

Basic Astrology Report

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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Britney Jean Spears

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Aquarius	12°Aq23'	5th	
The Sun	Sagittarius	10°Sg02'	3rd	
Mercury	Sagittarius	5°Sg25'	3rd	
Venus	Capricorn	25°Cp06'	4th	
Mars	Virgo	23°Vi16'	12th	
Jupiter	Scorpio	1°Sc00'	2nd	
Saturn	Libra	19°Li16'	1st	
Uranus	Sagittarius	0°Sg58'	2nd	
Neptune	Sagittarius	24°Sg02'	3rd	
Pluto	Libra	25°Li57'	1st	
Chiron	Taurus	19°Ta23'	8th	
The North Node	Cancer	23°Cn09'	10th	
The South Node	Capricorn	23°Cp09'	4th	
The Ascendant	Libra	3°Li23'	1st	
The Midheaven	Cancer	3°Cn42'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Sextile	The Sun	2°20'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	Saturn	6°53'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	4°36'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	0°04'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Pluto	0°55'	Applying
The Sun	Sesquisquare	The North Node	1°52'	Separating
The Sun	Semisquare	The South Node	1°52'	Separating
Mercury	Semisquare	Saturn	1°09'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Uranus	4°26'	Separating
Mercury	Sextile	The Ascendant	2°02'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Mars	1°49'	Separating
Venus	Square	Jupiter	5°54'	Applying
Venus	Square	Pluto	0°50'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Chiron	5°43'	Separating
Venus	Opposition	The North Node	1°56'	Separating
Venus	Conjunction	The South Node	1°56'	Separating
Mars	Square	Neptune	0°45'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Chiron	3°53'	Separating
Mars	Sextile	The North Node	0°06'	Separating
Mars	Trine	The South Node	0°06'	Separating
Jupiter	Conjunction	Pluto	5°03'	Separating

Jupiter	Trine	The Midheaven	2°41'	Applying
Saturn	Conjunction	Pluto	6°41'	Applying
Saturn	Quincunx	Chiron	0°07'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The North Node	3°53'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The South Node	3°53'	Applying
Uranus	Sextile	The Ascendant	2°24'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°55'	Applying
Neptune	Quincunx	The North Node	0°52'	Separating
Pluto	Square	The North Node	2°47'	Separating
Pluto	Square	The South Node	2°47'	Separating
Chiron	Trine	The South Node	3°46'	Separating
Chiron	Sesquisquare	The Ascendant	1°00'	Applying
Chiron	Semisquare	The Midheaven	0°40'	Applying
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	0°19'	Separating

INTRODUCTION

This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on Earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and Earth; and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences, and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

LIFE GOALS

*If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it;
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.*

Longfellow, *Elegiac Verse* 1880.

Just as the Sun is the centre of the Earth's Solar System, so does the Sun play a vital role in your life on earth. Your life goals are linked to your Sun – its zodiac sign and its position in your chart. Contrary to popular belief, the Sun isn't the only planet to be considered in a person's chart, but it is an important component. The Sun gives you an indication of how you can shine in your life. You will feel truly alive when you're living the traits indicated by your Sun. Therefore it's likely that you will spend much of your life on a journey to self discovery, aiming to incorporate these traits into your life. Understanding the energy of your Sun is a good starting point to understanding yourself and your purpose in life.

