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Sun	Capricorn	12°Cp43'	06th	01 15°Ca10'
Moon	Scorpio	17°Sc48'	05th	02 04°Le31'
Mercury	Capricorn	07°Cp53'	06th	03 26°Le36'
Venus	Capricorn	25°Cp01'	07th	04 24°Vi35'
Mars	Aquarius	15°Aq19'	08th	05 00°Sc39'
Jupiter	Pisces	05°Pi14'	09th	06 10°Sg31'
Saturn	Libra	02°Li18'	04th	07 15°Cp10'
Uranus	Cancer	07°Ca14'	12th	08 04°Aq31'
Neptune	Libra	19°Li27'	04th	09 26°Aq36'
Pluto	Leo	19°Le26'	02nd	10 24°Pi35'
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Your Spiritual Path

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

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

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

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

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

Your Creative Process

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

With the Sun in Capricorn, you are primarily the Sensation type. Sensation types are primarily interested in practical considerations of the world. They will look at the actualities - facts first. They depend on their five normal senses for perception. They wish to have the experience, not hear about it from others. Sensation types learn by doing, so the learning process may be slower. To be satisfied, they need to go over things carefully. They are not less intelligent because they go slower - they are more careful. When given the time to assimilate information, the sensation type may remember it longer and understand the practical uses in more detail. Studying the theory of engineering may be difficult for the sensation type, but the application is their forte. You demand satisfaction all along the way, and will not select occupations that are without positive feedback. You are a healthy consumer, loving life and what it has to offer on the material level and you are best in careers involving real "stuff". You would be a good real estate person, interior decorator, or chef. You enjoy working with your hands and can make this part of the vocation or at least an avocation. You would be a good doctor or health care professional. Any career that requires attention to and intimate understanding of the details is suited to the sensation type. You generally focus on practical considerations first, and you rely on your five normal senses for perception. You first seek to have an experience, not hear about it from others. You learn by doing, and thus may be a bit slower than some people, but once you know something, you know it forever. You may need to go over things carefully. Once learned, you can apply information to the tasks you set for yourself. The sensation type's approach to the spiritual side of life is no different. You seek the facts. You want a practical application of whatever you are learning. When contact with the spirit world feel ungrounded, you will find a way to re-establish a level of comfort in the work. You also will not be satisfied with your spiritual work until you can express it concretely in the world in some way.

How You Express Your Will

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

I will be miserly (when prudence is better). I will be secretive (when caution is enough). I

will be exacting (when I could be merely conscientious). I will be unsympathetic (when I could exhibit faith in others). I will be pessimistic (when practicality would serve me better). I will suppress my feelings (when self-control does not require it).

Your Sun is in the 6th house. You benefit from work and other activities in which you can digest and assimilate many ideas before you have to manifest output. Attention to the food you eat can parallel the creative input you receive. You become consciously aware of the path through the digestive metaphor. You "chew the cud," so to speak, of new spiritual ideas, and are not afraid to revisit important decisions when necessary. You mediate between levels of consciousness and you can be a powerful mediator in your social sphere as well. You seek to purify the spiritual process itself as you move along your path.

Aspects of the Sun

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values.

Core Beliefs

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

The Moon

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

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

Change is such a strong component of your life that you are able to abandon any less than useful core beliefs. However, you are careful not to toss away something that has intrinsic value. You analyze your beliefs deeply, based on your contact with other people.

Aspects of the Moon

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. Your sympathetic nature utilizes the close connection between other people and your spiritual self. You are open to experience the joy and pain in others, and thereby grow in understanding of your own values. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each

interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. Your less conscious mental style suits what you know about yourself. You are more comfortable than most people with the paradox of being conscious while operating from a less conscious base of spiritual strength. Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions.

The Fourth House

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

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

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

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

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

The Inner Voice

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

Planets in the Fourth House

Saturn in 4th House:

In your youth you learned from your elders and listened carefully to their ideas and beliefs. Now you find you are able to share key principles and values with your own students or the younger generation of your family.

