

Your Spiritual Path

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Capricorn	15°Cp34'	05th	01 28°Le58'
Moon	Leo	25°Le36'	12th	02 25°Vi17'
Mercury	Sagittarius	23°Sg17'	04th	03 25°Li14'
Venus	Sagittarius	17°Sg06'	04th	04 27°Sc20'
Mars	Aries	05°Ar41'	08th	05 29°Sg19'
Jupiter	Aries	16°Ar13'	08th	06 29°Cp59'
Saturn	Libra	12°Li35'	02nd	07 28°Aq58'
Uranus	Scorpio	10°Sc03'	03rd	08 25°Pi17'
Neptune	Gemini	08°Ge59'	10th	09 25°Ar14'
Pluto	Gemini	08°Ge12'	10th	10 27°Ta20'
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Your Spiritual Path

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

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

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

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

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

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits

patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

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

How You Express Your Will

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

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

Your Sun is in the 5th house. Sometimes you measure the rhythm of your activities against the pulsing of your own heart. You may be able to regulate your heart rate by focusing on your pulse and breath. You tend to engage with the world in a straight-

forward way, determining what you believe and walking a path that is consistent with your beliefs at all times. Conscious attention to your path leads to each new step in your spiritual life. Creative activities feed your spirit when you throw yourself into them completely. You see the inner child-like enthusiasm in almost everyone, and you thrive in the presence of teachers (and students) who speak and act from their spiritual center.

Aspects of the Sun

You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. You find great joy in life, but are also aware of the depth of sadness and other feelings. As you take the spiritual path, you begin to see these less as opposites and more as part of a continuum of feeling. When you can bring higher values to bear in both joy and sadness, you achieve a synthesis of possibilities. You perceive the structure of your life as restrictive unless you can infuse spiritual values into all your activities. Early on you resent the authority of the church or teacher, but later you come to appreciate the ritual patterns of prayer, yogic practices, circle work, focused meditation - all life experience in fact. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments.

Core Beliefs

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

The Moon

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

With the Moon in Leo, your secondary mental style is primarily the Intuitive type. Your internal intuitive style is very different from what you show to the world. People may feel the fire of your passion and not know what is behind it. They see you are "fired up" and wonder what is going on. Sharing the fire can be difficult, especially in the early stage where you feel it but don't know the direction it will take. You often know what will happen, and probably have déjà vu experiences frequently. If you focus on these experiences, you will find that you have them more often than you thought, and you begin to learn how to interpret intuitive or psychic signals more clearly. As you pay more

attention, you find that what were once perceived to be anxiety attacks now are signals from your unconscious about present or future events. It is often helpful to share your insights, even in the early stage when you don't have the full picture. By doing this you gain intuitive skill.

Wherever you are and whomever you are with, you feel like the ruler of your domain. Your self assurance may cover core beliefs that don't really suit you totally, yet you project certainty and control to those around you.

Aspects of the Moon

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to respect your opinions. The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. You feel the ebb and flow of the energy of the universe within yourself, and you perceive its flow when you are in groups of people. Focus on the flow, not the interruptions, and you will see each person's spiritual path, as well as your own. Women bring an emotional spotlight to your self-awareness. Among the tears and anger you find gems in the form of core beliefs that have been transformed to suit your present needs. You tend to associate closely with women, and they can help you in spiritual matters. You are adaptable and seek harmonious relationships.

The Fourth House

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

You have Scorpio on the Fourth House cusp. Your core beliefs center on the transforming events that occur throughout your life. You have a sense of change and its inevitability, and you may tend to seek change because it is comfortable. The stability of long-term households and relationships may escape you until you identify other principles at work in your core beliefs.

For example, you often feel you are guided on a path, and that change is part of that guidance. You are a "seeker," and you are often looking to the horizon for the next experience even while you are immersed in the present one. Though the tug of new experience is important to your development, it is also important for you to complete each task you are dealt. In this way you resolve karmic responsibility more fully, and take what you have learned into the next phase of your life.

As you develop the capacity for contemplative activity, you will find that there can be pauses between experiences. It is during these times that you are able to integrate your experiences into a package of temperament and skills. If your childhood and family

conditioning have focused on the changes very strongly, you will need to cultivate the capacity to tolerate moments when there is little perceivable change. It is in these interludes that you can develop a sense of readiness for the next cycle.