Your Sun is in the third house of your birth chart meaning that communication plays a key role in your life, because you experience a continual thirst for knowledge and an equal urge to let others know what you've learned. It's as if you're on a never-ending search for knowledge through your own experiences. You're an avid reader, who enjoys dabbling in all sorts of avenues. You may also be adept at foreign languages, which challenge your keen mind and expand your communication skills. It's not unknown for you to take short trips in order to further your intellectual pursuits. You also enjoy keeping the communication lines open with your siblings. Your prime motivation is to enlighten yourself and others, and you have just the creative mind to be able to succeed, earning the respect of other people along the way. You do need to stop and take stock every now and then, because there is a danger that you start to believe that you can never know enough. In fact it may be simply that you're not aware of how clever you really are. You also need to be careful not to make promises that you can't keep.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Sagittarius indicating that you're a sunny and optimistic individual, with a love of adventure. In fact adventure plays a key role in your life, whether it be literally travelling around the globe, or metaphorically speaking exploring the world of ideas and philosophy. You're particularly enthusiastic about anything that expands your world and helps you forget about daily chores. Religion, law, sport, philosophy, academia, and ethics are just some of the many areas which provide a gourmet of ideas for exploration. For these reasons you're also likely to be attracted to people from foreign lands, who help to give you a fresh and different perspective on life. You also enjoy setting goals, as looking forward to a new vision provides excitement. Your excitement is contagious, and this can be uplifting and a lesson to those around you. But you need to beware of grandiosity, and remember to enjoy the present moment. In your eagerness to embrace life and all of its possibilities you need also to be aware that others may lack your enthusiasm. While you certainly have the ability to inspire and teach others, you need also to learn tact and diplomacy in your approach. You may be surprised to learn that you possess a tendency to be blunt which needs to be reined in from time to time.

When the Sun is making a positive aspect to the Moon, this means that you're likely to succeed in your life through promotion, prosperity, and help from powerful people. You're likely to gain employment easily, and earn the respect of other people. Your health and vitality is good, helping you achieve your goals. You're also likely to attract a partner who helps raise your position in society and assists you in achieving your goals.

The combination of the Sun and the planet Mercury in your chart can vary depending on other influences in your chart. The planet Mercury is considered by astrologers to represent the trickster. Ancient astrologers also measured the beneficial or damaging influences of Mercury in terms of how close this planet was to the Sun's beams. The closer the planet to the Sun the more detrimental. Positively this combination can mean that you're likely to succeed in life through your quick wit and business acumen. You're studious, learning new subjects with ease, and are particularly adept in the scientific and mathematical fields. On the other hand you can be too fond of seeking stimulation, with the cost of failing to complete a task. You're the proverbial "Jack or Jill of all trades, master/mistress of none".

The road to achieving your life goals is going to be tough because the Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Pluto in your birth chart. On a positive note you're a powerful and ambitious person, who enjoys rising to a challenge. You enjoy tackling difficult tasks, particularly the projects which other people have put in the too-hard basket. You're likely to succeed where others have failed, but the path will be strewn with obstacles. It could be circumstances which stand in your way. Perhaps your childhood was difficult, failing to provide you with the support needed for a successful adult life. It's possible that a dominant father figure blocked your success, perhaps even abusing himself or you in the process. As a result you're likely to experience strong emotions, possibly anger, when you reflect on your experiences. You can be explosive and unpredictable and have trouble controlling your emotions, feeling that the world is opposing your deepest wishes. Your challenge is to be powerful in the most positive sense of the word. This way you achieve your life goals without causing too much damage on the way!

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is also in the second house of your chart signifying that wealth and prosperity are yours for the asking. Like the King Midas character in the story, every thing that you touch seems to turn to gold. You just seem to have the knack of knowing how to make money, and how to increase your earnings through investments. You may not even set out to make money, preferring to take a more philosophical attitude to certain work projects, nevertheless the project turns out to be a real money-spinner. Unlike the story character you're not greedy or miserly, but are generous with your money and your possessions. At some stage you may even become a wealthy benefactor of a worthy cause

or individual. It's possible that other influences in your chart do indicate extravagance. If this is the case then you're likely to spend your money as soon as you make it, perhaps even going into debt in your enthusiasm to spend. Negative influences also mean that you need to be careful of losing your money through gambling and unwise investments. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's birth chart meaning that you usually land on your feet when it comes to personal finances.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Scorpio in your birth chart indicating that your life seems to reflect the adage that "life is meant to be lived to the full". You tackle most projects with zest making the most of resources that come your way. You're industrious, ambitious and have strong will power. These attributes stand you in good stead for the ups and downs of your life, and there are plenty of these. Life can seem a bit of a battleground at the best of times, and birth and death play key roles in your life. You're proud and don't like to admit how deeply some of your life events have affected you. This is particularly true of the deaths of loved ones, which have set you on an intense search for the truth. This quest can lead to you to delve into the mysteries of life, in particular the occult world. It also brings you into contact with people from unusual walks of life, and some of your friends could be considered quite extraordinary. You form strong bonds with other people, particularly with your spouse, and are privy to private information. It's also possible that you've been entrusted with professional secrets. You're likely to benefit from enterprises undertaken with other people.

