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Natal Report
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Planetary Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
q Sun	is in	n Pisces	10` 29' 54"	- 7` 38' 00"
w Moon	is in	v Capricorn	23` 40' 59"	-21` 19' 00"
e Mercury	is in	n Pisces	10` 03' 11"	- 4` 23' 00"
r Venus	is in	n Pisces	17` 55' 39"	- 6` 05' 00"
t Mars	is in	c Sagittarius	10` 43' 42"	-21` 23' 00"
y Jupiter	is in	d Gemini	17` 01' 23"	+22` 32' 00"
u Saturn	is in	x Scorpio	9` 13' 16"	-12` 07' 00"
i Uranus	is in	f Cancer	19` 17' 54"	+22` 33' 00"
o Neptune	is in	z Libra	25` 45' 58"	- 8` 20' 00"
p Pluto	is in	g Leo	23` 23' 44"	+23` 14' 00"
l N. Node	is in	v Capricorn	23` 02' 42"	-21` 29' 00"
j Ascendant	is in	a Aries	25` 21' 12"	+ 9` 49' 00"
k Midheaven	is in	v Capricorn	15` 21' 43"	-22` 34' 00"
^ Fortuna	is in	n Pisces	8` 32' 18"	- 8` 22' 00"
O Ceres	is in	z Libra	11` 51' 26"	+10` 01' 00"
P Pallas	is in	g Leo	26` 28' 45"	- 9` 51' 00"
{ Juno	is in	g Leo	14` 34' 02"	+ 7` 40' 00"
} Vesta	is in	a Aries	6` 11' 49"	- 2` 24' 00"
\$ Chiron	is in	v Capricorn	26` 08' 48"	-14` 29' 00"

Planetary Aspects

Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Moon	The orb is	1` 49'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Mercury	The orb is	0` 27'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Venus	The orb is	7` 26'
Your	Sun	is	Square	Mars	The orb is	0` 14'
Your	Sun	is	Trine	Saturn	The orb is	1` 17'
Your	Sun	is	Sesquare	Neptune	The orb is	0` 16'
Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Ascendant	The orb is	0` 09'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Midheaven	The orb is	4` 52'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Fortuna	The orb is	1` 58'
Your	Sun	is	Quincunx	Ceres	The orb is	1` 22'
Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Chiron	The orb is	0` 39'
Your	Moon	is	Semisquare	Mercury	The orb is	1` 22'
Your	Moon	is	Opposite	Uranus	The orb is	4` 23'
Your	Moon	is	Square	Neptune	The orb is	2` 05'
Your	Moon	is	Quincunx	Pluto	The orb is	0` 17'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	N. Node	The orb is	0` 38'
Your	Moon	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	1` 40'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	Midheaven	The orb is	8` 19'
Your	Moon	is	Semisquare	Fortuna	The orb is	0` 09'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	Chiron	The orb is	2` 28'
Your	Mercury	is	Square	Mars	The orb is	0` 41'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Saturn	The orb is	0` 50'
Your	Mercury	is	Sesquare	Neptune	The orb is	0` 43'
Your	Mercury	is	Semisquare	Ascendant	The orb is	0` 18'
Your	Mercury	is	Conjunct	Fortuna	The orb is	1` 31'
Your	Mercury	is	Quincunx	Ceres	The orb is	1` 48'
Your	Mercury	is	Semisquare	Chiron	The orb is	1` 06'
Your	Venus	is	Square	Jupiter	The orb is	0` 54'
Your	Venus	is	Trine	Uranus	The orb is	1` 22'
Your	Venus	is	Sextile	Midheaven	The orb is	2` 34'
Your	Mars	is	Semisextile	Saturn	The orb is	1` 30'
Your	Mars	is	Semisquare	Neptune	The orb is	0` 02'
Your	Mars	is	Sesquare	Ascendant	The orb is	0` 22'
Your	Mars	is	Square	Fortuna	The orb is	2` 11'
Your	Mars	is	Sextile	Ceres	The orb is	1` 08'
Your	Mars	is	Trine	Juno	The orb is	3` 50'
Your	Mars	is	Trine	Vesta	The orb is	4` 32'