The most fundamental beliefs you have center on desire and its satisfaction. Desire will be experienced on the physical level in terms of sexual and other physical appetites, on the mental plane in terms of ambition, on the emotional in terms of fear and anger, and on the spiritual in terms of pride. If cruelty has been part of your early life experience, you will need to resolve your issues around this point before you can deal effectively with the others. When this has been accomplished to some degree, then you can proceed with life, making decisions based on your own beliefs, rather than tethered to beliefs imposed by other people.

The Inner Voice

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

Planets in the Fourth House

Mercury in 4th House:

People tend to adapt their attitudes to align with yours, but only when you are able to provide convincing reasons to do so. Otherwise they just keep talking until you give in or feel forced to leave the conversation altogether.

Venus in 4th House:

Women focus your attention on the social values that underlie your beliefs. They show you that it isn't just about you, but includes broader interpersonal significance. Awareness of the nurturing component of interaction is key to your learning process.

Fourth House Aspects

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to respect your opinions. You are able to express spiritual values in relationships, and you are able to make graceful entrances and exits. Your light-hearted exterior belies a depth of sensitivity. You tend not to push forward along the spiritual path, but instead wander a bit. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time. The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. You are able to express spiritual values in relationships, and you are able to make graceful entrances and exits. Your light-hearted exterior belies a depth of sensitivity. You tend not to push forward along the spiritual path, but instead wander a bit. Your magnetic

nature attracts others to you, and you are popular without making much effort. Sharing your spiritual joy does not have to involve sharing on the physical level. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life.

Communication and Mental Development

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

Training Your Conscious Mind

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

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

Element of Mercury

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

With Mercury in Sagittarius, your communication style is primarily the Intuitive type. Spiritual healing and well being develop through the conflict between the present and the future. Because healing energy is directed through intellect, you benefit from mental training that focuses on listening to intuition and feelings first, and then seeks ways to confirm that information through logical means. Healing on the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual levels occurs when conflict is accepted and examined, and then resolved.

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

You enjoy pursuing ideas to their logical and/or philosophical outcome. You cultivate relationships with teachers throughout your life, and you may become a skilled teacher in your own right. Mental training is second nature to you.

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Mercury Aspects

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Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

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

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

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

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

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

With Venus in Sagittarius, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Intuitive function. Your inspirational energy comes from scientific mental activity-you gather practical facts to help manifest love in your life. You are able to discriminate

between extremes, and to explore a variety of options in search of the one best way to complete a project. You are able to see the future potential of the loving energy that goes into today's work.

You idealize your relationships, seeking to find love in every contact. You are very sensitive to the desires of romantic, business, and other partners, and can dissipate your energy in trying to satisfy them. You benefit from solid, grounded partners who help you to remain focused, and from them you learn how to contain and use your idealistic intuition to good advantage.

Your Venus is in the 4th House. Women focus your attention on the social values that underlie your beliefs. They show you that it isn't just about you, but includes broader interpersonal significance. Awareness of the nurturing component of interaction is key to your learning process.

Venus Aspects

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Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

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

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

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

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

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

Developing Your Psychic Ability

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

With Neptune in Gemini, your private, psychic style is primarily the Thinking type.

You have a tape recording in your mind that plays itself without your approval. It is comprised of scripts that have been instilled into you by family and teachers, and by yourself. The scripts are designed to remind you of those precepts of your education that have come into play in the past. Everyone has some of these tapes. Yours may keep you from making fresh decisions based on current information.

For example, you may have a tape that basically says, "I won't like you anymore if you do that." You no longer recall who the "I" was in the first place. But you hear the tape. It doesn't really matter who first said this to you - the tape simply plays. In the moment when you are trying to make your own decision, that tape is not helpful. It creates doubt that limits your own growth.

If you hear a tape like this, ask why, in all seriousness. Then listen to the answer. "Because I say so" may have been an appropriate answer when you were three years old and "I" was your mother. As an adult, your own conscious intelligence is more useful. You are seeking now an answer that is fully conscious and meaningful to the challenge of the moment.