Neptune in 4th House:

Power issues in childhood caused you to develop some strange, possibly conflicting core beliefs. As you gain personal strength, you are able to challenge these ideas and resolve them to suit your own needs and desires for transformation. Psychic, intuitive, empathetic people in your childhood reveal the inconsistencies of your core beliefs and can provide resources to help you change them, or the fortitude to stick with them for the sake of others.

Fourth House Aspects

You seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. You can handle grand strategies or the little details, because you understand the relationship between structure and process. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure. Your sympathetic nature utilizes the close connection between other people and your spiritual self. You are open to experience the joy and pain in others, and thereby grow in understanding of your own values. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words.

Communication and Mental Development

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

Training Your Conscious Mind

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

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

Element of Mercury

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

With Mercury in Capricorn, your communication style is primarily the Sensation type. Spiritual healing begins on the material plane. Obvious conflicts occur in the arenas of livelihood and physical desire. One of our greatest social problems arises out of the consumption of foods and drugs that do little to engender healthy bodies. You have the capacity to identify and heal illness by directing your intelligence toward proper diagnosis and quality nutrition. You also have the ability to mediate between adversaries and achieve peaceful resolution of problems.

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

You are usually very aware of your goals, and the methods most likely to help achieve them. As intuition grows, you also become aware of steps along the future path and how those steps affect both your achievement of the goal and your relationships with other people. This awareness will modify your self-centered ambition.

Your Mercury is in the 6th House. Any spiritual practice needs to be a source of knowledge for you. Thus you will want to read, study, and discuss the tenets of the practice. You tend to gain expertise in a narrowly focused specialty, even in your spiritual work. Thus you work best in team situations where each person has specific responsibilities.

Mercury Aspects

Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. You seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

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

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

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

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

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

With Venus in Capricorn, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Sensation function. You love comfort. And you find you are most comfortable when your somewhat scientific perspective matches your inner sense of propriety. You seek love in your life, not just to satisfy physical urges, but also to create a space in which you can express your intelligence.

You pay close attention to the results of all your activities. If things end up "done," but done badly, you are not satisfied. You learn more from your own experience and from social contact with older or younger people, and less from peers.

Your Venus is in the 7th House. You make friends quickly, and you fall in love quickly. You thrive on strong partnerships with both sexes, and you may form life-long partnerships with both men and women. You thrive in social settings. Each relationship or event provides you with the ground for spiritual work.

Venus Aspects

Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life. Vanity could be a problem if your focus is on yourself. When you focus on the spiritual connections you have, you express affection to everyone you meet.

Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

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

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

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

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

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

Developing Your Psychic Ability

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

The Twelfth House

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

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

Planets in the Twelfth House

Planets in the Twelfth House have just risen over the horizon. They have a quality similar to the Sun in that they are casting their influence on you in a fresh, genuine expression of their energy. You accept this energy and consider it, but you may not choose to reveal your thoughts to anyone else.

Both doubts and psychic strengths are a reflection of planets in the Twelfth House that serve as guideposts along the path of self-discovery. Your private thoughts may center on the qualities these planets represent. Your teachers may exemplify the qualities of these planets to the extent that they reach your inner psychic core and help you understand your potential. In the end these planets indicate qualities that you can bring into the world to help others, as well as the feelings of compassion surrounding all your activities.

Uranus in 12th House:

Your insight into your past - even past lives, is sometimes very intense. What is more interesting is your unique ability to see into the future, thus reducing any doubts you may have about your current life.

Twelfth House Aspects

You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe. You can achieve self-realization by developing your intuitive senses completely. You tend to "get the point" suddenly, after careful digestion of the facts. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yet you also sense the hand of the divine - however you define divinity in your life - in the unfolding of a larger plan. While in the moment of transition you may feel helpless and weak, you don't remain helpless for long because you quickly begin to evaluate clues about outcome. You gather information from your surroundings, your thoughts, your feelings, and your sense of spiritual connection to the energy around you.