The planets Jupiter and Pluto are making contact in your chart indicating that you've the enthusiasm to live life to the fullest and are likely to succeed in reaching your objectives. You are inclined to think big when tackling projects, preferring the satisfaction that follows the accomplishment of large projects. Whatever project you tackle, you do it in a big way. It's likely that you've many goals in life because you're progressive and ambitious, eager to make the most of opportunities that come your way. What you lack in attention to detail you gain in enthusiasm and energy. You're a natural-born leader or teacher, inspiring others with your grand schemes. You may teach a classroom of adults or children, or on a one-to-one basis or you may simply inspire others by example. You need only to be careful to keep your ego under control, and to make sure that you're not too grandiose. You're likely to succeed in achieving many of your hopes and wishes.

HOME

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.*
Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd is* 1868.

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a birth chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is placed in the fifth house of your birth chart suggesting that pleasurable pastimes play a prominent role in your life giving you a joie de vivre which is infectious. Sometimes your tendency to play rather than work can stand in the way of you holding down a regular job. Responsibilities simply don't seem to hold the same appeal as play. On a more positive note you're fun-loving and enjoy the company of other people, particularly young people and children. Others respond to your sense of fun and you don't have to look far for company in your playful escapades. These can include fun-filled outings to pleasure parks, evenings at the theatre or a good old-fashioned picnic. You never seem to run out of ideas. You also enjoy the company of the opposite sex and romantic outings. It's possible that you earn your money through a job connected with amusements or with children. Perhaps you also have many of your own children, who take up quite a bit of your time and give you a good excuse to go out and play. You also like games of chance and speculation. For this reason you need to be wary of tendencies to get carried away with gambling.

With the Moon in the sign of Aquarius you've an innate distrust of emotions, preferring the safety of intellectual analysis. It's not that you don't want to become close to your loved ones, it's just that they seem to be so emotional about everything. In fact you enjoy social gatherings with loved ones, but you prefer to talk about social issues and world events rather than touch on an emotionally intimate subject. You're most at home when analysing the world from an intellectual point of view. You're comfortable amongst friends, but find one-to-one intimacy a little threatening. In company you enjoy a good joke, and have a good sense of humour which helps you through the most awkward situations, which seem to crop up quite often in your life. In personal relationships, you need freedom. Your view of the world is often quite different. In fact you can feel quite strongly about some of the things happening in the world, particularly if you feel that events are detrimental to humanity as a whole.

Much of your adult life has been spent trying to overcome the difficulties that you faced

as a child in your home and family. Astrologically speaking this is because the planet Saturn is contacting the Moon in your birth chart. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Saturn had a negative influence in a person's chart. In your case your early home life has been adversely affected. The extent of this effect depends largely on other influences in your chart. In some cases it can mean that your childhood home lacked spontaneity and warmth, but was well-organised and structured in a manner which helped you to feel supported and safe. However, it's more likely that circumstances in your family led to you feeling that home was a cold and unsupportive environment. This could have been one painful incident such as the loss of a family member, or it could have been the result of years of hardship. It's possible that one of your parents, perhaps your mother, was a strict and severe influence, unable to show you the affection that you felt you deserved. As a result it's likely that you're somewhat shy as an adult, lacking in self-confidence and sensitive to criticism. You may be emotionally reserved. Perhaps you decide to live in solitude rather than risk the lack of affection and warmth that you felt as a child. As you grow older, you're likely to become more confident in your personal relationships. You learn about personal relationships through life experience, and your loved ones also become more mature. As a result your relationships with other people become more stable and satisfying as you grow older. You also develop an inner self-confidence which helps you build firm foundations in your life and achieve your ambitions, as well as loving family relationships. You work solidly to build yourself a secure and firm footing, earning the respect of those around you. You can succeed in business and in your career, particularly through being noticed by your superiors. You may also benefit through investments in land and property.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

*There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit
and encourage a will to learning, as is praise.*

Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.