Your	Mars	is	Semisquare	Chiron	The orb is	0` 25'
Your	Jupiter	is	Quincunx	Midheaven	The orb is	1` 40'
Your	Jupiter	is	Trine	Ceres	The orb is	5` 10'
Your	Jupiter	is	Sextile	Juno	The orb is	2` 27'
Your	Saturn	is	Trine	Fortuna	The orb is	0` 41'
Your	Saturn	is	Square	Juno	The orb is	5` 21'
Your	Uranus	is	Opposite	N. Node	The orb is	3` 45'
Your	Uranus	is	Opposite	Midheaven	The orb is	3` 56'
Your	Neptune	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	2` 22'
Your	Neptune	is	Square	N. Node	The orb is	2` 43'
Your	Neptune	is	Opposite	Ascendant	The orb is	0` 25'
Your	Neptune	is	Sextile	Pallas	The orb is	0` 43'
Your	Neptune	is	Square	Chiron	The orb is	0` 23'
Your	Pluto	is	Quincunx	N. Node	The orb is	0` 21'
Your	Pluto	is	Trine	Ascendant	The orb is	1` 57'
Your	Pluto	is	Conjunct	Pallas	The orb is	3` 05'
Your	N. Node	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	2` 19'
Your	N. Node	is	Conjunct	Midheaven	The orb is	7` 41'
Your	N. Node	is	Semisquare	Fortuna	The orb is	0` 30'
Your	N. Node	is	Conjunct	Chiron	The orb is	3` 06'
Your	Fortuna	is	Semisquare	Ascendant	The orb is	1` 49'
Your	Pallas	is	Trine	Ascendant	The orb is	1` 08'
Your	Chiron	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	0` 48'
Your	Ceres	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	3` 30'
Your	Juno	is	Quincunx	Midheaven	The orb is	0` 48'
Your	Ceres	is	Semisquare	Pallas	The orb is	0` 23'
Your	Ceres	is	Sextile	Juno	The orb is	2` 43'
Your	Ceres	is	Opposite	Vesta	The orb is	5` 40'
Your	Pallas	is	Quincunx	Chiron	The orb is	0` 20'

Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire	: t pj P{ }	Total = 6	Weighted Score = 6
Earth	: wl k\$	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 6
Air	: yoO	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 2
Water	: qer ui ^	Total = 6	Weighted Score = 9
Cardinal	: wi ol j kO} \$	Total = 9	Weighted Score = 11
Fixed	: upP{	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 2
Mutable	: qer t y ^	Total = 6	Weighted Score = 10

Weights Used Above

Sun	= 3	Moon	= 3	Mercury	= 2	Venus	= 2
Mars	= 2	Jupiter	= 1	Saturn	= 1	Uranus	= 1
Neptune	= 1	Pluto	= 1	N. Node	= 0	Ascendant	= 3
Midheaven	= 3	Fortuna	= 0	Ceres	= 0	Pallas	= 0
Juno	= 0	Vesta	= 0	Chiron	= 0		

Introduction

The report that you are about to read is a first step in decoding the symbolic language of your birth chart. It explains the raw materials that you have been given for building a life. It outlines how the overall shape of your chart reflects the overall shape of your personality, what your greatest challenges are likely to be, the strengths you have been given to meet these challenges, and the main arenas you are given for playing out your life's drama.

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

The Main Emphasis in Your Chart

The general distribution of planets around you at your birth is one of the things that shows the overall shape of your personality. Before taking a closer look at the details, let's stand back for a moment to see whether your chart contains any obvious emphasis in a sign, group of signs, or other division of the horoscope wheel.

Most planets are above the horizon.

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

There are few or no planets in Air signs.

Having a marked lack of planets in Gemini, Libra, or Aquarius, you tend to operate without the baggage of intellectual forethought, and have little time for those who pontificate ideas. Your tendency to react to situations directly and spontaneously makes you suspect those who prefer to think things through before taking action.

You view social relationships very simply and just can't understand what all the fuss is about when people clash over intellectual principles or sort out nuances in relationships. These things are black and white to you, and you spend little time dwelling on shades of gray. Because you don't like to spend time on the intricacies of things, you can get caught by situations that require complicated negotiations, understanding and networking.

Sometimes you may demonstrate a lack of forethought that can cause you to miss the implications of your actions. You may get in over your head and wonder how you got there. You need to learn carefully to analyze problems, maintain social networks, and become more detached in your judgments, especially before making major decisions or commitments.

There are few or no planets in Fixed signs.

Your chart's marked absence of emphasis in signs like Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius indicates that you may find it difficult to stick to something once you have begun it, whether it be a job, a diet or a relationship. You may feel frustrated when your life fails to be a never-ending kaleidoscope of variety and change. You do have the virtue of flexibility, but unless you learn to build some stability into your life, others will tend to think that you can never carry anything through to a conclusion.

Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama

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

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

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

Your Major Challenges

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

Sun conjunct Mercury

You are known for your sharp mind, and greatly enjoy a penchant for conversation. You would rather talk than eat, and it will always be important for you to have some sort of intellectual stimulation as an outlet for your nervous energy. Be careful that you always talk about matters of consequence. Others do not necessarily want to listen to you prattle on about nothing in particular.