You wish to rule, and so do a lot of your peers. This could lead to trouble if you all think you have to be the first and the best. Once you experience coming in second or third, you focus your

sights on those areas that truly matter to you. Then you make spiritual progress along with achieving career and other successes.

Pluto Aspects

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness.

The Eighth House

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

You have Aquarius on the Eighth House cusp. Your stage for transformation is set with the trappings of intellect. You like to think a process through to its logical end before you make decisions. If you don't have enough time to do this, you tend to make absolute decisions that leave no room for flexibility. Such decisions, if examined carefully, will reflect the same feeling that you had as a child when adults made decisions for you. There is a sense of being trapped in an invisible suspended cage. You may not feel out of balance, but you fear that any movement may cause you to fall from your tight wire.

While you may wish to be independent in all things, this sense of inertia is a cue to ask for help. By asking you will feel less isolated. The act of extending your hand to another person for help will get you moving again. I am reminded of a child learning to ride a bicycle. Someone has their hand on the bike to steady it, and that hand provides the confidence we need to experience the balancing technique as we pedal. Before we know it, the hand is no longer there and we are balancing just fine.

Planets in the Eighth House

Mars in 8th House:

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of death and transformation. You seek experiences that help you to understand your own life and death cycle, with a desire to help others understand their own. A second issue that affects your path is your own sexuality. Physical desires can be very strong, and you need to develop judgment in this area of your life. Long term relationships transmute physical sexual drives into spiritually ecstatic experiences that lift you to peak moments of understanding.

Eighth House Aspects

Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. Use your energy in creative projects that reflect your inner spiritual values.

The Development of Intuition

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

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

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

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

Your Uranus is in the 12th House. Your insight into your past - even past lives, is sometimes very intense. What is more interesting is your unique ability to see into the future, thus reducing any doubts you may have about your current life.

Uranus Aspects

You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe. You can achieve self-realization by developing your intuitive senses completely. You tend to "get the point" suddenly, after careful digestion of the facts. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

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

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

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

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

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

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

Midheaven Aspects

Your less conscious mental style suits what you know about yourself. You are more comfortable than most people with the paradox of being conscious while operating from a less conscious base of spiritual strength. Vanity could be a problem if your focus is on yourself. When you focus on the spiritual connections you have, you express affection to everyone you meet.

Karma and Dharma

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

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

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

With Saturn in Libra, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Thinking function. You exemplify the best of the thinking process when you are positioning yourself for effective action. You are well prepared to logically pursue intelligent activity in any area of life where thinking logically will prevail. You are willing to entertain the concept of past lives, but you will seldom get caught up in the emotions associated with the past. You will examine past events logically and consider how they impact on your present decisions, and you learn not to dwell on things that cannot be changed. You make decisions that are generally considered to be wise by your peers. They may approach you with passionate arguments, strange futuristic plans, or even hard-edged "facts," but you apply your logic equally to each of these, and make decisions that everyone can live with. In preparing for the future, you are able to formulate a plan and project it into the future mentally, observing how the turnings of each part of the plan affect other systems. Your plans become more effective when you seek the counsel of individuals who use each of the four strategies in their planning, as you can make use of their thinking style within your logical approach.

You are the quintessential partner - loyal, hard working, and steadfast. Your sense of duty keeps you in relationships well past the point where other people would have thrown in the towel. You are initially reluctant to engage in serious romantic or business partnerships because you know you won't be able to disengage easily.

Your Saturn is in the 4th House. In your youth you learned from your elders and listened carefully to their ideas and beliefs. Now you find you are able to share key principles and values with your own students or the younger generation of your family.

Saturn Aspects

You seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. You

can handle grand strategies or the little details, because you understand the relationship between structure and process. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure.

