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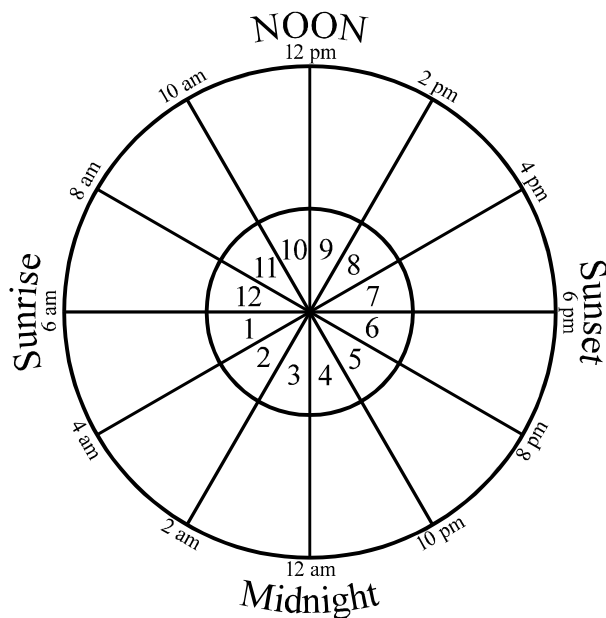
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Getting the Most from Your Professional Natal Report

If you want to know more about your report, here is a brief outline of how horoscopes work, concise meanings of each part of the horoscope and, scattered throughout, tips on how to put these parts together to get further information from your birth chart.

Deciphering Your Horoscope Wheel

The horoscope wheel in your report is a complete, accurately calculated chart such as a professional astrologer would draw up. This wheel is actually a diagram showing how the planets and signs were arranged around you at the moment of your birth.



Think of yourself, just being born, as being at the center. The two horizontal spokes are the horizon of the place where you were born. Above this line are the planets that were up in the sky. Below it are the planets that were hidden below the horizon. The sky is shown as if you were facing south. As the Earth turns on its axis each day, the Sun would rise to your left in the east, culminate or reach its highest point around noon, set to your right, and anticulminate or reach its lowest point about midnight before rising the next day.

Were you born during the day or at night? If you look at your own horoscope wheel, you should see your Sun (☉) either above or below the horizon, reflecting the time of day when you were born. The diagram above shows approximately where the Sun would be at various times during a 24-hour period. The planets, too, make this entire trip clockwise around the horoscope wheel each day, but each rises and sets at a different time.

The twelve spokes of the horoscope wheel are the borders, or cusps, of the twelve *houses*. You can think of the house cusps as partitions that are attached to the Earth and radiate out into space. Each day as the Earth turns on its axis, each of the house cusps sweeps through every degree of the zodiac. Most wheel styles available in *Professional Natal Report* show the degree, sign and minute of the zodiac that was on each house cusp at the moment you were born. Inside the houses are the *planets*, shown with the degree, sign and minute of their zodiacal position.

The Planets

The planets are the main actors in the drama. To astrologers, planets are bodies that appear from Earth to *move* through the zodiac. For this reason, they include the Sun and Moon as well as the other bodies (like Jupiter, Venus and Mars) that orbit the Sun. The Moon appears to go once around the zodiac in a month; the Sun, Venus and Mercury take about a year; Mars takes about 2 years; Jupiter about 12; Saturn about 30; Uranus about 84; Neptune about 164; and Pluto about 245 years.

What the Planets Symbolize

Astrology recognizes that people really cannot be adequately described in simplistic terms like good or bad, energetic or lazy, loving or cold. Perhaps the richest of all languages for describing human complexity, astrology sees people as a composite of at least ten different internal characters. Like the inhabitants of a royal court, each character has an official function (king, queen, jester, minstrel, gardener, cook, etc.) that is the same for everyone. The personality of each functionary and its relationship to all the other characters, however, is unique for each individual. Therefore, though the number of actors is the same, the drama can vary hugely from person to person.

These ten characters are, of course, the *planets*. The *sign* each planet is in determines its personality. For example, is the king (the Sun) in a naturally regal sign (Leo), in a sign that is shy and retiring (Pisces), or in one that is all business (Capricorn)? The *house* a planet is associated with shows the area of life where the planet will tend to express itself. For the king, will it be mainly through pomp and celebrations (5th house), secret diplomacy (12th house), or repairing the roads and making the trains run on time (6th house)? And finally, his relations with the others in the realm are shown by the *aspects* he makes with them. Does he work smoothly with his ministers and generals (trines and sextiles), is he in open conflict with them (oppositions and squares), or is he in poor communication with them or even being secretly undermined (quincunxes and semisextiles)?

We will get to all these factors further on. Right now, the first step in understanding this complex drama is understanding each courtier's basic role. The basic functions of the planets are as follows.

☉ **The Sun** Just as its target-shaped symbol or glyph suggests, the Sun represents your center: the center from which all your energies radiate, the center from which you view the universe, and also the physical center that is your body. Its position by sign, house and aspect shows how and where you radiate your energies into the world. The Sun is the basic life-initiating or father principle. You could think of the Sun as the king.

☾ **The Moon** Whether you see this symbol as a crescent Moon, bowl, or radar dish, the idea is the same. The Moon receives, contains, and gives form to the abstract energy represented by the Sun. If the Sun is the basic you, the Moon is what gives you your particular personality – your genetic heritage, earliest training, and habit patterns. The symbol can also be seen as a cradle or enfolding arms; the Moon is the basic life-sustaining, nurturing or mother principle. Most obviously, the Moon is the queen, but she is also the land and the people.

☿ **Mercury** This glyph suggests the messenger of the gods with his winged helmet. Fittingly, this planet represents how you think, communicate and move about. Mercury appears from Earth to shuttle back and forth near the Sun – like the nerve impulses in your body or the transportation systems of our society. It is a link, a bridge, a translator, putting abstract energies into symbols so they can be manipulated within your mind or communicated to others. Mercury has many guises, including the scribe, the ambassador, the merchant, the bell cord that goes from banquet hall to pantry, and the air itself, which carries the sound waves of speech. Mercury is also the nimble juggler, and the child who skips through the hallways and plays pranks.

♀ **Venus** This glyph is traditionally the mirror of the goddess, but it is even more like a flower, whose function is to attract pollination so the plant can bear fruit. Venus symbolizes your powers of attraction, of bringing people, objects or ideas together to create harmonious wholes. It shows how you project and appreciate beauty, how and what you love, what gives you pleasure, the areas of your creativity, your tact and social skills. Venus could be the royal mistress, the hostess, or the artisan who makes the castle beautiful.

♂ **Mars** The shield and spear of the war-god Mars are also like the Sun glyph with an arrow showing energy emerging from it. Whereas the Sun is your basic energy center, Mars, centerless but with an arrow, shows how you apply this energy to get things done. And, if the Sun is your basic self or ego, Mars is how you assert yourself and defend your ego. It is anger and aggression, but it is also the energy that enables you to fight for survival. Mars is the "muscle" of society as well as your body: the workers, the soldiers, the knights who defend the helpless, and the police who enforce Saturn's law.

♃ **Jupiter** The glyphs for Jupiter and Saturn are almost the reverse of each other, just as the planets in many ways symbolize opposite energies. Jupiter is like arms raised and flung out to take in all the goodness of the world. It signifies that part of you that wants to reach out, overcome limitations, and take in everything to make it your own. (Appropriately, Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.) It gives expansiveness, optimism, generosity, magnanimity and a love of freedom and new experiences, but it can also bring acquisitiveness, wastefulness, insensitivity to others' needs, and lack of attention to detail. Jupiter can be the chancellor who helps the king rule, a minister of far-reaching vision who sees the big picture and lays plans for the future prosperity and well-being of the state. He can also be the lawgiver who maps out the basic code that holds society together; or the archbishop, who calls on a higher power and unites the realm under the banner of faith.

♄ **Saturn** To make a bad pun, the glyph for "Sat-on" looks like a seat-or maybe a candle-snuffer. When carried to excess, Saturn can keep life down or even snuff it out, but when applied in moderation it is the necessary force that defines limits and keeps Jupiterian expansion from getting out of hand. It signifies obstacles and frustration, but also discipline and order. Saturn could be the minister of finance or the royal housekeeper who keeps a tight hand on the purse-strings, the conservative advisor who champions traditional values and stems the tide of change, the severe judge who puts a stop to crime (and sometimes people's lives as well), or the wise old counselor who guards against excess.

Saturn is the furthest planet in the solar system to be seen by the naked eye. Beyond lie planets not ordinarily visible; these enable you to transcend the everyday reality of Saturn and explore worlds outside ordinary common sense.

♃ **Uranus** The glyph for Uranus was made up to suggest the initial of its discoverer, Herschel, but it could also be seen as the head of a baby emerging from the birth canal. It represents the first breakthrough into the universe beyond Saturn, a sudden disruption and cracking-open of Saturn's confining shell. It brings upset, surprise and insecurity but also originality, a love of the new, creativity and freedom. Uranus is the court jester who turns reality on its head, the rebel who shakes up the status quo, or the traveler from a remote kingdom who stands out from all others at court with his outlandish manners and dress.

♆ **Neptune** The trident of the Roman sea-god suggests the oceanic quality of Neptune. Whereas Uranus cracked open the rigid shell of Saturn, Neptune furthers the process by dissolving the shell entirely. Neptune is the urge within you to go beyond all the boundaries and limitations that make you a particular human being and return into the vast and formless ocean of oneness with the universe. When people are insufficiently grounded, Neptune can bring weakness, dishonesty, illusion, addiction and an inability to cope with everyday life. But once their egos are fully developed, Neptune can bring empathy, selfless service to others, and transcendent knowledge and bliss. Neptune is the soothsayer, who brings knowledge from the world of dreams; or the religious hermit, who bypasses the archbishop's church and is in direct contact with God.