Our academic schooling and learning through life experience are linked to the planet Mercury. This planet stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. It tells us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.

The planet Mercury in the third house of your chart signifies that your education is likely to be connected with many short journeys, much activity and writing. This could be writing connected with your profession or simply the frequent exchange of letters with friends. You have a lively and perceptive mind and enjoy studying new topics. You may be particularly adept at studying languages, not that you really need to talk in order to communicate. You can find a way to link up with other people even if you don't speak the same language. However, you are particularly gifted with words, whether it be the spoken or written word. And you are quite a talker! You may have heard your friends, or perhaps your siblings, tell you that you could "talk under water". You are also a born gossip, interested in all the affairs of your neighbours, and also keen to gather news from further abroad. An avid reader, you enjoy a good book and may have literary talents. You are actually very intelligent and are likely to accomplish quite a bit in communicating with other people. Perhaps you'll teach, lecture, write or succeed in your studies. You excel in all forms of communication.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Sagittarius indicates that you're a born philosopher, enjoying any information which helps you see the big picture. You don't like getting caught up in the details of everyday life, preferring a more grandiose picture. You can often be found at the hub of any project which requires a vision for the future, as long as you can leave the details to someone else. You enjoy religion, as long as it incorporates all religious viewpoints and people from all walks of life. For you can't tolerate intolerance. You enjoy talking to people from a variety of cultures and backgrounds, and of all ages, as this gives you the feeling that the world is your oyster. You also enjoy studying, whether it be in the halls of academia or the halls of life. You're a seeker of knowledge. At some stage in your life, you may also enjoy teaching others. Astrologically speaking, the planet Mercury is considered to be in detriment in the sign of Sagittarius. This means that you must be wary of becoming too grandiose and idealistic in your thinking. While the big picture is important, it's also important to slow down and attend to the details in life.

The planets Mercury and Uranus are connected in your birth chart indicating that you've an incisive and ingenious mind. You enjoy progressive topics in your studies and your communications with other people. In fact you may be ahead of your time in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. You're generally successful in your studies because you're able to communicate your original ideas with ease. Creativity and intuition are second

nature. You're an independent thinker, who likes to be given the freedom to express your ideas. In fact woe betide anyone who tries to keep you quiet or change your mind. You make impulsive decisions, some would say rash, but generally speaking you tend to land on your feet. Your projects tend to reflect your individual flair, and stand out from the rest of the class or society. Writing, publishing, advertising, science, astrology and electrical affairs may all be of interest, although any unusual subject will catch your attention.

The planet Mercury is making unfavourable contact with the planet Saturn in your birth chart meaning that you experience delays and obstacles in your education and communication at some stage of your life. This could be problems with teachers in early childhood education, or a change of school which proves unsatisfactory, or possibly early-learning difficulties. This is likely to have been a problem when you were a child. Perhaps a teacher or a parent was critical of your ideas, or you were shy. Perhaps circumstances, such as financial loss or death, troubled your mind or prevented you from completing your education. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that you continue to be exposed to disappointments as you grow older. You seem to be subject to criticism and opposition, hindering your plans and communications with other people. These delays are most likely to occur in connection to your studies, contracts, books, and negotiations with other people. You also need to be wary of unnecessary gloomy thoughts. At times you may sympathise with the misery of the donkey Eeyore in A. A. Milne's *Winnie the Pooh*. You would do well to remember that it's possible that you've become overly sensitive to criticism as a result of your childhood experiences. You may be reacting to perceived slights, which were not intended. It's also possible that you've become set in your ideas and find it difficult to change your mind. Your rigidity may be preventing you from understanding the true meaning of other's words and actions. Although you've difficulty in communicating your thoughts to others and overcoming the obstacles in your education, you do have strong will power. Your strength of mind and persistence can be put to good use. You may be particularly interested in science, medicine, or politics, although you're more likely to adhere to traditional approaches. You've the ability to become a voice of authority in your field of expertise, particularly a field which requires. In other words you're capable of achieving whatever you set your mind to despite the obstacles.