By asking a question of the internal tape, you then allow a moment for clarity to arise. You begin to see how the influence of others has affected you, and you learn to work with your personality urges and your spiritual desires - you become a mediator instead of simply reacting to those tapes.

Neptune is in the 10th House. Even in crowds you can tune your psychic abilities. At first there is a clutter of input that is at best confusing. However, over time you refine your directional awareness and can track individuals through the busiest markets, or identify the one person who needs the emotional support you have to offer. You may be a skillful manager, as you understand the way to motivate others.

Neptune Aspects

Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual

outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. Profound awareness of the world around you on the psychic level is paired with intuition concerning the future. Together they make for a highly creative package. Change provides treacherous ground for your spiritual development. You need to stick to the straight and narrow path of spiritual evolution, and avoid drugs, obsessions and fraudulent activities.

The Twelfth House

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

You have Cancer on the Twelfth House cusp. You can perceive the flow of psychic energy around you when you are in a quiet place. As the skill grows, you find that you understand your connection to the earth and to spirit more fully. The sound of water running, as in a small fountain, provides a rhythmic tone that enhances your meditation and allows you to transport yourself into a different mood, if not a different place.

Planets in the Twelfth House

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

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

Moon in 12th House:

Institutional patterns have stamped your core beliefs with a nearly indelible set of strictures. You need private time in which to consider what remains valuable from the formal beliefs your family and childhood impressed on you. Use that time to meditate, read, study and then evaluate what works for you now.

Twelfth House Aspects

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you find gems in the form of core beliefs that have been transformed to suit your present needs. You tend to associate closely with women, and they can help you in spiritual matters. You are adaptable and seek harmonious relationships.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

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

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

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

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

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

With Pluto in Gemini, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Thinking function. Language becomes your medium for dealing with transitions. You think through the feelings in the moment, and can benefit from sharing your thoughts with others. You also are able to find the right things to say in a crisis, helping others think through the change process. You are able to gather disparate threads of information together into a meaningful pattern. Often when changes seem random or illogical, you find links that provide the comfort and security you need. You can speak intelligently

concerning the deeper meaning of transitions because you place each event against a larger backdrop of history and culture.

You have a powerful intellect at your disposal, and you can solve some of the big problems in your profession. When you apply this intellect to spiritual questions, you can make great strides.

Pluto Aspects

You are capable of applying tremendous effort to anything you attempt. The spiritual lesson is to learn moderation. Moderation often means acting like one of the pack instead of always being the leader. You have the self-discipline of a sorcerer or shaman. You find the smallest positive within the worst situations. You deny your own desires in order to grow mentally and spiritually. You create whole new ways of living through your deep connection to the earth and to other sentient beings. Change provides treacherous ground for your spiritual development. You need to stick to the straight and narrow path of spiritual evolution, and avoid drugs, obsessions and fraudulent activities.

The Eighth House

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

You have Pisces on the Eighth House cusp. Your stage is set so that you can maintain your reserve. You don't want your personal change process out there for everyone to see. You like to think you have inner composure that can overcome emotionally agitating obstacles. It is important to you to reflect that composure in your outer demeanor. When caught off guard, you revert to childhood patterns. You may have been overwhelmed by the burden of responsibility you bore, and power struggles with others may have colored your experiences. Or you may have learned early to cultivate a sort of dreamy hopefulness in the face of whatever came your way. If you find, as an adult, that you respond much too forcefully in a power struggle, you may be dismayed at the emotional nature of your outbursts. Acceptance of that emotional inner child provides the first step on the path to true inner tranquility.

Planets in the Eighth House

Mars in 8th House:

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

Jupiter in 8th House:

You are a materialist, no doubt about it. You are also a spiritual being, on a spiritual path. So while you are gathering those material goods to you, maintain your own optimism, and encourage someone else to do the same. The path will be rather lonely if you think so much of yourself that no one can live up to your standards. First you must learn to accept your own greater good. What others offer you may not always be what you want, but often it is just what you need. By learning to accept these "gifts" as your spiritual due, you learn to give to others with both wisdom and love. Progress is swift when the flow is going both ways. Birth and death are your most powerful spiritual teachers. In the living events of your life you find both struggle and attainment. You face losses on a daily basis and you can use these experiences to understand your relationship with spirit. You also experience the birth of new ideas and feelings all the time. As you develop an understanding of the rhythm of life and death, you approach an understanding of transcendence in your life.