Sun conjunct Venus

Others immediately notice your warm and friendly manner. You are the first to go out of your way to make others feel comfortable and accepted. Blessed are the peacemakers, and you are one. This is a great gift. Just be sure that you do not always compromise your own needs, or others (who might not be as nice as you are) may walk all over you.

Sun square Mars

You have an abundance of energy, especially physical energy, but you do not always control it gracefully. You are very competitive and hate to lose. Try to find a worthy outlet for your energy (like sports or work requiring immense physical effort) so that it does not manifest itself in quarrels and bickering. You are so rash and impulsive that it is unlikely that you are always right even though you think you are. Hard though it may be, learn to trust those around you who are calm and practical.

Moon opposite Uranus

There is an ongoing tension in your life between the need to be close and comforting with your loved ones, and the need to be free, independent and detached. You are painfully aware of the problems that this causes. It manifests in sudden, inexplicable emotional outbursts at the most inappropriate times. These outbursts are very difficult for you to control, and very embarrassing to you after the fact. It will be important for those who love you to give you as much freedom as you ask for, and it will be as equally important that you respect and trust them when they do so.

Moon square Neptune

A recurring pattern in your life involves your attracting others who have serious problems in trying to deal with the harsh realities around them. They may be physically weak or ill, or may indulge in drugs or alcohol to avoid dealing with the stress in their lives. You have such sympathy for their plight that often you sacrifice yourself to make their lives easier. Self-sacrifice can be noble. Just make sure that you are doing it consciously, and are not just buying into the other person's unrealistic fantasy.

Moon conjunct North Node

Your extended family is very, very important to you. You tend to treat almost everyone with whom you form any kind of non-casual relationship as if they were members of your intimate family. You delight in taking care of others, ministering to their needs, and generally making them feel comfortable. This applies to religious, political and charitable organizations and to anyone in your neighborhood. You're comfortable working behind the scenes as long as you know that you're making an impact. But be careful not to neglect the needs of those closest to you. They may tend to feel slighted if you spend a great deal of time away from home.

Moon square Ascendant.

Even though you are sympathetic of the needs of others and usually show it, you have a bad habit of making excessive emotional demands on them. You seem to want more in return than you are willing to give. This can manifest as possessiveness and jealousy. Learn to let others, even those very close to you, grow and develop on their own, in spite of your best intentions. If you are emotionally insecure yourself, you may have a tendency to want to withdraw from emotional interactions. Don't be afraid — people will usually respect and love you just as you are.

Moon conjunct Midheaven

You apply a great deal of emotional energy pushing yourself and your career forward. The content of what you learned early in life from your mother and family strongly affects the manner in which you deal with others and the public at large. You are generally sympathetic of the needs of people and can use this as a sort of sixth sense in guiding your career. Others sense that you can be trusted because of your sincerity — thus they can usually provide you with encouragement and much needed emotional support.

Moon conjunct Chiron

Compassionate and emotional, you are dutiful and sensitive to the needs of your family, friends and community. Fearful of being overpowered, you may shy away from long-term commitment. Once someone sweeps you off your feet, however, you are completely devoted. Extremely responsible and willing to take charge, you can damage your health by working too many hours. You do not always express yourself very clearly. Rather than wait for others to guess what you are thinking, ask for what you need.

Mercury square Mars

Even when your positions are built on flimsy premises, you tend to defend them so strongly that you feel constantly under attack by others. This often surprises and bothers you. When others disagree with you, it is best to refrain from taking it so personally. Try to see their side of things. Learn to compromise a bit. Unlike the way you usually portray it, life is not all black and white, right and wrong.

Venus square Jupiter

Things come easily for you. No matter what your circumstances, rich or poor, you seem to attract situations that make your path through life smooth and unruffled. This often works to your detriment, however. You have a tendency to be overly self-indulgent, always overdoing things — buying too many clothes or eating too much rich food — and you may not have the discipline to control your budget or your expanding waistline.

Uranus conjunct South Node

Your expectations when meeting new people are so high that, when they disappoint you by not being quite as exciting and stimulating as you think they should be, you often become immediately quarrelsome, restless and disruptive. This of course leads to separations and bad feelings — and to a sense of having been betrayed on the part of both parties. You demand complete freedom of self-expression in relationships for yourself — and if you remember to grant that right to the other person too, you'll have fewer problems getting along in life.

Uranus conjunct Imum Coeli

Your background and early childhood experiences were unusual in some manner. Perhaps your family was unique or unconventional or perhaps you were denied the mothering and nurture that a young person might expect. At any rate, you now have the attitude that being unreliable and eccentric is the way to proceed through life. You prefer not to stay in any one place for very long, becoming anxious and fearful if any one tries to get too close to you. This can be a lonely lifestyle, but it probably will not be dull.