♇ **Pluto** Pluto is often represented as "♇," but many astrologers prefer a glyph like Mercury's with the crescent in a different place. Whereas Mercury translated information from one form to another, Pluto transforms – people, situations, whatever it touches. Another way of seeing the Pluto glyph is as a dying plant releasing a seed. The disruption and dissolution begun by Uranus and Neptune is completed by Pluto in death and the rebirth that follows. Pluto shows up in everyday life as change, development, transformation, regeneration. People with a strong Pluto can lead lives with many upheavals and "rebirths" or can be forceful and persuasive in bringing about change in others. Pluto could be the magician, who works in the secret realms to bring about change. He is also the invisible tide of change itself, which brings an end to whatever is outworn, so that life can periodically be renewed.

Additional Points

Some astrologers consider additional bodies such as various asteroids and Chiron, a small comet-like object that orbits between Saturn and Uranus and goes around the zodiac in just under 51 years. Many also use the lunar Nodes, mathematical points that travel *backwards* around the zodiac in about 19 years.

♄ **Chiron** The key-like glyph that astrologers have settled upon since Chiron's discovery in 1977 suggests the opening of a door, possibly one through the wall erected by Saturn, leading to a new realm of innovation and freedom represented by Uranus. Half-horse, half-man, Chiron arose from the savage race of centaurs to teach civilized values and technologies for improving human life. Most memorably, he himself suffered a painful wound that would not heal, yet taught the healing arts to the young Aesculapius. Epitomizing the wounded healer, Chiron is thought by many astrologers to signify the hurt places within us, and the ways they can enable us to heal and improve the lives of others.

♋ **North Node** The glyph suggests the Dragon's Head, the old name for this point. Directly opposite it in the zodiac is the **South Node** or Dragon's Tail (♌), which is often omitted from the chart wheel because it is always 180 degrees from the North Node. The Nodes are the two places in the zodiac where the the Moon's orbital plane connects with the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun. Some astrologers read both Nodes as connections, particularly to relatives or groups. Others see the South Node as old skills, relationships and attitudes that you have thoroughly mastered and now must leave behind, and the North Node as new areas that you need to advance toward for your continuing evolution.

Which Planets Are Most Important in Your Chart?

In general, the Sun and Moon – the "luminaries" or "lights" – are the solar-system bodies to which astrologers would pay the most attention. While the other planets supply the details, these great lights in the sky symbolize the two fundamental poles of your being, the basic yang/yin, radiating-outward/enfolding-inward sides of your nature. Contemplating the aspects, signs and perhaps also the houses of the Sun and Moon can reveal volumes about the most profound parts of your self.

Next in personal significance are the inner planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Following this are the outer, or slow-moving, planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

This basic order of importance is reflected in your report, where aspects from the Sun, Moon and inner planets are always listed before aspects from the outer planets. Also, whenever planets are tallied in signs, houses or other categories, the luminaries and inner planets are given more weighting points.

Each individual chart also has its own *individual* pattern of planetary strength that distinguishes it from other people's charts. Which planet or planets happen to be speaking the loudest in *your* chart? Here are some things to look for, in order of their importance.

1. Turning back to the chart wheel or aspect listing at the beginning of this report, do you find any planets very near the Ascendant, Midheaven, Descendant or Imum Coeli of your chart? (The way charts are most often cast, these are at the beginning of the First, Tenth, Seventh or Fourth houses.) Having a planet within seven degrees of a conjunction to any of these four points is almost guaranteed to make that planet one of the most obvious and strong components in your character. The closer a planet is to one of these points, the stronger it is.
2. A close aspect to the Sun or Moon (say, within a 5-degree orb) can also confer great importance on one of the other planets.
3. A planet can also become very important if it is in some other aspect than the conjunction to the Ascendant or Midheaven. Here, you would consider aspects within an orb of about 5 degrees.

Aspects between the Planets

Since each planet travels around the zodiac at its own speed, the angles between the planets constantly change. When the angle between two planets approaches an even division of the circle (such as 1/2 or 180 degrees, 1/3 or 120 degrees, 1/4 or 90 degrees, etc.) astrologers find that the symbolism of those planets becomes linked in your personality. These significant angles are called *aspects*. Aspects come in families, each of which is based on number, and each of which has its own characteristic feeling.

The Strongest Aspect The **conjunction** (0 degrees, symbol \circ) is in a family by itself. Whether it is easy or difficult depends almost completely on the two planets involved. It is usually considered along with the "hard" aspects below simply because it is so intense.

The "Hard" Aspects Aspects that arise from dividing the circle by 2 (the **opposition**, 180 degrees, symbol ♋) and 4 (the **square**, 90 degrees, symbol ♏) are called "hard" because they tend to precipitate crises and usually call for effort on your part. For the same reasons, they can also be dynamic and productive. This report discusses the conjunction and hard aspects first, because these are the aspects that usually concern people the most, and which bring them to consult their astrologers.

The "Soft" Aspects These arise from dividing the circle by 3 (the **trine**, 120 degrees, symbol Δ) and 6 (the **sextile**, 60 degrees, symbol \ast). Planets linked by trines or sextiles tend to work easily together, aiding and abetting each other. Trines and sextiles show the parts of your nature that tend to run along smoothly and effortlessly.

The Minor Aspects The **semisquare** (45 degrees, symbol \sphericalangle) is 1/8 of the circle, and the **sesquiquadrate** or **sesquare** (135 degrees, symbol \boxplus) is 3/8. Coming from a smaller subdivision of the square, the semisquare and sesquare have a similar dynamic and stressful feeling but are not quite as strong.

The **semisextile** (30 degrees, symbol \sphericalangle) is 1/12 of the circle and the **quincunx** (150 degrees, symbol \sphericalangle) is 5/12. These aspects connect signs that have no relation to each other, being neither of the same element nor of the same mode. They have a problematic quality, like two characters who have to deal with each other, but just don't seem to speak the same language.

The "Orb" of an Aspect

It's rare for the angle between two planets to be *exactly* 60 degrees or 90 degrees, or whatever. How far an aspect can be from exact and still have an effect is called the aspect's allowable *orb*. For example, for a conjunction between the Sun and Moon many astrologers would set an orb of 10 degrees. This means that if the Sun and Moon were 9 degrees, 30 minutes apart, it would be considered a conjunction; but if they were 10 degrees, 5 minutes apart, the aspect would be ignored.

Most astrologers give wider orbs to aspects that involve the Sun or Moon, and narrower orbs to aspects that do not involve these two luminaries. Also, major aspects like squares and trines usually get larger orbs than minor aspects like semisquares and semisextiles.

Which Aspects Are Most Important in Your Chart?

The aspect table at the beginning of this report summarizes the aspects that exist in your chart. In the "The orb is" column you will see the number of degrees and minutes that each of your aspects is from being exact. Aspects having an orb of less than 1 degree are likely to be main keynotes in your personality, particularly if they are a major aspect such as a conjunction, opposition, trine or square. You might want to make a list of the five closest aspects in your chart, and then pay special attention to those interpretations in your report.

The Signs of the Zodiac

As the planets orbit the Sun, they appear from Earth to travel through a narrow belt of fixed stars. This we call the *zodiac*. Most astrologers in the West use the *tropical zodiac*, which puts its starting point (0 degrees Aries) at where the Sun is on the first day of spring in the Earth's Northern Hemisphere. The tropical zodiac describes the cycle of the seasons, a cycle of beginning, growth, and preparation for new beginning. Each of the twelve signs represents a stage in that cycle, and gives its own characteristic coloration to the planets and houses that lie within it.

♈ Aries The pointed face and horns of the ram – or a young plant springing from seed. As befits the beginning of spring, the idea is one of arising out of nothing into life, from non-being into being. Aries gives a fresh, sharp, young, eager quality, full of starting energy not yet disciplined or refined. It is adventurous, impatient, self-expressive, open, direct, and not always sensitive to others' feelings.

♉ **Taurus** The bull's head and horns – or a pot of earth to contain the Aries seedling. Taurus gives Aries energy a material, earthy base of operations. It is symbolized by the plant taking root, and by the baby discovering the physical world: seeing, tasting, touching. It is much concerned with the body, with comfort and sensual pleasure, with good quality in material things. It is practical, steady, persistent, and tends to do things more slowly than other signs.

♊ **Gemini** The twins – or the Roman numeral two, or a swing. The idea is of shuttling back and forth. It is the young plant putting forth its feathery branches in all directions, and of the baby learning to walk and name things, to move about the world, to communicate and interact with others. This sign has a light, youthful quality. It is sociable without getting deeply involved, interested and curious, talkative, restless and in constant motion.

♋ **Cancer** The crab – or cradling arms. This is the sign of the family unit, a protected space from which one can grow. The plant is now lush and green, pulling water up from deep levels of the soil so it can provide nourishment and shade. Cancer has to do with shelter, food, mother love, nurturing, taking care of. It gives a sensitive, emotional quality, a tie to one's heritage and the past, a concern with home and security, and a desire to foster, protect and to be attached to someone or something.

♌ **Leo** A lion's tasseled tail – or the proscenium arch of a stage. The plant is now in full flower, at the apex of its development, yet already it is showing signs of dryness. In Leo the child revels in its own energy, in pleasure, in being alive and having a self; and it proudly presents itself to the world. Leo is a star performer, radiating life energy to others and desiring in turn to be admired and appreciated. It runs the risk of egotism and bombast, but on the plus side is self-expressive, open and generous, as well as proud, dignified, fond of ceremony, and persistent.

♍ **Virgo** Coils of energy walled off and contained – or a symbol with its legs tightly crossed! This is a time of toil, when the plant bears fruit that needs picking, and the grain is ready to be gathered and stored for the lean part of the year. The energy realized in Leo is contained and put to work in Virgo. Pleasure is now deferred in order to master life's practical details, develop one's skills, learn to do and make. One learns not just to be an individual as in Leo, but to function as one, to be self-sufficient. Virgo gives a consciousness of duty, practicality, craftsmanship, pride in accomplishment, discrimination and attention to detail.