Eighth House Aspects

You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. Your involvement with other people often focuses on the harshest side of human experience. You become aware of destructive energies around you and learn to overcome these difficulties. Your spiritual life can become the source of nearly inexhaustible energy. You face tests through death or separation. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. You are capable of applying tremendous effort to anything you attempt. The spiritual lesson is to learn moderation. Moderation often means acting like one of the pack instead of always being the leader. Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. You find great joy in life, but are also aware of the depth of sadness and other feelings. As you take the spiritual path, you begin to see these less as opposites and more as part of a continuum of feeling. When you can bring higher values to bear in both joy and sadness, you achieve a synthesis of possibilities. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. Your magnetic nature attracts others to you, and you are popular without making much effort. Sharing your spiritual joy does not have to involve sharing on the physical level. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing.

The Development of Intuition

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

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

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

You are able to see outcomes, and you may even have the appropriate emotional responses ahead of time. You are well equipped to handle crises because of this advance emotional warning. You are able to call upon all of your experience to manage an emergency situation, including awareness of the feelings of other people involved in the crisis.

Your Uranus is in the 3rd House. Your intuition arises through contact with siblings and peer group. At first it seems that communication occurs through sounds or visual signals. Later it is difficult or impossible for outsiders to detect any communication, but you understand each other even when separated by great distance.

Uranus Aspects

Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. Profound awareness of the world around you on the psychic level is paired with intuition concerning the future. Together they make for a highly creative package. You create whole new ways of living through your deep connection to the earth and to other sentient beings. Your capacity to share your experience forms a large part of your spiritual involvement with others. You seek new experiences that help you to gain the broadest understanding of life. Your life is punctuated with sudden changes.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

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

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

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

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

Your unconscious relationship to power probably began in childhood. Depending on how your parents or other authority figures exercised their power, you have learned patterns of behavior and methods for getting your own way. It is important to become aware of these patterns, as they can be valuable conscious resources or treacherous swamps of ineffective unconscious behavior.

You have a deeply rooted capacity for healing yourself and others. When you are in tune with this ability, you are able to accomplish transformations in the emotional systems that surround you, thus transforming the effectiveness of your associates and family. Through an understanding of your personal values and strengths, you can learn to exercise your own power fairly and judiciously, while retaining the capacity to exert force on every level when that is needed.

Midheaven Aspects

Women bring an emotional spotlight to your self-awareness. Among the tears and anger you find gems in the form of core beliefs that have been transformed to suit your present needs.

Karma and Dharma

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

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

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

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

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

Your Saturn is in the 2nd House. Your most significant karmic lesson involves self-esteem and self worth. Resolve responsibilities and pain from the past. Then you become a vehicle for conscious intelligent action - you recognize the karma your actions may create.

Saturn Aspects

You perceive the structure of your life as restrictive unless you can infuse spiritual values into all your activities. Early on you resent the authority of the church or teacher, but later you come to appreciate the ritual patterns of prayer, yogic practices, circle work,

focused meditation - all life experience in fact. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. Your involvement with other people often focuses on the harshest side of human experience. You become aware of destructive energies around you and learn to overcome these difficulties. Your spiritual life can become the source of nearly inexhaustible energy. You face tests through death or separation. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You have the self-discipline of a sorcerer or shaman. You find the smallest positive within the worst situations. You deny your own desires in order to grow mentally and spiritually.

Transcendent Values

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

With Jupiter in Aries, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Intuitive function. You feel more optimistic and more successful when your daily activities incorporate intuition in a meaningful way. Whatever your natural direction, based on your Sun and Moon elements, you can develop intuition as a spiritual guidance mechanism. You may find that you become physically sensitive in the heart area-you may feel heat in the skin on your chest or back, for example. This change in temperature can serve as an intuitive barometer. When your human energies are spiritually directed, you approach the moment when you are no longer subject to the ordinary limitations of the physical world. Your mind and heart foresee the karmic effects of your actions and you can make intelligent choices. Then you are no longer limited by the wheel of birth and rebirth, and can fully experience the life for which you are intended.

You are capable of leadership in any activity you engage in because of your innate honesty, generosity, and organizational ability. Spiritual growth proceeds more smoothly when you engage in contemplative practice and associate with individuals of high moral and ethical character.