RELATIONSHIPS

*Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love isn't love
Which alters when it alteration finds.
Shakespeare Sonnet 116.*

The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

When the planet Venus is placed in the fourth house of your birth chart relationships with your family are important. Your home and family are your refuge from the world. Whether you live on your own or with other members of your family, you like nothing better than to return home to a peaceful environment where you can relax and enjoy comfort and, if applicable, pleasant conversation. While some people might enjoy a boisterous household, you prefer a pleasant and harmonious environment. Your home is a show piece, as you enjoy decorating and entertaining. You seem to have the knack of choosing appealing colours and the right home decorations. You don't set out to impress other people, but rather to decorate your home with all of your favourite things so that you can enjoy your surroundings to the fullest. The end result is usually an attractive and graceful home. Your garden, whether small or large, is also scenic. Depending on other aspects in your chart, you either enjoy creating a picturesque garden yourself or employ a landscape gardener. You can't resist being surrounded by beauty both inside and outside your home. It's not just the building and the garden that's important in your mind, but the atmosphere to be enjoyed by yourself and your loved ones. You like to have a sense of home and family, enjoying the company of your family members, particularly the women. You're likely to benefit in some way through your family, perhaps through an inheritance. The planet Venus is considered to be in a powerful position in the angular fourth house of a birth chart, meaning that you're likely to succeed in your ambitions.

With Venus in the sign of Capricorn you're shy in relationships, slow to form friendships with other people but, once you've committed to another person, then you're steadfast in your efforts to maintain the relationship. This is particularly true of your primary relationship. Not one to be distracted by romantic illusions, you may appear to be reticent, almost cold, in the first throes of love. This is partly because you're timid, but it's also because you like to weigh up the pros and the cons to any new relationship. You're a great believer in the adage "actions speak louder than words" and you like to observe other people's actions. You form relationships slowly, but they are enduring. Your head isn't ruled by your heart, although you like to think that you've a good balance. This is fortunate because you're ambitious in relationships, seeking a partner who is of good character and good standing in the community. For these reasons you may have more difficulty in your relationships earlier in life, seemingly missing out on the flurry of

social contacts being experienced by your more flighty friends. It's later in life that your relationships flourish and you're placed in positions of trust and responsibility through your liaisons with other people, particularly people in authority. It's also later in life that you stand to profit through your relationships, either financially or through promotions in your social standing.

The planets Venus and Mars are combining in your chart indicating that you seek a stimulating and romantic relationship. You're charming and assertive, passionate and alive, and admire these qualities in a potential intimate partner. You love to share your adventures with your partner, and it's likely that your relationship will inspire both you and your partner to explore new territory. You need only be wary of holding unrealistically high expectations of your partner, as this can lead to difficulties. This is more likely to be the case when you're young and idealistic. You're liable to disappointment, perhaps even angry feelings, when your partner fails to live up to your expectations. You could also feel angry if rejected in love. Fortunately you've an irrepressible side to your nature, on which you can rely in times of relationship trouble. You're a loyal and fun-loving partner with an ability to balance intimacy with independence.

The planets Venus and Jupiter are combining unfavourably in your chart suggesting that you are somewhat fickle in relationships. It's not that you don't love your partner, but rather that the grass appears greener in other fields. Of course your ability to form a long-lasting relationship depends on other influences in your chart, but this combination suggests that you can be somewhat self-centred. When the going gets tough you lose interest and wander off for greener pastures. The good news is that you're likely to benefit through your partner, despite this inconsistent side of your nature. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre and optimistic plans for the future, which are likely to be successful. You're also likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your horizons. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals.

The planets Venus and Pluto are combining unfavourably in your chart suggesting that drama plays a key role in your personal relationships. You're fiercely loyal and committed, and expect as much from your partner. You like to feel that there is an unbreakable emotional bond between you and your primary partner. Problems arise when you don't feel this bond with your partner, either because your partner is consumed with another interest, or if a third person appears to be lurking on the scene. At times like these you struggle to keep things in perspective. You're a jealous person, and quite capable of seeking revenge when wronged. You need to be wary of this darker side of your nature, seeking help when appropriate. You need also to be careful to choose the right person as your primary partner – someone who reciprocates your love and passion. Otherwise you can waste a lot of time and energy trying to make a doomed relationship work. You may also benefit from directing some of your energy into an all-consuming project, such as fighting for human rights or an intensely creative pursuit.