♎ **Libra** Balance-type scales, a bridge, or the setting Sun. This is a time of pause after the harvest, a point of equilibrium, of Indian summer when there is a final burst of flowering before the cold. Being self-sufficient, one is now ready to reach out for a partner and settle down. If Aries was a sign of a single being springing up vertically into life, Libra, its opposite, is one of reaching out horizontally. Aries went from stillness into motion; Libra seeks balance – in a relationship to another, in judgments and opinions, in manners and esthetic matters. In order to achieve balance, scores must sometimes be settled, so Libra may court contests and confrontations on the way to establishing a relationship of equals. Libra sees the world in terms of relationships; is sociable; is concerned with harmony, beauty, decorum and justice.

♏ **Scorpio** The scorpion with its barbed tail – or a coil accumulating and releasing energy. This is the time when the first frost congeals water, putting a decisive end to that which is green. In the old Celtic calendar it is the point of death, a break in the chain of the year, when the plant kingdom goes dormant and soul separates from body before a new cycle begins. In Scorpio, the energy harnessed for practical uses in Virgo is gathered more intensely and released to effect profound transformations. Having linked with another at a social level in Libra, one is ready for a deeper merging in Scorpio. Taurus had a simple sensuality; for its opposite sign, Scorpio, sex is the ego-death and merging of two individuals. Scorpio has a sustained emotional intensity, an interest in what is below the surface, a probing quality, an air of hidden power.

♐ **Sagittarius** The arrow and bowstring of the archer – or the Scorpio arrow of energy breaking through the surface. Deciduous plants are dormant, and so we celebrate the evergreen to remind ourselves that life continues. As the world of nature retreats, we enter the conceptual world of philosophy and religion. In Sagittarius the coiled-up energy of Scorpio is released into the air and it soars toward freedom. Sagittarius symbolizes wide-ranging energy, either physical as in travel and sports, or mental as in far-reaching intellectual interests. In both motion and thought, it covers much more ground than Gemini, its opposite sign. Whereas Libra and Scorpio perfected personal relationships, Sagittarius now attempts to comprehend relationship to society and the world as a whole. Sagittarius is fast-moving, energetic, idealistic, philosophical, and dislikes details.

♑ **Capricorn** The face and curling horn of the goat – or the winding path to a mountain peak. Capricorn marks the turning point when the year reaches its darkest day, and the daylight begins to increase once more. Cold and dry, it symbolizes a maximum of separateness and solidity. Capricorn slows down the energy released in Sagittarius so it can be *used* in the world to make *things*. It puts Sagittarian insights to work, implementing the details. Its eye fixed on the peak, it plods onward and upward, aspiring toward the pinnacle of personal achievement. It is firmly embedded in the social structure, conscious of everyone's place on the ladder. It still sees itself as an individual in society; only in the next sign will a true group consciousness be attained. Capricorn is conscious of authority, practical, serious, and wants to achieve something concrete and significant in the eyes of the world.

♒ **Aquarius** Streams of water from the waterbearer's jug – or a row of seats in a theater. Aquarius marks the time of year when the life processes that ended in Scorpio have new, barely perceptible beginnings. Looking closely, you will see buds forming. Humans, however, are still indoors and focused on their social world. If Leo is the star performer, concerned with personal identity, Aquarius, the sign opposite, is the audience, the collective participant in the drama of life. Instead of the one-to-one relationships of Libra, Aquarius signifies one-among-many relationships. Capricorn carried the idea of personal achievement to the utmost; Aquarius begins the theme of being part of a group. Aquarius identifies with friends and organizations, wants to perfect society, wants freedom for groups of people, is detached and fair-minded though fixed in opinions, does not cling to the past, is idealistic and wants the good of all.

♆ **Pisces** Two fishes bound together – or an image reflected in water so you cannot tell the image from the reflection. The remains of last year's plants have reached their final dissolution, and the moisture gathers to provide a medium for new growth in Aries. In Pisces everything is dissolved in the same ocean, image and reflection are the same, and you cannot tell the player from the audience. Whereas Aries began the zodiac with the first assertion of individuality, and Aquarius transmuted this into group identity, Pisces ends the cycle with the individual's letting go of the structure that peaked in Capricorn. The most fluid of the water signs, Pisces functions by loosening up and simply allowing flow, change and living processes to take place. The Pisces dissolving of structures and blurring of boundaries can come out in ordinary life as dreaminess and vagueness, but also as selflessness, sensitivity, and a deep sense of unity and empathy with others.

Which Signs Are Most Important in Your Chart?

Obviously, the more planets you have in a sign, the more significance that sign is likely to have for you personally. Otherwise, the most important signs in your chart tend to be those of the so-called "personal points": the Sun, Moon, Ascendant and Midheaven. Next in importance will be the signs of the faster-moving planets like Mercury, Venus, and Mars. But Jupiter stays in a sign for about a year, Saturn for about two and a half years, Uranus for about seven, Neptune for about fourteen and Pluto for an average of twenty years, so that the signs of these planets usually have more to do with the generation you were born in than with your personal characteristics.

The Elements and Modes

In the above descriptions of the signs, you may sense that there is more to the signs than just seasonal symbolism, and you are right. The twelve signs also derive their meaning from each being a unique combination of one of the four *elements* and one of the three qualities, or *modes*.

Fire, Earth, Air and Water

The four elements are also called the triplicities because there are three signs formed from each element, and these signs are related by a trine aspect. Elements get their characteristics from being a unique combination of hot (high-energy and active), cold (low-energy and passive), wet (blending or making connections between things) and dry (separating things into distinct parts).

The Fire signs (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius) are hot and dry, meaning that they are high-energy and have a hard-edge, high-definition approach to life. Among the signs, they tend to be the most active and decisive. Fire signs are concerned with process and action, and with making one's personal mark on the world. A strongly placed Sun or Mars can make people seem more fiery; a strong Moon or Neptune, less so.

The Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) are cold and dry, meaning that they also see things as distinct entities, but are lower in energy so that they do things more slowly. Earth signs are deeply concerned with tangible reality, with things. A strong Saturn can make people seem more earthy; a strong Mercury or Uranus, less so.

The Air signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) are hot and wet, meaning that they are high-energy, active, outgoing and eager to make connections. Known for their sociability and impulse to talk, the air signs are associated with social and intellectual relationships. A strong Mercury or Uranus can make people seem more airy; a strong Saturn, Moon or Neptune, less so.

The Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) are cold and wet, meaning that they also like to make connections, but are more inward, passive and still. These are the signs most concerned with emotional relationships. A strong Moon or Neptune can make people seem more watery; a strong Sun, Mars or Saturn, less so.

Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable

The three modes or qualities are also called the quadruplicities because there are four signs in each mode, and signs in the same mode are related by a square or opposition aspect. The modes mark the three stages of each season.

The Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn) begin a new season and symbolize starting energy. If you have a high score in Cardinal signs, you may be specially gifted at initiating new projects. A strong Sun, Mars or Uranus could make you seem more Cardinal; a strong Moon, Venus or Neptune, less so.

The Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius) are points of equilibrium in the middle of a season. With a high score in Fixed signs, you would tend to keep whatever has been started going, polishing it and bringing it to perfection. Fixed people are noted for stability, constancy, and, on occasion, stubbornness, qualities that can also be imparted by a strong Saturn. A strong Mercury or Moon can make you seem less Fixed.

The Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces) symbolize times of transition to the next season and are noted for their adaptability. If you have a high score in Mutable signs, you tend to change, adapt and transform what has already been started and sustained. A prominent Mercury or Moon can make you seem more Mutable; a strong Saturn, less so.

To get the overall feel of your horoscope, astrologers often note which signs your planets are in and tally up the elements and modes that are occupied. The system works best if the scoring is weighted, with the Sun and Moon receiving the most points and the slow-moving planets receiving the fewest. You can see your element/mode scores at the beginning of this report.

The Houses

The signs measured the motion caused by the planets' going around in their orbits. But there is another important motion in astrology, the motion of the Earth's daily spinning on its axis. This is measured by the twelve houses of the horoscope. Because they move so fast (all around the zodiac in 24 hours, averaging one degree in every four minutes of time), the house cusps can be completely different for two people born on the same day. While the sign positions and aspects of the planets show your basic structure, the way the planets fall in the houses show the particular ways in which the planets are apt to work in your life.

The Structure of the Houses

The houses are based on the four most important points in a planet's daily cycle: when it rises, culminates, sets and anti-culminates. These points are known as the Ascendant (or rising degree); the Midheaven or M.C. (for Medium Coeli, "middle heaven" in Latin); the Descendant; and the I.C. (for Imum Coeli, "lowest heaven"). There are dozens of mathematical systems for defining the twelve houses, but most of these systems use these four points as the basic framework and differ only in the way that they subdivide the intervening space. These four points are grouped into two basic axes, as follows.

The Midheaven-I.C. Axis You can think of the Midheaven-I.C. axis in your chart as you, standing up. Your feet and roots (I.C. and fourth house) are planted at the farthest possible point below the horizon, symbolizing your past, genetic heritage, and earliest training – your foundation and all that you have to build on. The Midheaven and tenth house are the farthest possible point a planet can travel above the horizon, and so are like your head. They symbolize the highest you aspire to grow or build, what you are aiming for, and the most public and visible parts of you, such as your career and reputation. The axis as a whole describes who you perceive yourself to be.