Aspects of the Jupiter

Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. You find great joy in life, but are also aware of the depth of sadness and other feelings. As you take the spiritual path, you begin to see these less as opposites and more as part of a continuum of feeling. When you can bring higher values to bear in both joy and sadness, you achieve a synthesis of possibilities. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. Your magnetic nature attracts others to you, and you are popular without making much effort. Sharing your spiritual joy does not have to involve sharing on the physical level. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing.

The Ninth House

You have Aries on the Ninth House cusp. The transcendent values you work with begin with the capacity to exert your personal will in the world - to be what you want to be and to do what you want to do. By understanding this value, you can begin to manifest creatively in both the material and spiritual worlds. You find that sometimes you feel as though you are engaged in a battle of proper expression, and you seek to encourage others in the same direction. All of your efforts - to be, to do, and to encourage others - lead to unity, but you must exert effort in the process. Matter is the vehicle for expression in the physical world, and the soul is your vehicle on the higher plane. Spirit is the third factor you seek to understand.

Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

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

The Element of Mars

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

With Mars in Aries, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Intuitive function. You naturally consider the future while taking action in the present. You relate to the physical world via intuition, and you do the same in spiritual considerations. When you encounter a dilemma or paradox in your life, you tend to project the problem into the future to hypothesize how it will be resolved, and then you take action in the present to move toward that outcome. Your actions, while focused on the future, are always a reflection of a purification process that is usually associated with water.

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

House Placement of Mars

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

Mars Aspects

You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. Your involvement with other people often focuses on the harshest side of human experience. You become aware of destructive energies around you and learn to overcome these difficulties. Your spiritual life can become the source of nearly inexhaustible energy. You face tests through death or separation. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. You are capable of applying tremendous effort to anything you attempt. The spiritual lesson is to learn moderation. Moderation often means acting like one of the pack instead of always being the leader.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

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

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

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

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

The first four signs incorporated the seed of intuition, the desire for expression, the capacity for thought, and the depth of feeling and potential for reproduction. Now, with the Leo Ascendant, you experience the capacity of will. For the plant kingdom, will expresses in the ripening of the fruit. Will, for us, is the drive to creativity in the material world, and aspiration on the spiritual plane.

You only need to observe the activities of children between the ages of ten and twelve or thirteen to understand the power of will. At their best they are fully engaged in life, seeking a wide range of experiences, and creatively interacting with their peers. They are testing their wills against those of parents, teachers, and acquaintances. They are learning how to manage the force of will that drives them. There is a blending or fusion of all life's experiences for this age group that reflects the energy of Leo on the Ascendant quite well. Leo will gather information on the intuitive plane, measure it against what is perceived through the physical senses, and then mobilize the spirit behind whatever action is taken. This process results in a degree of self-consciousness that was not there previously.

The focus of physical energy is on the heart and the spine. Clear intuition often comes through the heart center, and clear effort depends on mental and emotional structure like that of the spine. The two need to work together to accomplish anything on either the physical or spiritual level. Perhaps the most powerful piece of writing I have encountered that speaks to the fusion of intuition and will is the Heart Sutra. This Buddhist text is a short poetic expression of the true nature of things. The complete text is included in the Appendix. Here I wish to include a couple of thoughts:

1. "Form is emptiness and the very emptiness is form." This basic statement incorporates the paradox of existence in its basic form. It is possible for the Leo Ascendant to grasp the nature of the paradox and make it the spiritual guide for the Will.

2. The mantra, or spell, included in the Heart Sutra is as follows:

(Gate is pronounced gah'tay)

Gate gate paragate parasamgate bodhi svaha.

Gone gone gone beyond gone altogether beyond, O what an awakening, all-hail!

Because the mantra is from Sanskrit, reciting the Sanskrit words may have more power (this is probably true of all spells and mantras). However, the English translation retains both the rhythm and the "g" sounds that are integral elements of the mantra. Imagine a room full of monks repeating the mantra in their deep voices. The mantra is heard, but the vibration also affects the heart directly.

Ascendant Aspects

You tend to associate closely with women, and they can help you in spiritual matters. You are adaptable and seek harmonious relationships. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time.

Conclusion

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.