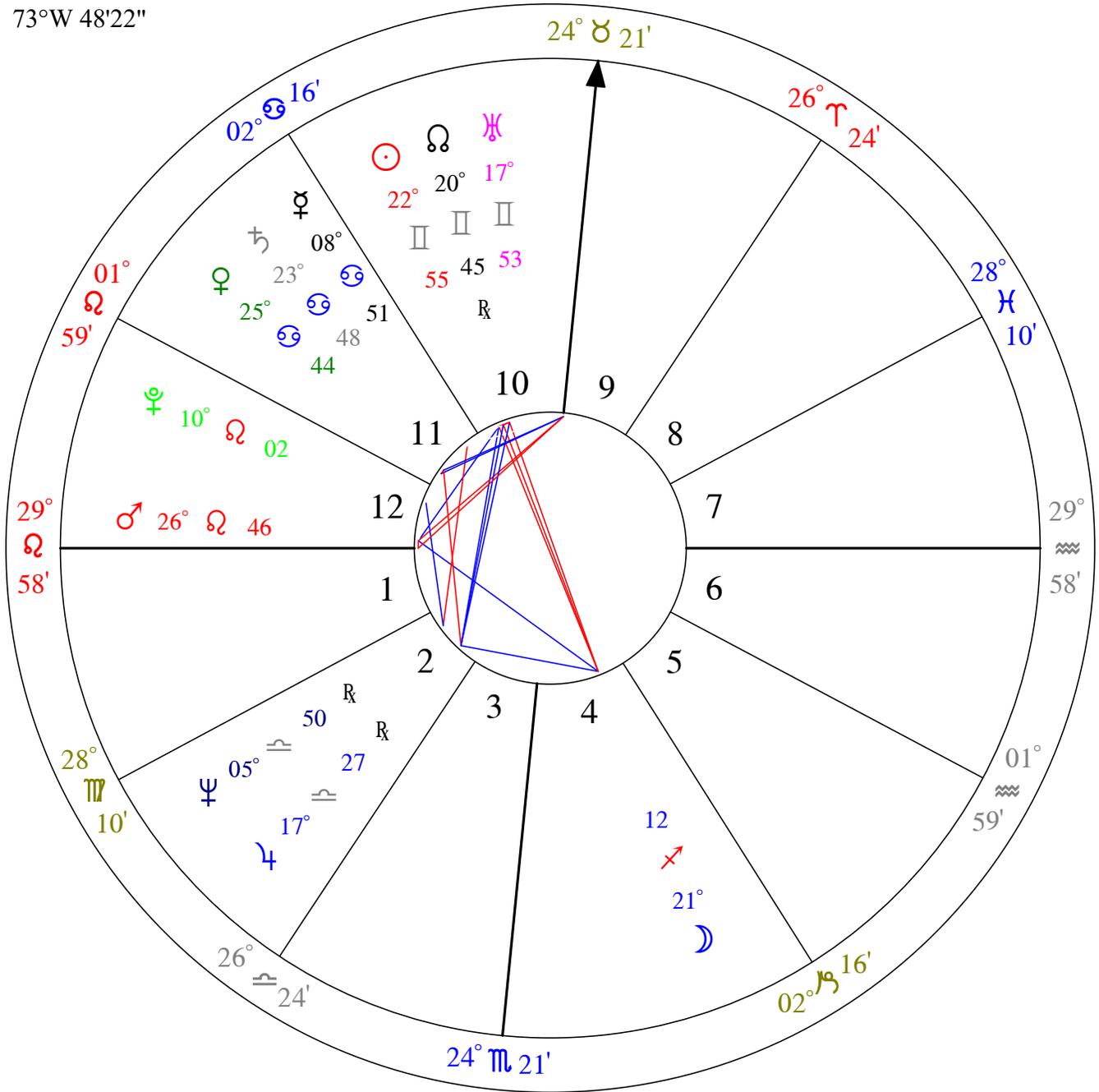
In some respects, you're still the person you've been through each "age" of your life. A part of you is still a four-year-old filled with imagination and wonder, and another part of you remains an awkward twelve-year-old standing in front of class giving a book report. Fortunately, you don't have to be stuck in any of these times from the past, although emotionally you still have the indelible marks from those times. It's not necessary that you spend all your time trying to "fix" what may have been injured, or that you regress into childish behaviors. Instead, as you pay homage to the part of you that still believes in your dreams, the quality of your heart that loves unconditionally, and the unfettered joy you experience by simply being alive – you've invited your Inner Child to be a vital part of your existence. Enjoy the dance!