The Ascendant-Descendant Axis The Ascendant-Descendant axis is like your arms reaching out horizontally to the world around you. Not surprisingly, it symbolizes how you relate to other people and your environment. The Ascendant (and, directly opposite it, the Descendant), mark the points where the zodiac intersects the horizon. The line of the horizon is where the inner you (what is hidden from view below the horizon) meets the outer world (what is above the horizon). Therefore it symbolizes the way you put yourself out into the world (the Ascendant and the first house) and the way you draw the world, especially other people, into your innermost being (the Descendant and seventh house).

Like the Sun and Moon, the Ascendant and Midheaven are considered "personal points" whose sign and aspects are given primary significance. Any planet within a few degrees of one of these four chart "angles" leaps to the foreground of your chart. It is as if these are points of emergence, where the energies of a planet are able to come out the strongest.

Which Houses Are Most Important in Your Chart?

Planets move quickly through the houses, with each staying in a house for an average of only two hours each day. Except for the first, fourth, seventh and tenth houses, the borders of houses are not clear-cut, so that houses tend to shade into one another. If you have a planet within five degrees of the end of a house, you may very well find that the next house affects that planet. Similarly, if a house cusp is within five degrees of the end of a sign, you may want to think about how the next sign would affect that house.

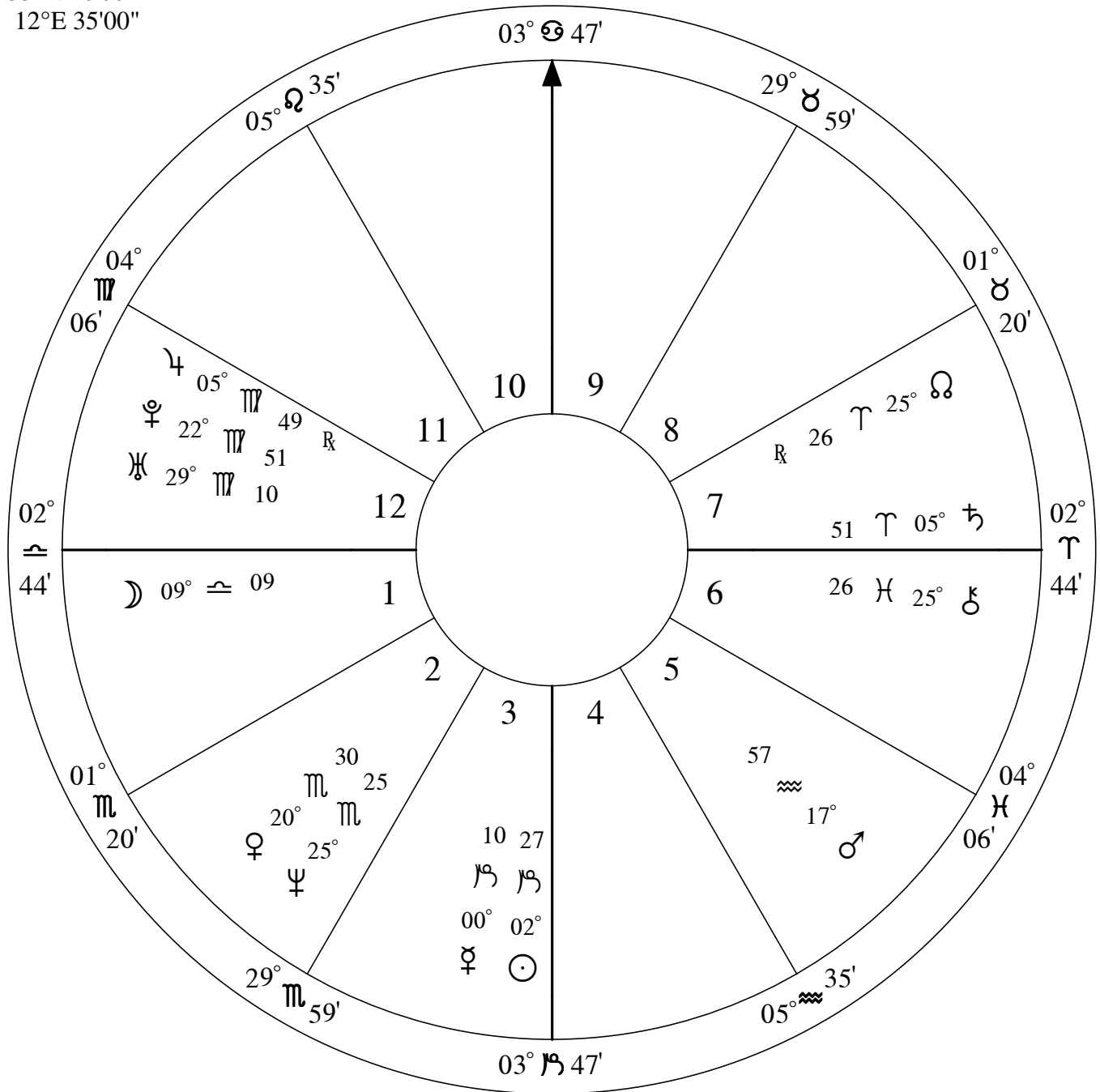
The most important houses for you will probably be those that contain your Sun and Moon and those that contain more than a single planet.

Beyond Sun Signs

Most people today know what "sign" they are, or have glanced at their horoscope as it appears in newspaper and magazine columns. However, you have most likely realized that you are a much more complex and varied person than your Sun sign, by itself, suggests. As you can see, there is much more to astrology than this. For example, when you are told you are an Aries, Leo, or any other sign, it simply means that you were born at the time of the year when the Sun was in that particular part of the zodiac. While the Sun indicates a person's essence or basic character, in each person's chart there are actually nine other planets and all twelve signs. All of these play a part in making you who you are and all you can be. Your *Professional Natal Report* report aims to correct these misconceptions and demonstrate that astrology can give you easily understood information that can enable you to obtain insight about yourself and your life.

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

Planetary Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉ Sun	is in	♑ Capricorn	2° 27' 37"	-23° 25' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♎ Libra	9° 09' 06"	- 2° 18' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♑ Capricorn	0° 10' 38"	-24° 48' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♏ Scorpio	20° 30' 07"	-15° 34' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♒ Aquarius	17° 57' 08"	-16° 35' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♍ Virgo	5° 49' 50"	+10° 20' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♈ Aries	5° 51' 57"	+ 0° 03' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♍ Virgo	29° 10' 03"	+ 1° 01' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♏ Scorpio	25° 25' 38"	-17° 29' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♍ Virgo	22° 51' 39"	+16° 45' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♈ Aries	25° 26' 11"	+ 9° 50' 00"
♌ Ascendant	is in	♎ Libra	2° 44' 59"	- 1° 05' 00"
♍ Midheaven	is in	♋ Cancer	3° 47' 06"	+23° 23' 00"
♎ Chiron	is in	♓ Pisces	25° 26' 10"	+ 1° 24' 00"

Planetary Aspects

Your	Sun	is	Square	Moon	The orb is	6° 41'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Mercury	The orb is	2° 17'
Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Mars	The orb is	0° 30'
Your	Sun	is	Trine	Jupiter	The orb is	3° 22'
Your	Sun	is	Square	Saturn	The orb is	3° 24'
Your	Sun	is	Square	Uranus	The orb is	3° 18'
Your	Sun	is	Trine	N. Node	The orb is	7° 01'
Your	Sun	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	0° 17'
Your	Sun	is	Opposite	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 19'
Your	Moon	is	Opposite	Saturn	The orb is	3° 17'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Jupiter	The orb is	5° 39'
Your	Mercury	is	Square	Uranus	The orb is	1° 01'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	N. Node	The orb is	4° 44'
Your	Mercury	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	2° 34'
Your	Mercury	is	Opposite	Midheaven	The orb is	3° 36'
Your	Mercury	is	Square	Chiron	The orb is	4° 44'
Your	Venus	is	Square	Mars	The orb is	2° 33'
Your	Venus	is	Sesquiquadrate	Saturn	The orb is	0° 22'
Your	Venus	is	Conjunct	Neptune	The orb is	4° 56'
Your	Venus	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	2° 22'
Your	Venus	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	4° 56'
Your	Mars	is	Sesquiquadrate	Ascendant	The orb is	0° 12'
Your	Jupiter	is	Quincunx	Saturn	The orb is	0° 02'
Your	Jupiter	is	Sextile	Midheaven	The orb is	2° 03'
Your	Saturn	is	Opposite	Ascendant	The orb is	3° 07'
Your	Saturn	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	2° 05'
Your	Uranus	is	Sextile	Neptune	The orb is	3° 44'
Your	Uranus	is	Conjunct	Ascendant	The orb is	3° 35'
Your	Uranus	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	4° 37'
Your	Uranus	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	3° 44'
Your	Neptune	is	Quincunx	N. Node	The orb is	0° 01'
Your	Neptune	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	0° 01'
Your	Pluto	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	2° 35'
Your	N. Node	is	Semisextile	Chiron	The orb is	0° 00'

Your Midheaven is Square Ascendant The orb is 1° 02'

Your Chiron is Opposite Ascendant The orb is 7° 19'

Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire : ♃ ♁ Total = 2 Weighted Score = 2
Earth : ☉ ♀ ♃ ♁ ♃ Total = 5 Weighted Score = 13
Air : ☽ ♂ A_S Total = 3 Weighted Score = 15
Water : ♀ ♃ M_C ♃ Total = 4 Weighted Score = 6

Cardinal : ☉ ☽ ♀ ♃ ♁ A_S M_C Total = 7 Weighted Score = 25
Fixed : ♀ ♂ ♃ Total = 3 Weighted Score = 7
Mutable : ♃ ♁ ♃ ♃ Total = 4 Weighted Score = 4

Weights Used Above

Sun = 6 Moon = 6 Mercury = 3 Venus = 3
Mars = 3 Jupiter = 2 Saturn = 2 Uranus = 1
Neptune = 1 Pluto = 1 N. Node = 0 Ascendant = 6
Midheaven = 2 Chiron = 0

Introduction

This report presents the raw materials that you have been given for building a life. It outlines how the overall shape of your chart reflects the overall shape of your personality. It shows what your greatest challenges are likely to be, the strengths you have been given to meet these challenges, and the main arenas you are given for playing out your life's drama.