Neptune square Nodes

You tend to put very little ego attachment into interpersonal relationships — and that often causes you many problems. If you're detached totally from your relationships, you can end up exploiting others by lying or cheating (you think it's OK because "you" aren't involved). Or you can be on the receiving end of deception and deceit because you don't feel worthy enough to demand some respect for yourself. Relationships are often formed between those who are not truly equal, so that one of you becomes the victim and the other the savior. Ultimately, none of these scenarios is healthy and you should seek the help of a trusted counselor or advisor if you wish to develop a proper sense of self-respect.

Neptune conjunct Descendant

You are very attracted to those in need. You sympathize with them to such an extent that you are willing to devote your life (or a greater part of it anyway) to their service. A career in the helping professions would be an ideal way for you to deal with this inner need, because it would allow you to maintain a private life of accomplishment away from your work. Your tendency to lose yourself in the other (and vice versa) can make you forget the very real concerns that you have as a unique individual.

Chiron square Neptune

Dreamy and uncommunicative, you have difficulty dealing with the stresses of everyday life. Though you enjoy being alone, you must be careful not to completely retreat into your own world. Lack of direction contributes to moodiness and periodic depression. At your best, you are wonderfully supportive and understanding. At other times, you exaggerate your problems and become too comfortable in the role of victim.

North Node square Ascendant

You feel continually drawn into living situations that demand that you be among many different people. But you're really a very private person and you resent anyone getting involved too intimately with your personal affairs. As such, you often do things to get others angry with you, causing quarrels and disagreements. If you must relate to others in your immediate environment, try to develop a thicker skin — learn to be more tolerant and try to avoid direct conflicts whenever possible. Things then should go much smoother for you.

North Node conjunct Midheaven

You will succeed in attaining your career goals by consciously choosing the correct person or group of people to ally yourself with. You'll only tend to feel alone and vulnerable if you try to go it alone, but once your allegiance has been given to those who are like-minded, there's no stopping you. You need the give- and-take that good companionship provides to stimulate your enthusiasm and get you going. Should you make the wrong choice of associates, for whatever reason, you may feel quite stifled and frustrated and find it very difficult to break free and switch allegiances. So be very careful before making any serious commitments.

Chiron conjunct North Node

You have a remarkable talent for helping others and for intuiting exactly what they need. You have an almost fanatic need to save the world, and at times may even think that you are the only one with the answers. Alternatively, you may question your ability really to be of service. In order to make your opinions known to a wider audience, you may gravitate toward journalism, teaching or politics.

Chiron square Ascendant

Preoccupation with your own needs has made you difficult to get along with. While you have learned to take charge of your life with little or no assistance, you also spend many lonely hours and have few friends in whom you can confide. You have the power to be a wonderful friend and work-mate. Learning to listen and interact with others may be difficult, but the rewards of friendship cannot be equaled. You'll find that things you once thought important are not as meaningful as they once seemed to be.

Your Sustaining Strengths

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

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

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

Sun trine Saturn

You can be counted on to be patient and self-disciplined and therefore are ideally suited to handle responsibilities related to projects that will take a great deal of time to bear fruit. You are the ideal administrator because you can be trusted. However, your narrowly defined way of life does not allow for much originality or creativity. You are more comfortable when you know all the variables in advance and can take appropriate precautions. Your stiff, sober and conservative philosophy may cause you to be self-righteous and priggish — try to allow others the latitude that you do not allow yourself. Then you will be universally respected.

Sun sextile Midheaven

You know who you are and where you want to go. This is a great gift, one that relieves you of the anxiety that most people feel about their life direction. Because you are able easily and quickly to make decisions to assist you in reaching your goals, you will meet with success early on.

Mercury trine Saturn

Your speech is deliberate, cautious and correct. You delight in finding things that proceed in a slow and methodical manner. When you have the leisure to be thorough and careful, you feel that you are in control of your life. When pressed to alter your course, you get depressed and fearful, and become even more rigid than usual. Your care and precision are a valuable gift to the world, but to avoid feeling trapped in a rut, practice loosening up. Find a safe situation such (as a hobby) where you can be free to experiment, break your routine, make mistakes and be outrageous. In so doing, you increase your range, creativity and effectiveness in all areas of life.

Venus trine Uranus

You find it difficult to stay in any one relationship very long, unless both of you happen to be very unconventional and very creative in always concocting new and exciting things to do together as a couple. Others may judge you as irresponsible and undependable, but you really must be this way in order to maintain your own sense of integrity — you must be free to “do your own thing.” Your flakiness and lack of respect for tradition make you very exciting to be around.