MOTIVATION

*Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.
To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.
Horace, Epistles 65- 68BC.*

Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

With Mars placed in the twelfth house of your birth chart at times you're uncertain of the future, with vague fears of danger or treachery. If you voice these fears, then others may feel that you are suffering from paranoia. However, it's true that you can suffer at the hands of secret enemies and that you would do well to avoid dangerous situations. This placement of the planet Mars in your birth chart does indicate that danger and treachery can feature in your life. It can also mean loss of reputation. However, these can be avoided. You need to live your life with the utmost integrity, avoiding all criminal elements of society. You also need to learn to follow your instincts, seeking seclusion when necessary and directing your energies into secret arts or meditation. You may also be called on to make sacrifices for other people at some stage during your life. This could mean directing your energies into looking after other people, in particular your spouse who could suffer from an illness.

The planet Mars in the sign of Virgo indicates that you're a shrewd person and will pursue your personal desires in a practical and methodical manner. You have a strong drive for perfection, and can often be found organising and re-arranging your environment in order that you live life more efficiently. You're keen to employ schedules and routines to help you run your daily life. It's also true that you find it difficult to cope if your routines are disrupted, and you have little patience for less-organised people. In fact you can be quite critical and judgmental, believing your methods to be the most practical and efficient, superior to other people's efforts. You don't suffer fools gladly and need to be careful to curb the perfectionist side of your nature. In some cases your interest is likely to be sparked by scientific pursuits, in particular medicine, but generally any science or research could be pursued. You prefer to be able to pursue your own interests without interference from other people and can systematically remove anyone who stands in your way. While this may sound harsh, it's true that you possess a vengeful side of your nature if opposed.

At times you've difficulty getting motivated, lacking the energy to fulfil the many task in your life. This is because of the difficult combination of the planets Mars and Neptune. It's not that you lack in creative ideas, but rather that you sense that you don't have the energy to carry them out. It's possible that you're prone to allergies and physical illness, but one of the keys to success is taking time out to experience quiet and reflective moments. You need to "slow down and smell the roses" on a regular basis. This could be

spending time in nature, listening to inspirational music, swimming in the ocean or sitting in a quiet house of prayer; any activity which provides emotional and physical rest and soothes the soul. If you don't schedule in quiet time then you're likely to suffer from lethargy and despondency, and possibly even physical illness. You've the ability to develop great creative power but you need to avoid drugs and alcohol. It's also possible that you have either a strong artistic or spiritual side to your nature, which could be used for self-motivation. Your hobbies or career may reflect your spiritual or artistic gifts. Your spirituality could be either orthodox or liberal. The artistic side of your nature may benefit from activities such as art, theatre, dance, music, design, film and craft work.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

The road up and the road down are one and the same
Heraclitus, *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker* c540-480BC.

The planet Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets. This planet is also linked with our ambitions, and how we approach the practical side of life. This planet often represents the professional side of our lives.