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

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The Main Emphasis in Your Chart

Before looking at your chart in detail, let's stand back for a moment to see whether there are any overall tendencies that stand out.

Greater planetary emphasis in the eastern half of the chart.

With the bulk of your planetary strength in the left-hand half of your chart, you prefer to be in charge of your own destiny, rather than following someone else's dreams, adventures, projects or proposals. This tends to make you an outgoing, active person, in charge of your affairs. Independent and outwardly directed, you are conscious of the direction in which you lead your life. An entrepreneurial pursuit of some type will find you at your best. You need followers to help you, so be sure that you attract those who are willing to follow your vision. Be clear, however, as to who is in charge. Joining forces with someone as strong-minded as you are may cause the kind of stress that will distract you from your goals. Make all possible allowances for practicality; and then go ahead and pursue your vision.

Greater emphasis below the horizon.

Since the lower, or inward-directed side of your chart is stronger than the upper half, your personal sense of identity tends to be especially important. For you, who you are and where you've come from are constant sources of interest. This special understanding of your cultural heritage and family roots will help you to determine your direction and goals in life. You feel that answers to important questions can best be found within, rather than in the outer world or in a relationship. This self-awareness helps you to be composed and assured in your career and relationships.

Fire signs are under-represented.

With a marked *lack* of emphasis in Fire signs like Aries, Leo and Sagittarius, you are probably not one who burns the heavens bright like a meteor. Instead, you tend to be steady and consistent, and may become appalled at the abrasiveness of dominant personalities. Though you may at times seem low in spirits and lacking in self-confidence and personal initiative, you aren't really. This is just your style: you don't go for the drama. Let other more driven folks take the lead, get excited over trivialities, and blow their own horns.

You are more concerned with others' feelings, and with security and stability in life. Things to be careful about include eating foods that are difficult to digest, especially hot and spicy dishes, because you may not assimilate them well. Also, you tend to tire easily when you exercise, so be moderate when it comes to physical activity. If you push yourself to pursue really challenging tasks, however, you will learn how to compensate for any areas in which you feel you are lacking. This will help you feel more comfortable in a world filled with blustering, dominant individuals.

Earth signs are especially strong

Having special emphasis in signs like Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn, you tend to be the soul of practicality and pragmatism. You prefer to deal with things that you can touch, see or hear, and you like to live in a world where things are measurable and there are no abstractions. You also like to work with the present moment, the here and now, especially if it creates a lasting outcome or is connected to a past. You may have to guard against a tendency to be overly conservative, cautious or narrow-minded.

Stability is your special strength. You can be counted on when things get crazy around you, because you generally don't engage in knee-jerk reactions. Instead, you prefer to allow things to happen, and then you react in your own time. You initiate matters only when they aren't proceeding in the direction that you expect. Because you tend to be passive, you need external stimuli to get you going.

Very fertile, you enjoy producing things of substance, from children to business reports. You are not, however, overly nurturing. You generally prepare the ground, plant the seeds and then walk away until harvest time. If the seed needs continual care and attention to grow to its fullest potential, you may or may not intervene. If you do offer assistance, it tends to be for the material, rather than the emotional, needs of whatever you are nurturing.

Air signs are especially strong.

Having special emphasis in signs like Gemini, Libra and Aquarius, you probably prefer to live in your intellect. Your strengths are logic, reason and impartiality, and you excel at organizing, planning, and developing new techniques. Because of your ability to remain detached and objective, you are a fair-minded judge of most situations. You can see and understand interrelationships that those who are emotionally or practically oriented find difficult to fathom. You could be a fighter for ideas and ideals, like a statesman who lives simply, has few material needs, and is held in high regard for his beliefs.

You like to connect people and ideas. Not being much interested in practical experience, you live in a world of concepts and use social interaction as your medium. Although you are a very social person, you prefer to remain detached. Emotional displays turn you off and you would rather negotiate. You may be in danger of being cold and emotionally insensitive to others. Understand that many do not operate in your rarefied atmosphere, and remember to be charitable if they lead mundane, unimaginative existences.

Unless you also have an emphasis in Earth signs or on such planets as Saturn and the Moon, your life may have a rootless quality. Although you may not notice it, others may be aware of a lack of stability in your material, external sense of being. To achieve balance, you may need consciously to stick to projects, put down roots, and cultivate your emotional life.

A strongly Cardinal quality.

Your strength in Cardinal signs like Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn gives you an ability to initiate things, whether they be actions, relationships or projects. You do not care whether something has been done before: if it interests you, you will attempt it. Though you tend to be sullen and unhappy in the role of minion, you feel creative and fulfilled in positions of leadership. Once projects are under way, however, you tend to lose interest. It would be ideal to have someone to follow in your footsteps and complete the details.

Special strength in Libra.

In order to feel complete, you need to relate to others, especially in a one-on-one relationship. You enjoy the challenges of making a relationship work. In doing so, you may tend to subsume your needs to the needs of the other in order to make things work smoothly. With this much Libra in your chart, having things happen in a graceful and harmonious fashion may be an ideal that you are constantly seeking, at times to your own disadvantage. If planets like the Sun and Mars are strong, however, you may be more inclined to hammer out a relationship of true equals, even if it means fighting sometimes. Your desire for harmony may also come out as a remarkable degree of charm and good taste.

Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama

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

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

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

Your Major Challenges

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

Sun square Moon

Whether the disharmony between your parents was subtle or obvious, it made its mark on you such that it colors the way you react to life as an adult. You seem to be comfortable only in situations that are full of stress and tension. Given the choice between the easy path and the tough one, you (perversely, it seems) choose the one that offers the most resistance. You love a challenge. While this can be helpful in certain business and career situations, it can cause problems in personal relationships. It's best for you to choose partners who don't mind a bit of stress now and then.

Sun conjunct Mercury

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

Sun square Saturn

It seems that you are constantly attracted to situations that demand that you assume more and more responsibility for yourself and others. While it may not seem like much fun, you do have the ability to respond well to these challenges and are indeed the best suited of those around you to be trusted with these weighty and serious matters. Even though the responsibilities and challenges seem never to end, carry on, because your patience and steadfastness will be appreciated in the long run.

Sun square Uranus

You are at your happiest when being rash and impulsive and going off at a moment's notice to do something crazy. You thrive when life brings you a new adventure out of the blue. This tendency, however, can raise havoc with any expectation of a settled "normal" lifestyle. If you do not seek out a way of life and relationships that leave all possible options available to you, you will not feel comfortable. If you know you can leave whenever you feel like it, you probably won't, but if you do, it won't matter, at least to you. Any attempt, by yourself or others, to "pin you down" will cause you to react in an extreme and/or irrational fashion.

Sun square Ascendant

The way that you see yourself is not necessarily the way others see you. This can cause problems, in that you often seem to be moving at cross-purposes to the friends, relations or business associates with whom you are trying to interact. If you find yourself constantly having to reassess your position because of misunderstandings with others, try to consider their opinions more thoroughly before acting. Don't be so arrogant. You have good ideas. Learn to blend them with the ideas of others, and you won't feel so lonely and left out.

Sun conjunct Imum Coeli

You are primarily concerned with providing a strong and secure foundation for yourself and for your loved ones. You prefer to work behind the scenes, letting others reap the glory. Your home and your family will be more important to you than the outer trappings of a successful career — indeed you would be happiest working in or near your home. Tradition, roots, and the past of your family, tribe or clan will be very important to you. You will go to great lengths to uphold the honor of whatever you consider near and dear.

Moon opposite Saturn

It bothers you that your emotional responses are cooler and more detached than those of your friends and associates. You do not wear your heart on your sleeve, and it is incomprehensible and embarrassing to you when others carry on about emotional attachments. At times your inability to get close to others makes you feel ashamed and unworthy. You must try to stop judging yourself by the standards of others. Your own standards are probably quite high and very appropriate for you. It is best not go to out of your way to be what you are not. You will then feel much more comfortable with yourself.

Mercury square Uranus

Your quick, agile mind usually has no problem steering a correct path through the mountains of new and exciting information that you deal with as a normal part of your routine. But every now and then you try to do things too quickly, and foul-ups begin to occur, much to your embarrassment. Things seem to get scattered, and you become more and more nervous and frenzied. Learn to slow down just a bit. Your speed of comprehension far surpasses that of almost anyone else, so why worry about going into hyperdrive?

Mercury square Ascendant

You feel a great need to seek out others and to share your ideas with them. Usually your thoughts and ideas are interesting enough to hold the attention of others, but you have to learn to become as good a listener as you are a talker. Don't try to hog the whole conversation all the time, or you will drive people away from you, which is the opposite of what you intend. Take a breath once in a while, and let others talk. You will be surprised to find that they are almost as interesting as you are.

Mercury conjunct Imum Coeli

You spend a lot of time considering where you came from. Things like your family history, cultural heritage and genealogy fascinate you. You have aptitude as a scholar. If you have the required self-discipline as well, try to further your education, either in an institutional setting or on your own. You may be reluctant to share your interests and knowledge with others, but, once they find that you are a goldmine of information in your particular area of expertise, be prepared to assume the role of teacher. You'll probably be good at it.

Mercury square Chiron

At times painfully shy, you find it hard to communicate clearly. Of course, this does not help lift your self-esteem or give you confidence in your ability to express your opinions. Assertiveness training could help you overcome the fear of criticism. You may not easily express yourself verbally, but your emotions often speak louder than words. Extremely intuitive and attuned to the way people think, you are able to identify with their thoughts, wants and needs. This makes you an excellent psychologist, counselor or friend.