Venus sextile Midheaven

You are very creative and artistic and have a gentle manner about you that suggests good breeding and good taste. You tend to lack aggressiveness, however, and think that things should come to you — that you should not have to dirty yourself with sweat in order to better yourself. And you may just get your wish, because you have the ability to delight others with your presence so much that often they are quite solicitous of you. You make people want to mother you and take care of you.

Neptune sextile Pluto

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

Pluto trine Ascendant

You place a very high value on friendships and associations of all kinds. For you, influential and powerful people are resources that you can call on in time of need. As such, you go out of your way to put others in your debt, not only because you have a deep and abiding interest in observing the mechanics and motivations of human interactions, but also because you enjoy manipulating relationships for your own best ends. Be very careful of this, however, because it will be a temptation to be overly selfish in these exploitative games. Any lack of tact and integrity on your part will cause a boomerang effect, creating enemies of former friends.

Rounding Out the Picture

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

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

Sun semisquare Moon

In certain situations you experience problems in making decisions that are balanced, appropriate and reasonable. Because you feel, at some times, that you are lacking either the ability to be rational and logical or, at other times, the ability to be compassionate and feeling, you tend to overcompensate and the result always seems to put you off center, forcing you to continually make adjustments. Be aware of this tendency and consciously try to seek a middle path in all you do.

Sun sesquare Neptune

You are very sensitive by nature and it is important that you get support from those around you. Your environment and, especially, any guide figures that you encounter should be strong and positive or you will likely develop feelings of weakness and inferiority that will cause you problems of self-image as you get older. You have a strongly creative imagination and should be encouraged in its development.

Sun semisquare Ascendant

You are so self-directed and self-confident that you often find it difficult to relate to those who are important in your life. Whether it is your spouse or business partner that must bear the brunt of your self-centeredness, relationships are going to be difficult to maintain if you continue in this path. You must learn to try to listen creatively to the needs of those with whom you associate and build their needs into your own if you are going to be the success that you desire to be.

Sun semisquare Chiron

Poor self-worth may drive you to spend time alone pondering your future. You are afraid of being criticized, since it evokes feelings of ineptness and shame. It is of utmost importance for you to gain confidence, because then you may utilize your superb management and organizational skills. Your need to be in control makes it easy for you either to work alone or to be self-employed. Sticking to your guns is admirable, but insisting that you are always right alienates too many people. Learning to roll with the punches makes you a better teacher and communicator.

Moon semisquare Mercury

You find it difficult just to sit back and reason things out calmly and coolly. You prefer to do everything spontaneously. There must be an emotional content to all of your decisions — you tend to wear your heart on your sleeve. Because you have a tendency to act first and think later, you often do things that you later regret. Try to build in time delay factors and escape clauses into any important decisions that you make.

Moon quincunx Pluto

You have an overwhelming need to be accepted and cared for by those you love and to do the same in return. But, almost perversely it seems, you tend to be so demanding of their time and energy and so jealous of them that relationships often seem more like battlefields than mutual support systems, and this is not what you want. Look carefully at your early childhood and examine your relationship with your mother (or the person who provided that role for you) to see if love and security was tied up with issues of possessiveness and manipulation. The assistance of a respected advisor or counselor may be necessary in sorting all this out if you would like to get control of this continuing pattern.

Mercury sesquare Neptune

You have a vivid imagination. Your inner visions are so compelling that you can find it difficult to separate them from the real world outside. The most positive use of this trait is when you attempt to convey these ideas to others through an artistic medium. In ordinary discourse, beware of a strong temptation to embroider the truth with your imaginings. Others may not understand your usually noble motivations, and may just consider you a liar.

Mercury semisquare Ascendant

You have an abundance of nervous energy, and you tend to release it by buzzing around from friend to friend and talking of this and that. You love to share ideas and opinions, and will often be the vehicle for spreading gossip and rumor. This is one of your less desirable traits. Make sure that your speech is kind and has substance, because people will only tolerate idle chatter for so long.

Mercury semisquare Chiron

Detail-oriented and meticulous, you are a diligent researcher and fact gatherer. The life of a party, you are spontaneous, with an infectious laugh and a wonderful sense of humor. You can always be relied upon to put your own problems aside and lift the spirits of others. As a result, you have difficulty asking for help yourself or admitting that depression engulfs you from time to time.

Mars semisextile Saturn

There is a continuing tension in your life that you find very difficult to handle. On the one hand, you have very definite needs and wants and the desire to go out and get them. But, on the other hand, you feel overburdened by restrictions (whether imposed by yourself or reinforced by important guide figures) or by propriety and decorum and this manifests as indecisiveness and frustration. As such, you often feel angry and embittered and have periodic outbursts of temper. You must realize that this indecisiveness comes from within you — do not seek out others as scapegoats. If you can resolve these tensions by lowering your expectations and narrowing your goals until they become truly realizable, the symptoms will become somewhat alleviated.