The planet Saturn placed in the first house of your birth chart suggests that there's a quiet side to your nature, which gives you a natural reserve and a serious demeanour. You tend to sit back and observe, keeping your thoughts and feelings to yourself, while you assess any given situation. You've done this ever since you were young, although then it was more likely to be due to timidity or shyness. As you grow and mature, it's more a quiet reserve which enables you make a proper assessment before taking any action. You're naturally cautious, but once committed to a course of action, you can be relied on to complete your responsibilities. You're concerned for the welfare of other people, and are willing to help others in practical ways. You believe in achieving results through hard-work. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you may suffer from periods of depression when you feel that your responsibilities are too onerous or because you doubt that you can achieve your ambitions. It's true that you're not likely to be an overnight success, but success does come as a result of your reputation, which has built up over the years. In your case, perseverance pays off.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Libra signifies that you're committed to both intimate and business partners, and these relationships have a significant effect on your private and professional life. In particular your primary partner or a close female friend is likely to play a profound role in your life. This can be positive or negative, perhaps both. You've refined tastes and the ability to work towards being able to satisfy these tastes, but it's the relationships in your life which are the most important influence. These influences are likely to be positive, because the planet Saturn is considered to be in a positive position in the sign of Libra. However, it's also possible that you could suffer loss as a result of key relationships. You've the ability to arbitrate and bring together opposing parties, and this could help you rise above any difficulties. You could also use these gifts in your profession, choosing a job in diplomatic circles or social work. You need only be wary of being too diplomatic. Sometimes it's important to express your own opinions in a forceful manner rather than try to please other people. If you can overcome this tendency to excessive politeness then you're able to achieve your ambitions through your liaisons with other people.

The combination of the planets Saturn and Pluto in your chart suggests that you're an ambitious, insightful and powerful person. You're likely to make a powerful impact on your friends, family, colleagues and loved ones, both as a child and an adult. At times you might be surprised by the extent of other people's reactions to your presence and

opinions. You may even surprise yourself by your own reactions to some circumstances. Authority is likely to be a continuing source of difficulty in your life, as you attempt to find the right balance between your own individual rights, and those of the community. Of course there are many instances when these two rights coincide, but you're more likely to find yourself involved in the clashes, perhaps as a mediator. It's possible that you could become involved in someone's power struggles, in which your role may or may not be central to the outcome. It's true that you've the ability to be a powerful leader, perhaps in the government or armed forces, or as an executive or politician. You can be a powerful leader, but first you must learn to use your unique insights for positive purposes. The 19th Century author John Stuart Mill said in his work *On Liberty* (1859) that: "Everyone who desires power, desires it most over those who are nearest to him, with whom his life is passed, with whom he has most concerns in common, and in whom any independence of his authority is oftenest likely to interfere with his individual preferences". Herein lies a key to your chart. You've the ability to succeed in your ambitions, but first you must learn how to deal with the balance of power in your life, respecting both your own and other people's rights to succeed.

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a birth chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

With a Midheaven in the sign of Cancer and ruled by the Moon, caring for others is a key component in any career choice. This can range from childcare and cooking, to union organisations, and in some cases politics. You may choose to make caring for your family your primary life direction, or to work from home, or it could be that your caring traits are best utilised in a prominent profession. Either way you need to be involved in a career in which you feel you're caring for other people individually, in the community or as a nation. The Moon, which rules Cancer, means that you're likely to experience changes in your career throughout your life. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Australian leading trade union executive Jenny George, American activist Karen Silkwood, American newswoman Barbara Walters, and US President Bill Clinton.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY

*The artist must be in his work as God is in
creation, invisible and all-powerful; one
must sense him everywhere but never see him.*
Gustav Flaubert, *Correspondence* 1857-64.

The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

The planet Uranus is in the second house of your birth chart suggesting that you'll experience unexpected changes in your personal income during your life. Money is here one moment, and gone the next. The ups and downs of your personal income may not bother you, but there may be times when you're limited in your lifestyle choices by the lack of funds. Fortunately you've plenty of creative money-making ideas, which usually bolster your enthusiasm and keep your mind focussed on future projects, rather than current shortages of cash. It's also possible that you've developed an easy-going attitude towards money, concentrating on other aspects of your life rather than the need to earn a large income. Perhaps you earn your money through an unusual, or unconventional form of employment.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Sagittarius from 1981 - 1988. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Sagittarius indicates that you belong to a generation seeking and teaching new visions for humanity. Your generation will introduce new concepts of philosophy, religion and ethics based on the lessons learnt from previous generations. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

The planet Neptune placed in the third house of your chart means that you're full of creative ideas, and may excel in artistic or spiritual pursuits. You're most effective when listening to your intuition, rather than trying to pursue a logical train of thought. You enjoy investigating spiritual truths and phenomenon, or applying your understanding to a creative pursuit. Your insights into human nature and spiritual matters, and your ability to communicate these insights are quite astounding. You've an almost psychic

understanding of other people and events. For these reasons you're likely to be drawn to activities or work that require psychological insight, spiritual perception or artistic inspiration. Depending on other aspects in your birth chart, you may also suffer from moments of confusion, particularly if you're trying to listen to logic rather than intuition.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Sagittarius from 1970 - 1984. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Sagittarius indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the gift of spiritual vision. You'll be able to help humanity focus on spiritual goals and become more expansive and inclusive of differing races and beliefs.