Venus square Mars

When you are attracted to someone, you usually exhibit a warm, sensual and caring attitude that makes you an ideal lover. But often you are easily distracted, either just plain losing interest in the object of your desire for a time or indulging in other amorous pursuits. This can lead to very stormy relationships indeed. If you would desire a less strained love life, try learning a little concentration and self-discipline.

Venus conjunct Neptune

You have a romantic and creative imagination. Should you pursue a career in the arts, you will have the ability to convey your vision of an ideal world where all the rules are different from that of the prosaic and dull everyday world. You have the same attitude toward relationships, projecting your need for romance, fantasy and unreality onto another. This can be very problematical when you have to face the harsh realities of paying the mortgage and putting food on the table. Try to temper your idealism with an acceptance of some reality lest you be continually disappointed and disillusioned.

Saturn conjunct Descendant

You have a deep need for structure and order in relationships, and tend to shy away from ostentatious displays of emotion. You are comfortable with those who are practical and experienced and who may be much older than you are. You may find that you form partnerships (business or romantic) for reasons of necessity. Others will come to respect and admire you because of your responsible and disciplined lifestyle.

Saturn square Midheaven

You are such a perfectionist and are so self-critical that you rarely can measure up to the high standards you have set for yourself. This causes you to withdraw emotionally because you can never seem to please yourself. When you experience these feelings of inadequacy and alienation, it helps to seek the counsel of a respected friend or advisor. Once you examine the facts of the matter, you probably will see that you have much to be proud of. Try to lower your self-expectations a bit.

Uranus conjunct Ascendant

Others know you as a free spirit. Your unconventional, sometimes eccentric, way of dealing with others sometimes offends and shocks those who are more traditional and conservative. So be it — you have to be yourself and will probably attract those who are similarly offbeat, outspoken and independent. Life with you will never be dull and will probably be fun — if you can only keep your clashes with the authorities down to a minimum so that you are not constantly in trouble.

Uranus square Midheaven

You are such a rebel that you often cause yourself insurmountable problems. You should pursue a career that allows you to be self-employed, because you always seem to take the otherwise reasonable requests of employers as attempts by them to control and restrict you. Your inherent nervousness and unpredictability are not going to make you a prize catch for recruiters anyway. You must be yourself — the challenge will be to find a way to integrate that philosophy with a means of putting bread on the table on a regular basis.

Chiron opposite Uranus

Due to separation from a parent or lack of communication in your earliest environment, you have difficulty in sharing and opening up to others. Creative, independent and yet high-strung, you will be successful so long as you develop patience and refrain from being provocative. Asserting a contrary opinion or taking an unpopular stance for the sake of rebellion can be as disruptive and destructive as it can be creative and productive. As life goes on, you will get the knack of being spontaneous without provoking others.

Chiron opposite Pluto

You may have faced an emotional loss that forced you to grow up at a very young age. Extremely serious and melancholy, you tend to spend many hours in deep contemplation. Fearful and obsessed with death, you may find it difficult to cope with the realities and stresses of everyday living. Therapy may help you celebrate life rather than fear death. You will then be more apt to relax, and will be able to help others as well as yourself enjoy each day.

Chiron conjunct Descendant

Preoccupied with the way you look and behave, you are much too concerned with the opinions of others. You often paint yourself as a victim of circumstance and feel that the world owes you a living. At times, you are tempted to surrender your hopes and dreams for a partner. Once you improve your self-esteem and carve out your own niche, you will be less dependent on others and will not look to a partner to define your path.

Your Sustaining Strengths

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

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

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

Sun trine Jupiter

Your positive attitude is usually sufficient to allow you to do whatever you think will let you grow, expand and evolve at a reasonable pace. Your balanced outlook keeps your schemes and plans within the realm of reason — most of the time. But, at other times, you get a bit sloppy and extravagant because you tend to think you can get away with just about anything. When you notice this happening, just pull in the reins a little bit — you'll get where you're heading, perhaps a little slower than you'd like. And then, my friend, on to the next challenge ...

Sun trine North Node

You delight so much in serving your community — in politics, neighborhood groups, charitable organizations, church groups, etc. — that you often become totally oblivious of the more personal needs of your family and loved ones. This isn't usually an issue though, because your family and loved ones probably realize what an effective force you are in all your various projects and will themselves go out of their way to assist you. Your outgoing, cheerful nature tends to endear you to all you meet. Your popularity is assured because your sincerity is so very genuine, not at all forced or unnatural.

Mercury trine Jupiter

You are an optimist, habitually trusting that things will get bigger and better. This is tempered by a reasonable and tolerant attitude that allows you to be fair and impartial in your opinions. Because you enjoy the give-and-take of decision-making, you would be comfortable working as a planner, organizer or administrator. Watch, however, for a tendency to neglect the minor but important details involved in any undertaking. It would be best to delegate these details to someone else.

Mercury trine North Node

You are the ideal person to set up important social and business connections between people. Your organizational ability is superb, and you have the tact and intuition to know just the right time to make plans go forward successfully. As such, you could make a perfect host, hostess, secretary or liaison person. Always willing to sacrifice your own comfort for the sake of group, you make an excellent companion, too. You delight in contributing time and energy to religious, charitable or political events, and your community spirit is high.

Venus sextile Pluto

You rarely have casual or inconsequential relationships. You tend to have just a few friends with whom you are totally and sometimes obsessively involved. The same goes for intimate relationships. You enjoy the excitement that comes from being intimate, not just sexually, but at all levels of experience. You love to explore the motivations behind even the most trivial of actions. As such, you are a very demanding partner or friend. Both of you will grow and become transformed by your encounter(s).

Venus trine Chiron

You are magnetic and charismatic, and you command the love and respect of those whom you meet. Because of your optimism and cheerfulness, your friends, family and colleagues look to you as a morale booster. You savor being in the center of a social whirl, and have the ability to look people in the eye and make them feel as if they were the only one in the room. A great team player and a master of compromise, you are at your best working with others as a peacemaker and mediator.

Jupiter sextile Midheaven

You are very ambitious, much more so than most people. You have big plans about what you want to do and where you want to go. You are attracted to a lifestyle of comfort, culture and luxury. But you also have very high standards of ethics and morality. If you cannot accomplish your goals without honor, integrity and fair-mindedness, you will seek another path rather than compromise yourself.

Uranus sextile Neptune

You are fascinated by ideas that deal with the alteration of consciousness and with spiritual matters in general. You consciously seek out new and unique answers to the traditional questions of why we are here and what occurs after death. Your experiments will probably prove to be enlightening as long as you are genuinely seeking truth and understanding and not merely trying to escape from the stagnation of a dull life- style.

Chiron trine Neptune

Optimistic, spiritual, and idealistic, you have a never-ending faith in the human spirit. Compassionate and sympathetic, you always keep your door open to those in need, including stray animals and others not as well off as you. Your naivete and sweetness endear you to whomever you meet. Since you always lend an ear and a helping hand, people enjoy being in your company. Professions that utilize your admirable qualities include being a religious leader, teacher, counselor, evangelist, or spiritual healer.

Rounding Out the Picture

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

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

Sun semisquare Mars

You are known for being bold, blunt and direct when dealing with people. While it is refreshing to be so honest, you are often lacking in tact and can become quite offensive, especially to those with delicate feelings. Learn to notice the reactions of your associates. If they start avoiding you or if they become argumentative, you are probably coming on too strong, even though you personally do not think so.

Venus sesquare Saturn

You are quite shy and aloof when it comes to relationships. You are uncomfortable with overt displays of emotion, regarding them as unseemly and beneath you. At your best, you have a very practical way of dealing with others and will prefer partnerships that are based on convenience or mutual respect. But if you let your fear of making a commitment to another drive you completely within yourself, you will become lonely and embittered.

Mars sesquare Ascendant

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

Jupiter quincunx Saturn

You tend to experience rather extreme shifts of mood and this causes you constant consternation. You go from wanting to throw caution to the wind in order to follow a hunch to becoming so conservative all of a sudden that you are afraid to take any action at all. And, perversely so it seems, you miss golden opportunities because you always seem to be out of sync with the needs of the moment. The answer should be obvious to you, even though it will be difficult for you to accommodate: neither extreme is appropriate for you. Try to maintain a middle path between caution and risk and you will usually be correct.

Neptune quincunx North Node

You keep hoping for the best in your dealings with others, but you’re often disappointed — and this bothers you very much. You have such high-minded goals for yourself and others that you become devastated when others prove to be only too human, or when they exploit you or deceive you. It’s your naivete that causes these problems, but this is also one of your great gifts. Quite often things do indeed work out as you wish and you must cling to these positive moments when things begin looking bleak. Your self-effacing, sacrificial ways can endear you to others — just try to avoid situations where “you” aren’t being respected.

Chiron semisextile North Node

Obsessed with being the best at everything you do, you can be extremely demanding of yourself and others. You have the reputation of being a hard taskmaster who demands nothing less than perfection from your personal and professional relationships. Striving for excellence is admirable, but it can alienate those who want to be close to you. Accept your strengths as well as your weaknesses, and you will be much more pleasant to be around.

Houses: Bringing the Planets Down to Earth

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

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

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

Your Interface with the World

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

Libra on the First

Attractive and popular, you have a charm that helps you to get your own way and prevents others from getting angry with you. “Peace and harmony at all costs” is your battle cry. You like to ameliorate or to cosmetically hide any physical ugliness or any angry feelings between people. You prefer to dress elegantly, and pride yourself on your taste. In your attempt to be agreeable at all times, beware of the tendency to compromise yourself. You tend to be a bit of a social butterfly, and at times can be vain and lazy. For the most part, however, you are gracious and affectionate, and your refined and aristocratic demeanor serves as model to others.

Many planets in the First

Like it or not, you are going to be noticed. Something about your physical appearance — your bearing and demeanor — forces you to stick out in a crowd. Your personality can be so dominant that you will be allowed to control the flow and direction of most social interactions. Others will tend to wait for you to take the lead, not only because probably you do it well, but also because they might just be a little bit afraid of you. You must learn to be very aware of the needs of others and to accommodate their needs to yours.