Mars semisquare Neptune

You prefer to act only if there is some high and noble reason for doing so. You are self-sacrificial by nature and rarely will act in your own defense, which can leave you feeling weak and vulnerable and at the mercy of those around you. As such, it is important that you surround yourself with positive, upbeat people — negative people drain you of energy and reinforce your tendency to feel that you have no self-worth.

Mars sesquare Ascendant

You have such a strong ego that others often find it difficult to deal with you. You must be first at everything and you do not cooperate very well with others. It seems as if you are always going around trying to pick a fight over one thing or another. You are very competitive and should seek out companions who are of a similar bent. Use your abundant energies to defend and protect the rights of those in your care, instead of consciously trying to buck them at every turn.

Mars semisquare Chiron

Instead of lashing out and hurting others, you may become self-destructive and inadvertently sabotage situations and relationships if they do not go your way. Learn patience, and if you hit a snag or do not immediately succeed, don't get discouraged or angry. Just move on to something else. Don't hold on to any anger that you might feel about not getting the job done. Rather than punish yourself for making mistakes, learn from them and try again.

Jupiter quincunx Midheaven

While you usually have a balanced approach to your career and life objectives, at times they seem to be working at cross-purposes to what you really want to be doing. This makes you very restless and unsure of your life path and can be very frustrating to you. It is not that you are doing poorly in your career, it is that there is a siren song calling you, making you believe that there might be a better path. You must realize that this is a serious problem and you must learn to face it. Find a way to pursue creatively these other interests, perhaps in the form of a hobby, in such a way that your career will not be damaged. Then, later, if the pressure becomes too great, switch careers. But plan the move out well in advance in order to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Pluto quincunx North Node

The very palpable tension that seems to occur as you attempt to interact with others — even with quite casual acquaintances — is a continuing concern for you. You feel frustrated and guilty when you see yourself subtly goading people into opposing you, even over quite trivial matters. You should try to remember that not everyone enjoys living life at the same high level of intensity as you do — your attempts to push them closer to the edge (for their own good, of course) might just not be appreciated. Learn to live and let live. And make sure that others are willing participants when you turn up the intensity level. If you can do this, there won't be any hurt feelings.

Houses: Bringing the Planets Down to Earth

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

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

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

House 1: Your Interface with the World

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

Aries on the First

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

No planets in the First

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

House 2: What You Own and Value

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

Taurus on the Second

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

Jupiter in the Second

For you, material possessions signify security and protection and you will devote much time and energy to gathering about you enough “things” to make you feel safe and comfortable. When you feel secure, you are very giving and sharing of your bounty, but, when you feel insecure or frustrated, you tend to become more and more acquisitive and selfish, collecting more “things” than anyone could ever possibly need or use. Generally, you love to spend your money in a big way — preferring large, elegant purchases.

Jupiter in Gemini

You have a logical, detached, objective view of most things. Your interests are wide-ranging and you are an avid student, with expertise in many different areas. You love to work things out in your mind. Thus, everything you do is reduced to an exercise in logic and reason. You have the ability to grasp abstractions and to deal successfully with the larger issues of life. Your overemphasis on developing your powerful intellect can cause your emotional and intuitive abilities to atrophy unless you consciously choose to exercise them.

House 3: Your Immediate Surroundings

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

Gemini on the Third

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

No planets in the Third

Your third house is not activated by planetary activity. For the most part, how you order your daily life activities is not an issue for you. It is something that you rarely think about or have to plan consciously.

House 4: Where You Come From

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

Cancer on the Fourth

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

Uranus in the Fourth

You have an innate fear and dislike of close, entangling emotional relationships. This problem most likely stems from the environment of your early upbringing in which the emotional support that you needed was inconsistent or unpredictable. As such, you now hate to be tied down to anyone or anything. Your home is, quite literally, wherever you throw your hat. At the very least, your living quarters and home scene are unconventional and unique.

Uranus in Cancer

For you, and for your peers as well, the demand to be free from entangling emotional bonds is of paramount importance. You have a unique and unfettered view of family life and will be attracted to experimenting with freeform styles of relationship commitments. This may lead to a rootless, unsettled lifestyle.

House 5: Playtime

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

Leo on the Fifth

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

Pluto in the Fifth

When you have fun — and you love to — you do so totally, as if your very life were at stake. Putting everything on the line gets your adrenaline stirring, and you prefer it if your leisure time is spent doing things that others might regard as foolhardy or dangerous. Winning is so important to you that fun times often degenerate into fights, arguments and disputes. If you have children, you tend to become quite obsessed with them and their concerns, so much so that you find it difficult not to interfere with their daily affairs, even well beyond the time when they should be making decisions on their own.