Transcendent Values

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

With Jupiter in Pisces, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Feeling function. You find it easy to expand your emotional range to encompass other people, large projects, and even global thinking. You naturally want to engage with others because this is one of the principal ways you learn. While you may use intellect skillfully in your daily activities, it is at the emotional heart level that you connect to the planet, to humanity, and to spirit. It may seem that fusion of heart and mind is easier when Jupiter is in a water sign because we ordinarily experience the values of the heart in an emotional way. However, such fusion is not limited to water signs, nor do water signs limit the possible expression of transcendent values in any way. One advantage to this placement is that a constant flow of spiritual energy is possible. You may benefit from a meditation practice that focuses on the flows of energy through your body, whether it be breath or energy on a higher plane.

If you have no contemplative guidance system, you can fall prey to moods induced by alcohol and drugs. What works better is a relatively quiet life, or at least finding a quiet space in which you can rest from the emotional impressions swirling around you. Then the spiritual path can make itself known to you.

Aspects of the Jupiter

You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. You can handle grand strategies or the little details, because you understand the relationship between structure and process. You can achieve self-realization by developing your intuitive senses completely. You tend to "get the point" suddenly, after careful digestion of the facts.

The Ninth House

You have Aquarius on the Ninth House cusp. Your primary transcendent focus is on group consciousness. This focus is a most significant factor in your personal development, as it is the inspiration for selflessness. A second transcendent value is your lower mental nature. Intellectual development is key to your spiritual progress. Note that group consciousness is primary, and that personal intellect serves a supporting role. A third value is the truth of unity or Universal Mind. It is through the intuitive understanding of the oneness of all existence that you are able to

mobilize your intellect in the service of group consciousness. As these values become the motivation for your conscious actions, you will find that your spirit flows like water from an endless source, enriching the lives of others as you move toward personal liberation.

Planets in the Ninth House

Jupiter in 9th House:

You will find your values within your studies. It is essential that you develop a formal approach to learning. This does not have to be a college degree program. It can involve reading, attending workshops and seminars on subjects of interest to you, or travel to sites where spiritual energy is focused. You can choose which traditions to pursue, and you may be drawn to a philosophy or religion very different from what you were taught as a child. You are the perennial student, always willing to expand your sphere of knowledge.

Ninth House Aspects

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Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

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

The Element of Mars

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

With Mars in Aquarius, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Thinking function. You are able to take an idea and wind it into an imaginative, yet logical picture, filled with colorful images and connections. Your spiritual discipline is likely to reflect this strong use of intellect. You find causes to which you devote time and energy, and you are best placed in jobs or activities that draw upon your mental capacity. Today's focus on the Internet and telecommunications suits your energy very well, as you are able to picture systems and to devise strategies for the future.

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

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 8th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of death and transformation. You seek experiences that help you to understand your own life and death cycle, with a desire to help others understand their own. A second issue that affects your path is your own sexuality. Physical desires can be very strong, and you need to develop judgment in this area of your life. Long term relationships transmute physical sexual drives into spiritually ecstatic experiences that lift you to peak moments of understanding.

Mars Aspects

Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of

your spirituality. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. Use your energy in creative projects that reflect your inner spiritual values.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

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

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

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

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

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

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

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

As you experience your spiritual being, you come to understand the two sides of the sign of Cancer. One side has to do with self-preservation and includes the nurturing you receive and the care you give to others. It includes the impulse to incarnate in the first place. The other side relates to immortality. Your creative energies are freed as you gain understanding of this aspect

of life. By understanding the desire to incarnate, along with the truth of your immortal being, you perceive the flow of the evolutionary process across physical lifetimes. The mystery here is the link between the Mother of Form (the Moon) and the Father of the Waters (Neptune). On the physical plane form is not necessarily rigid, and movement is not necessarily unrestricted. The two aspects are intertwined in all living things. On the spiritual plane, form may seem less significant or less solid, but the principle of form continues to be active until Unity is achieved.

Ascendant Aspects

Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions. Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values. Use your energy in creative projects that reflect your inner spiritual values. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words.