Moon in the First

You are sensitive enough to the needs of others to be able to anticipate their desires and thus to accommodate them. This makes you popular and very good at dealing with the public. But, at times, you can get so wrapped up in your own emotional responses to certain situations that you are not aware of the points of view of others. Then you are seen as changeable, fickle and inconsistent. You are definitely very impressionable, though — you reflect the moods of those around you.

Moon in Libra

Affectionate, warm and friendly, life must be a “beautiful” experience for you. Unpleasantness should be avoided at all costs. You tend to overlook other people’s faults and you would rather give in than fight. You are uncomfortable with strangers, but at ease and sociable with friends and associates. Indeed, you would rather socialize than work — you can use your prodigious charm to avoid unpleasant tasks. You need the support and assistance of another in order to get you started on any new project — you are not a self-starter. Be careful of a tendency to be overly self-indulgent (i.e., lazy). Your refined aesthetic sensibilities attract you to music, dance, art and any other cultured activity.

What You Own and Value

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

Scorpio on the Second

You are emotionally involved with your own personal resources — so much so that you rarely, if ever, share what you have with others. You tend to think that, if you give of what you have, you yourself will become personally diminished. This unreasonable fear of loss makes you very withdrawn and secretive and, at times, quite miserly. You regard your resources as tools to push life to its uttermost limits. You enjoy making investments and are willing to take risks, and you are devastated when things do not work out as planned. But you are a careful planner — your nest egg should grow over time.

Venus in the Second

You feel that you need to live as comfortably and luxuriously as possible and you devote a great deal of your time and energy trying to make sure that it happens. You love to make money and are probably good at it, but it tends to run right through your fingers as you spend it on the beautiful and expensive things with which you like to surround yourself. Generally, you do have a good sense of value, but you should be careful to avoid impulse buying and any form of self-indulgence. Without some serious self-discipline, your budget (and waistline) will tend to spread and spread ...

Venus in Scorpio

Your feelings about others are deep, powerful, intense and complex. When you like someone, you do so totally and obsessively if you do not like someone, they do not exist. Your faithfulness and loyalty to your lover is unquestioned, indeed at times it is too much so — you get so possessive that you almost smother your partner. At times, your feelings are kept deep within you and, because they are so complex and intense, they frighten you — this is the way that you try to ignore them. But the more you try to do this, the more explosive things get when you eventually do express them.

Neptune in the Second

You are an idealist and a romantic, especially when it comes to money and finances. You have the feeling and belief that money and possessions are not important and you think that the universe will take care of all of your needs. Because your expectations are not very high, this very casual, impractical attitude toward material resources can prove to be very beneficial to you in times of need. You have a tendency to be willing to buy almost anything at all if caught unawares — money runs right through your fingers. Always seek the advice of a practical and respected friend or counselor before making any major purchases — and *never, ever* gamble.

Neptune in Scorpio

You, and your entire generation, are extremely interested in anything deep and mysterious. You will explore and idealize the benefits that can accrue from the study of the occult, healing and psychology. You are willing to experiment with substances like drugs in order to push your understanding of your inner being to the extreme.

Your Immediate Surroundings

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

Scorpio on the Third

When your mind latches onto a subject for study, you tend to pursue it with total and complete devotion. Indeed, your intense obsession with your dedication to the matter at hand often surprises those who observe you. You are not satisfied with gaining superficial or casual knowledge — you want to become an expert and to truly understand your subject from the ground up. You tend to become so emotionally attached to the knowledge that you have gained that, should anyone challenge your authority or your opinions, you react as if you had been personally attacked. The vitriolic manner of your response to a challenge, however, does not do honor to the depth of your knowledge. You prefer living a daily life of quiet and sometimes secretive seclusion, fearing the emotional hassles that interaction with others often demands.

Sagittarius on the Third

You are known for your wide-ranging mental interests. You need constant mental stimulation in order to feel vibrant and alive. You are an eager student and a willing teacher of what you know. You are at your best when those who need your knowledge are allowed to come to you for advice and assistance — and you freely give it. However, you are not known for having a great deal of self-discipline in your studies and, although you usually understand the overall picture, the small but significant details of a subject often elude you. You are not overly sentimental about your home life — you need a place to check into once in a while in order to rest up. But, because you tend to be so very restless, you are soon on the go again.

Sun in the Third

Your daily habit patterns, the everyday routines that you develop — from what side of the bed you sleep on, to where you keep your toothpaste in the medicine cabinet, to which clothes you wear for which purposes — are extremely important to you. Your neighbors and close relatives occupy a great deal of your time and energy. You enjoy being busy, bustling here and there, going from one task to another. You enjoy your daily rituals, but you cannot stand it when things get dull and boring. You need and crave mental stimulation and would be comfortable as the eternal student who is constantly taking classes in a wide variety of subjects.

Sun in Capricorn

Extremely serious and mature, you are capable of accepting responsibilities and do so willingly. Others expect you to be dutiful as a matter of course. You may get angry when people are rewarded after not having worked nearly as hard as you have. Goal-oriented and an achiever, you are justifiably proud of the tangible results of your efforts. You are not a fast worker, but you are thorough, and you are known for being unusually persistent, tireless and tenacious in reaching your goals. When you're working, you tend to have a kind of tunnel vision that allows you to block out extraneous matters that would distract others. Your power to concentrate totally on the matter at hand enables you to be practical and efficient at managing and structuring complex, ongoing projects.

Mercury in the Third

You have a bright, active and alert mind. You are eager to learn everything you possibly can about the world around you. Your desire to question everyone about everything should make you a good student and maybe also a good teacher. You are very restless, impatient and nervous, and at times your mind tends to flit from subject to subject. It may take some self-discipline to learn to concentrate long enough on any given subject so that your knowledge becomes something more than superficial.

Mercury in Capricorn

Rather than being attracted to abstract thoughts and ideas, you prefer things that are practical and useful. With this and your tendency to be highly focused and goal-oriented, you have a good head for business. You are also probably skillful at organizing, directing and planning activities. Your thinking is careful, cautious and conservative, perhaps to the point where you should beware of being narrow-minded and dogmatic. Your sense of humor is on the earthy side, and may be either dry and self-deprecating, or slapstick and crude.

Where You Come From

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

Capricorn on the Fourth

You prefer a structured and regimented home life — everything in your home must have a purpose and must be “in its place.” You regard disorganization or clutter as a personal failure and if there is anything you hate or fear it is to have others think that you made a mistake. You have very specific goals for your family and family members and are devastated when they are not met or are deviated from in any way. You are at your best when maintenance of your home is efficient and carefree — this lets you concentrate on whatever else you need pay attention to in order to get you where you think you should be going.

No planets in the Fourth

You have no planets in the fourth house. This means that home and family are not likely to be major issues for you, or demand much time and energy on your part. For further information on how you handle the issues of security and peace of mind, look to the house and aspects of your Moon.

Playtime

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

Aquarius on the Fifth

When it comes to speculation, you have a detached and objective point of view which can be very helpful — you will avoid the trap of impulsiveness or of making decisions with your heart rather than with your head. But this is disadvantageous when it comes to romance because you are inclined to be turned off by overly emotional reactions on the part of your lover. Also, at times when spontaneity would be desired, you are at a loss. You prefer relationships that have a common intellectual base and tend to be less critical of the other person's quirks and oddities as long as you both think alike. You are very concerned about the welfare of your children and will push them to develop their mental skills, but you would rather not get too close to them emotionally.

Mars in the Fifth

Honest and openly self-expressive to the extreme, at times you get into hot water because you are not always as tactful and mindful of the feelings of others as you might be. If your work can be thought of as play, you love it. You need to be able to exert yourself physically, so recreational contact sports would be an ideal way for you to burn off energy. In relationships, you love to take the initiator, “yang”, macho, role. But do try to keep your feistiness in line — it is not fair to have playful competition degenerate into intimidation.

Mars in Aquarius

Usually your ideas and opinions are inventive and original, but sometimes they are merely eccentric and offbeat. Altruistic by nature, you will work hard for the attainment of group goals so long as they meet your high standards. You tend to resent traditional authority figures because you think that own ideas are better thought out and more valuable. Very idealistic, you are a rebel *with* a cause.

Taking Care of Business

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

Pisces on the Sixth

When you are at your best, you are self-sacrificial and giving at the work place. You try to ease the burden of those around you by doing tasks they disdain — make sure that others are not merely taking advantage of your better nature. When you are at your worst, you fear involvement with others and try to shrink from any responsibilities whatsoever. Health problems occur most often at those times when you are feeling weak and vulnerable and some symptoms can be quite difficult to diagnose. Try to work in a positive environment because you tend to soak up the energies of those around you — negative people drain you and make you dull and listless.

Chiron in the Sixth

You are a dedicated worker who often places responsibility and duty ahead of having fun. It is not uncommon for you to work into the wee hours of the night. Don't feel guilty about relaxing and enjoying yourself. Letting your hair down from time to time does wonders for your mental and physical health. Being saddled with physical limitations has given you insight into health problems and a fierce determination to overcome shortcomings. You make an excellent healer, social worker or teacher.

Chiron in Pisces

Intuitive and imaginative, you may have difficulty in verbal communication. This often gives the false impression that you are confused and unintelligent. You may have been teased by other children, leaving you feeling vulnerable and distrustful. Retreating into the sanctity of your own world may have filled many lonely hours. Your compassion and sensitivity can contribute to your success in the helping professions. You are a wonderful friend who is ready to answer the call when anyone needs you. Therapy is an excellent way to improve self-esteem and to view yourself as the remarkable and unique human being that you are.