Pluto in Leo

Your entire generation was born at a time when the relationship of the individual to society as a whole was being thoroughly re-examined. You and your contemporaries will make major attempts to find a balance between the need to be self-sufficient and the need to honor debts of social commitment.

House 6: Taking Care of Business

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

Virgo on the Sixth

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

House 7: Relating One-to-One

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

Libra on the Seventh

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

Saturn in the Seventh

You have an ambiguous attitude toward relationships. You very much need to be involved with someone else in order to feel whole and complete, but you regard the whole process of relating as such a burdensome responsibility that you are afraid to get really close to someone else. Therefore, at times, you prefer just to be alone. At the very least, you demand that your partner (either in a business or a personal relationship) be quite mature, even preferring those who are considerably older than yourself (or younger — you are uncomfortable with your peer group). But once you have made a commitment, you are very conscientious about keeping any contracts or agreements made between you.

Saturn in Scorpio

Your emotions are complicated and intense, and you are reluctant to express them. This is partly due to your fear of what horrible calamity might occur should they be released. Try not to repress these emotions entirely, however, or you will succumb to negative and destructive forms of compulsive behavior. Give yourself the freedom to look awkward or silly once in a while. The relief that you feel will be therapeutic, and the embarrassment (whether it is real or imagined) will pass quickly. If you feel that an emotion has a real potential for destructiveness, simply acknowledging to yourself that you feel it, and possibly writing about it or expressing it in art, will help.

Neptune in the Seventh

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

Neptune in Libra

You and your entire generation idealized experimental approaches to relationships such as “living together,” open marriage, and the formation of communes and collectives. While your generation has a tendency toward weakening commitments on an emotional and contractual level, on the spiritual and metaphysical level it holds heightened expectations about commitment and mutual support.

House 8: Giving It All Away

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

Scorpio on the Eighth

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

Mars in the Eighth

Everything you do you do with great intensity. You drive yourself very hard physically, so don't expect everyone else to be able to keep up with you. When you have decided to pursue something, you go all-out, becoming obsessed with the project at hand. Problems can occur when your strong and powerful personal desires lead you into conflicts with others. If you do not learn to compromise a bit, there will be roaring battles ahead, because you tend to attract others who are just as intractable as you.

Mars in Sagittarius

Your actions are motivated by high moral standards and ideals. You will work hard to improve the lot of the world at large. Instead of talking abstractly about it, you demand action. In fact, whatever you do, you like to be where the real action is. Also, you mightily resist any attempts to limit your freedom, and you will assist anyone else who feels put down and restricted. You are extremely restless by nature, so that physical exercise is particularly important for you to maintain your health.

House 9: Expanding Your Awareness

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

Sagittarius on the Ninth

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

No planets in the Ninth

Your ninth house is not activated by planetary activity. The extent and depth of your life philosophy and the intensity of your higher educational experiences are not major issues for you. Look to the house and aspects of Jupiter in your horoscope to get further information on how you deal with these issues.

House 10: Your Public Self

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

Capricorn on the Tenth

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

Moon in the Tenth

Your mother (or the person who provided comfort and nurture for you early in life) has been very important in shaping your life goals. Your heightened awareness of the needs of others allows you to be successful in most careers that involve a great deal of interaction with the public. It will, however, be a temptation for you to merely reflect the feelings and needs of others. Try to be yourself — your opinions and wants are important, too.

Moon in Capricorn

You are serious and shy and very uncomfortable in those situations where spontaneous and exuberant emotional reactions seem called for. An achiever, you prefer doing practical, worthwhile things that produce tangible results. You need role models to respect, love and emulate. You tend to feel that you're a failure unless you get an important and highly respected position in life. Don't be so hard on yourself. For you, practical needs always win out over emotional considerations. Remember that you too have the right to comfort, security and love. Dutiful and patient, when you make an emotional commitment, you sign on for the long haul — your love is long-enduring.

North Node in the Tenth

You tend to have a very practical approach to the way you deal with other people. You rarely, if ever, form casual relationships, and need a real and identifiable purpose for spending time with anyone. While some may regard you as cool and calculating, you're an excellent companion to those who can be of assistance to you, especially those who can help you move ahead in your chosen career. To avoid acquiring a reputation as a backslapper or social climber, in return you must offer real value to those with whom you want to associate.

North Node in Capricorn

You rarely get involved closely with anyone unless he or she has something specific and practical to offer you. You tend to be "all business" when it comes to dealing with others. You're usually so intently focused on a particular goal that you rarely have time for social niceties or casual fellowship. But you can definitely be counted on by others to get things done. When you say that you'll do something, you do it. As such, you're a valuable member of any team situation and will probably rise to a position of leadership within the group. Your trustworthiness and sense of responsibility are unquestioned. But do try to avoid the temptation to "use" others to reach your goals, because they might come to resent you.