The planets Neptune and Pluto both move slowly through the zodiac, and therefore any connection between the two planets affects birth charts for a short period of time. You were born in such a time. This combination in your chart means that you're interested in opportunities to bring about fundamental change to human values. You are aware of injustices in society and, depending on other influences in your chart, may prefer to fight against them rather than sit back and accept the ills of society. Your creative urges may be linked to politics, or expressing your political views through the arts or spiritual or charitable organisations.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

The planet Pluto is in the first house of your birth chart indicating that you're a powerful person, who really makes an impact on your surroundings. You may be surprised to realise just how powerful an effect you've on those around you. You're constantly challenging yourself and other people to embrace all that life offers, and to forge ahead towards goals. You're likely to be a trend-setter in your field, embracing new methods of approaching projects and people, and breaking down barriers that stand in your path. You need to be careful that you don't push other people too far, but that you respect their limitations. As a leader you need to find the right mix of progress and stability, otherwise you could be faced with a mutiny. You may be a pioneer in an area of your life, enjoying the challenge of being the first, but you need to remember that not everyone shares your zeal.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Libra from 1972 - 1984. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Libra suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global justice and transforming human relations. Your generation possesses the ability to see the necessity for change in personal and global relations.

PURPOSE AND JOY

*He who binds to himself a joy
Doth the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise*
William Blake, *MS Note-book*.

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

Your North Node is in the tenth house and your South Node is in the fourth house of your birth chart indicating a quest for dignity in the eyes of the world. You need to shoulder responsibilities with understanding and compassion after which maturity will follow.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Cancer and the South Node in the sign of Capricorn denoting that you're destined to overcome inner pride and to learn to tolerate your own failures. You've a tendency to make life harder than it need be. This is based on the past when you had to work hard for people's respect. You need to learn humility and to express your emotions honestly so that you can nurture others with your wealth of wisdom.

The North Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you're being challenged to become assertive and focussed on your personal goals. Independence and self-confidence are keys to your growth in this life, and you may find yourself thrust into leadership roles.

The South Node and the planet Venus are combining in your chart to suggest that relationships play a key role in either helping or preventing you from achieving your purpose. Perhaps you struggle to relate intimately with other people, or perhaps you need to learn independence in order to focus on your own objectives. Either way, a major part

of your life is spent learning about personal relating skills so that you can achieve your mission.

The South Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you may experience difficulty being assertive and finding the drive to succeed, or alternatively you may have a tendency to misdirect your energies. Your current life lesson is to express your energy positively and assertively. Your talent for independent action needs to be developed so that you can achieve your purpose.

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Libra is considered to be "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Libra is also a Cardinal sign denoting enterprise, enthusiasm, self-assertion and initiative.

You're courteous, affectionate, thoughtful, modest and indecisive. Much of your life's purpose is connected with your relationships, both personal and professional. Human relationships are your primary motivation in life. You spend much of your time devoted to thinking about the needs and wishes of other people, ensuring that everyone is treating each other in a fair manner. For this reason your purpose may be connected with justice, mediation or diplomatic work. Harmony is so important for your well-being. Your fate is largely in the hands of other people. Much of your happiness depends on whether or not your loved ones respond favourably to your thoughtful administrations. You may be secretly pleased to hear that your fate depends on other people because you like to lean on other people, rather than take the initiative. However, you need to be wary of becoming enslaved to your friends, lovers and associates. You would do well to learn to stand up for yourself.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Libra is linked with universal love, advocacy and beauty which inspires spiritual joy. Your purpose is connected to helping other people understand right human relationships, or to inspiring others through your artistic gifts.