Relating One-to-One

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

Aries on the Seventh

You have an aggressive attitude toward relationships. You need others in order to feel complete, but you always want to maintain the upper hand — to be in charge. You exult in the give-and-take of relating because you learn so much about human motivations and character from your partner. But you tend to be so uptight when you think your rights are being threatened that you often aggravate your partner and this brings the two of you further and further apart. This also causes you to fight equally as hard to maintain the relationship — you are afraid to face the world alone. Thus, relationships, whether of a business or personal nature, can be quite stormy and tempestuous, but you would really not have it any other way.

Saturn in the Seventh

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

Saturn in Aries

You are aloof, independent and standoffish. This is mainly due to your fear that others might inhibit or restrict you and, quite frankly, you feel that you can govern your life by your own standards. Be careful not to associate with those who are overly critical of you or you will withdraw so deeply into your shell that you will become very lonely. You have the ability to stand on your own two feet and to make up your own mind — albeit very carefully and cautiously. But you are known for your circumspection and therefore are respected and admired.

North Node in the Seventh

You're a very social person, so much so that you would rather be out partying and generally interacting with others than staying at home alone. Those you relate to, especially your spouse or business partner, will tend to determine the type of lifestyle that you lead. Be careful not to carry your other-oriented impulses too far though — you don't want to become overly dependent on someone else. If you do, you'll feel totally lost should you be parted from them for whatever reason. To feel properly balanced psychologically, you need to realize that you have important personal and private needs that must be met, at least once in a while.

North Node in Aries

You're at your most comfortable when involved in group activities outside of your immediate family circle. You delight in getting involved with others in neighborhood civic or political activities, especially if you can be a part of the group's leadership. Your zeal and abundant energy bring out your real creativity when you can work toward tangible results that will immediately benefit those around you. You have a real gift for getting the most out of charity drives and community benefits. Take time out between projects, though, because you can burn yourself out easily and your effectiveness becomes greatly diminished when your energy is depleted. Also, don't even think of trying to get involved at a peripheral level — you need a total commitment to feel personally fulfilled. Let others bake the cookies and set up the chairs. You need to be the one to tell everyone what to do and when to do it.

Merging into Something Larger

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

Taurus on the Eighth

You have a cautious and conservative approach to investing your resources or the resources of others. You would rather wait and build up your kitty so that you can buy the blue chips with a guaranteed rate of return instead of taking a flyer on some unknown or risky commodity. This is not to say that you do not have huge appetites, though — you are very, very acquisitive. The same applies to your attitude toward sex. You are very loyal to your partner, and very sensual — you demand that your partner pay you a great deal of attention. Your cautious and careful attitude can usually forestall the many financial and personal crises that others seem to have to go through.

No planets in the Eighth

The eighth house of your horoscope contains no planets. This definitely does not mean that you will not enjoy a rewarding sex life or that you will never have any resources to invest or to share in common with another. What it does mean is that these issues will not be as paramount in your life as they are for others. You will experience a certain amount of disequilibrium and/or joy about these matters, but no more than the average person experiences.

Expanding Your Conscious Awareness

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

Taurus on the Ninth

You have a cautious and conservative philosophy of life. Very likely you were influenced by the views and philosophies of your parents, family and peer group as a youth — you took on their positions and have stuck with them loyally throughout your life. While you may have a tendency toward very dogmatic or orthodox stances, you can be counted on to give support and assistance to those who agree with you. Be careful of becoming too intolerant of those whose views differ radically from your own. You are motivated mainly by self-interest — your interest in abstractions such as metaphysics or philosophy extends only to the reinforcement of ideas that you already hold strongly. You are interested in travel only for material gain or pleasure, not for enlightenment or curiosity.

Gemini on the Ninth

You have the approach of a dilettante when it comes to forming your life philosophy. You are fascinated by so many different ideas and concepts that you find it difficult to choose any one given philosophy as your standard. You do manage, however, to become quite learned in many different areas because of your insatiable curiosity. You have the ability to remain detached and objective enough to sort out competing claims and explain their differences to others. This makes you a good candidate for the teaching professions. You are an avid reader and your innate restlessness probably attracts you to traveling around quite a bit.

No planets in the Ninth

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

Your Public Self

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

Cancer on the Tenth

You have the unique ability to strive with great energy and initiative to reach the top of your chosen field and, at the same time, not make anyone feel bitter about how you got there. Your strong sense of compassion and sympathy and true caring about the needs of others makes you respected and loved by your colleagues and those you supervise. Very sensitive to the moods and feelings of others, you pick up “vibes” quickly and can turn them to your advantage. But avoid becoming too overly protective and smothering of those in your care — or they will resist all your best intentions.

No planets in the Tenth

You have no planets in the tenth house of your horoscope. This definitely does not mean that you will not have an illustrious or satisfying career — or that you will never be properly motivated to be a success in life. Far from it, it means that these issues are not as important for you as they are for many others. It may indicate that your career goals will be driven by influences from outside of you, so pay close attention to positive opportunities that are presented to you. Look to the house and aspects of Saturn to get further information on where you are more likely to be disciplined and organized in your life.

Your Circle of Acquaintances

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

Leo on the Eleventh

You take great pride in your friendships and associations. Because it takes a major creative effort to attempt to work out group rather than personal goals, you gladly donate your time, money and prestige to worthy charitable and community projects. You are attracted to associations with those who can advance your own power, prestige and influence. You usually give back as well as you get, but just make sure that you are not merely trying to toady to others who you may think are better than you. Also, beware of a tendency to be arrogant and supercilious of those you consider your inferiors — it does not become you.

No planets in the Eleventh

The eleventh house of your horoscope contains no planets. This does not mean that you will never have friends or associates or that you will never be active in groups that express your philosophy of life. It simply indicates that these are not paramount issues for you. From time to time, influences from outside you may cause you to become more active in these areas, but this will be temporary rather than life-long.

The Hidden You

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

Virgo on the Twelfth

Beneath your usually placid surface, you are often troubled by petty annoyances and anxieties. As a matter of fact, you devote much time and energy to seemingly being in total control of your life simply because you are afraid of what might happen should things get out of hand. This, of course, can be quite confusing to you until you learn to deal with this problem with the objectivity that you are known for. Do not be afraid to order and discipline your life in such a way that you can assuage these hidden fears of inadequacy. You should be especially aware that if you ignore these psychological issues, they may surface as physical health problems that will be difficult to diagnose.

Jupiter in the Twelfth

You have a gentle, unselfish demeanor about you and you are kind and generous to those who are less fortunate than you. Quiet and humble, you prefer to avoid the limelight, doing the best you can from behind the scenes. You delight in the peace, quiet and sustenance of your own inner world. At times, you have problems caused by your tendency to be extravagant in your gestures — but this is not usually the case.

Jupiter in Virgo

You feel most expansive and at ease with yourself when you are doing something that you consider to be practical or useful. You enjoy being dutiful and carrying out responsibilities. You gladly take on the little tasks that others seem to want to avoid. At times, you carry things to extremes and feel guilty anytime you do something that you consider to be self-indulgent. While it is appropriate for you to demand little for yourself in life, try to loosen up once in a while — go out on a fling and enjoy yourself.

Uranus in the Twelfth

You have a unique and independent outlook on life, but you keep on trying to suppress it. You try to live up to the expectations and guidelines that those who are important to you have set up. But that is not the real you and you know it and find it very frustrating. You are afraid to break out of your rut, however, and live according to your own rules, probably because you tried to do that early in life and found the consequences of your ill-timed rebellion too painful to deal with. You must realize that these fears are irrelevant for you at this time and you should try to do what pleases you the most — and damn the embarrassment!

Uranus in Virgo

You, and all your peers, will be known for the degree of intensity with which you dislike normal everyday routines and chores. You will go out of your way to invent innovative, unique and timesaving ways to perform the various mundane routines and duties of living. You will be attracted to all manner of practical and useful gadgets — anything that will make your daily life more exciting.

Pluto in the Twelfth

You have some very strong desires and drives that you do not completely understand and you try to keep them hidden from others. You were probably conditioned at an early age not to discuss such things or to keep them suppressed. You must learn to be more honest about trying to express these drives openly or, if you continue to suppress them, they will demand expression at the worst possible times. Learn to trust yourself more, and others, too — you will find that they are much more understanding and helpful than you have been led to believe.

Pluto in Virgo

Your entire generation was born at a time that saw profound changes in society's attitude toward work, duty and responsibility. There were also fundamental changes in attitudes toward personal health and nutrition.

A Mirror of Your Uniqueness

As you've seen, this report has been based on the position of the Sun, Moon and planets at the moment of your birth, as viewed from the place on Earth where you were born. This relationship of planets, stars and Earth is unique and never will be repeated. Like the genes that determine your body and temperament, your astrological chart is made up of the same basic parts that other humans have. However, as with your genes, the arrangement of these parts applies only to you.

Like the unique patterning of your DNA, your birth chart symbolizes the raw materials you've been given from which to fashion your life -- in other words, the deck you've been dealt. Now that you're more conscious of what you have to work with, the way you play your cards is up to you.

Nobody is perfect. As well as being given our special strengths and beauties, everyone born is presented with special problems to solve and special lessons to learn. Knowing what you have to work with, you will be better able fill in (or at least understand and accept) what you lack. Then you can appreciate and develop your special gifts, and grow in the life directions that are right for you and you alone.

Astrology's special message is that there is no universal norm for everyone. Life is not about measuring up to some one-size-fits-all standard. What it is about is growing more fully into the unique person you were meant to be. Hopefully, this report has given you some clues about who that person is. Hopefully, it will help you better to fill the role that you have been given in this lifetime, and to enrich the world with the gifts that only you can bestow.

Your birth moment is a precious seed that contains the potential for how you will unfold. Nurture it lovingly, observe how it develops, then supply the light, moisture and nutrients that its special nature calls for -- and it will burst into flower and bear nourishing fruit that you and the world can enjoy.

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