From reading this report, I hope you've come to understand some of the things about yourself that you and perhaps those who brought you up may not have understood. And then I hope you'll be able to become a more loving parent to this child who still lives inside you. In this way, rather than fighting your own unique gifts and destiny, you'll be celebrating them. That's what astrology is all about – learning where the river is flowing, and then swimming easily and triumphantly on that tide.

Now that you're an adult and have some life experience under your belt, you have enough judgment and perspective to make it safe to relive the hurts and misunderstandings of your early years. This is well worth doing, because along with coming to terms with the pain, you'll also feel the pure joy and energy that you were able to feel then. You'll be able to re-acquaint yourself with the child who still lives at the core of your being, and find out just how joyous and free you really still are.

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

Planetary Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉ Sun	is in	♊ Gemini	22° 55' 42"	+23° 15' 26"
☾ Moon	is in	♐ Sagittarius	21° 12' 13"	-23° 11' 22"
☿ Mercury	is in	♋ Cancer	8° 51' 33"	+25° 09' 17"
♀ Venus	is in	♋ Cancer	25° 44' 16"	+22° 49' 32"
♂ Mars	is in	♌ Leo	26° 46' 34"	+13° 46' 35"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♎ Libra	17° 27' 08"	- 5° 35' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♋ Cancer	23° 48' 57"	+21° 30' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♊ Gemini	17° 53' 35"	+22° 56' 39"
♆ Neptune	is in	♎ Libra	5° 50' 32"	- 0° 57' 02"
♇ Pluto	is in	♌ Leo	10° 02' 32"	+23° 51' 22"
♁ N. Node	is in	♊ Gemini	20° 45' 40"	+23° 07' 27"
♈ Ascendant	is in	♌ Leo	29° 58' 05"	+11° 29' 11"
♍ Midheaven	is in	♉ Taurus	24° 21' 54"	+18° 52' 03"

Emphasis in Elements

Fire	: ☽ ♂ ♀ ♁	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 7
Earth	: ♁	Total = 1	Weighted Score = 1
Air	: ☉ ♃ ♅ ♆ ♁	Total = 5	Weighted Score = 7
Water	: ♀ ♀ ♄	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 6

Emphasis in Modes

Cardinal	: ♀ ♀ ♃ ♄ ♆	Total = 5	Weighted Score = 9
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Weights Used Above

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

Planetary Aspects

☉ Sun	is	♁	Opposite	☾ Moon	The orb is	1° 43'
☉ Sun	is	*	Sextile	♂ Mars	The orb is	3° 51'
☉ Sun	is	△	Trine	♃ Jupiter	The orb is	5° 29'
☉ Sun	is	⋈	Semisextile	♄ Saturn	The orb is	0° 53'
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☉ Sun	is	♊	Conjunct	♁ N. Node	The orb is	2° 10'
☉ Sun	is	⋈	Semisextile	♁ Midheaven	The orb is	1° 26'
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☿ Mercury	is	□	Square	♆ Neptune	The orb is	3° 01'
☿ Mercury	is	⋈	Semisextile	♇ Pluto	The orb is	1° 11'
☿ Mercury	is	∠	Semisquare	♁ Midheaven	The orb is	0° 30'
♀ Venus	is	⋈	Semisextile	♂ Mars	The orb is	1° 02'
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♀ Venus	is	*	Sextile	♁ Midheaven	The orb is	1° 22'
♂ Mars	is	♊	Conjunct	♁ Ascendant	The orb is	3° 12'
♂ Mars	is	□	Square	♁ Midheaven	The orb is	2° 25'
♃ Jupiter	is	□	Square	♄ Saturn	The orb is	6° 22'
♃ Jupiter	is	△	Trine	♅ Uranus	The orb is	0° 26'
♃ Jupiter	is	△	Trine	♁ N. Node	The orb is	3° 19'
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♁ Midheaven	is	□	Square	♁ Ascendant	The orb is	5° 36'