Chiron in the Tenth

The lure of professional success is appealing but somewhat daunting and difficult to attain. You may fear the responsibility that accompanies achieving your goals. You may be tempted to remain in a low-key position, seek self-employment, or work at home. Homemaking and raising children may be your most fulfilling roles. Don't let the fear of failure deter you from pursuing professional endeavors. Your resilience, intelligence and good judgment will point the way to success.

Chiron in Capricorn

Extreme shyness and a fear of being ostracized can make socializing difficult. Extending yourself to others will help you form meaningful relationships. Dutiful and desirous of always doing the right thing, you are serious, ethical, and responsible to a fault. At times, you place your own needs on hold in order to please others. You may have had a devastating loss early in life. Don't let fear of losing someone prevent you from experiencing the joys of a meaningful relationship. The love you experience will make up for past sorrows.

House 11: Your Circle of Acquaintances

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

Aquarius on the Eleventh

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

Sun in the Eleventh

A very social person, you like to be with your friends and associates. You have the gift to be able to subordinate your individual needs to the needs of a group. A willing team player, you are satisfied to either lead or follow within a group structure according to the needs of the group. Within the structure of your chosen peer group, you tend to be unselfish, fair and impartial, but you may be less than tolerant of others whose goals are different from your own.

Sun in Pisces

Extremely sensitive, you absorb the emotions of others (whether positive or negative) like a sponge. Emotionally vulnerable, you are easily touched by the feelings and plights of others. You are at your best when you can structure your environment in such a way that you are surrounded by positive, upbeat people. You are very helpful and understanding of the needs of others. Indeed, at times this can be a disadvantage, because you can be a sucker for anyone who needs help. Rather shy, dreamy, romantic in nature, you delight in retreating into your private fantasy world. Just be careful that you do not get lost in it. Trust your intuitions — you may be quite psychic.

Mercury in the Eleventh

A good team person, you do your best mental work with others who share common life goals. Very gregarious, you need the support of others in order to feel that you are making a contribution. Your humanitarian impulses usually allow you to rise above personal judgments and to work for the good of all. You enjoy testing your mind on your friends and associates, and love puzzles and strategy games.

Mercury in Pisces

Your ideas and thought processes do not come to you in an orderly, logical fashion. Instead, you think with your feelings or with images produced by your rich and fertile imagination. A very subjective person, you place great importance on your dreams and fantasies. You trust your intuitions, and tend to reject ideas that are based solely on logic. Very impressionable, you are sensitive to the moods and emotional states of others.

House 12: The Hidden You

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

Pisces on the Twelfth

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

Venus in the Twelfth

Although a very loving person, you tend to be shy and reserved about expressing your true feelings. You are afraid of being rejected by others should you become too exuberant — you find aggressiveness personally offensive. You must learn to trust others and yourself, too. When you are able to relax and not feel threatened, you are very giving to others, especially those who are in distress.

Venus in Pisces

You have a dreamy, fanciful, romantic nature and a very creative imagination. Indeed, at times, your private fantasies are more appealing than the reality around you and it is difficult for you to leave them. You tend to be unselfish and giving in relationships and are extremely sensitive of the needs of others. Be very sure that those you help are worthy of your devotion and are not merely taking advantage of your innocence and naivete.

A Mirror of Your Uniqueness

This report is based on the position of the Sun, Moon and planets at the moment of your birth, as seen from the point on Earth where you were born. Such an arrangement of planets and stars will never be repeated in exactly the same form. Like the genes that determine your body and temperament, your astrological chart is made up of the same basic parts that other humans have, but the arrangement of these parts is uniquely your own.

You could think of your birth moment as a seed that contains the potential for how you will unfold. The arrangement of the planets at your birth does not, however, cause your body structure and temperament in the way that the patterning of your DNA causes it. Instead, the planetary positions at your birth employ the language of symbols to mirror who you are. Like a mirror, your chart enables you to see yourself from outside yourself, and it therefore extends your point of view.

To use a different analogy, your chart shows the deck you've been dealt, the raw materials you are given from which to fashion a life. Nobody's perfect: we are all given our special problems to solve and our special strengths and beauties. In knowing what you have to work with, you will be better able to make use of your gifts, fill in (or at least be comfortable about) what you lack, and grow in the life directions that are right for you and you alone.

Instead of assuming that there is one norm for everyone, astrology attempts to show the special pattern that is right for you. In doing so, it can give you clues as to how you can more fully and consciously fill the unique role that you have been given in this lifetime, and enrich the world with the gifts that only you can bestow.