

Your Spiritual Path

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Sun	Gemini	18°Ge12'	04th	01 18°Aq37'
Moon	Taurus	01°Ta27'	02nd	02 22°Ar22'
Mercury	Cancer	09°Ca21'	05th	03 24°Ta14'
Venus	Taurus	02°Ta58'	02nd	04 14°Ge03'
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Jupiter	Aquarius	06°Aq49'	12th	06 18°Ca54'
Saturn	Capricorn	29°Cp07'	12th	07 18°Le37'
Uranus	Leo	22°Le23'	07th	08 22°Li22'
Neptune	Scorpio	08°Sc58'	08th	09 24°Sc14'
Pluto	Virgo	05°Vi40'	07th	10 14°Sg03'
Midheaven	Sagittarius	14°Sg03'	10th	11 00°Cp40'
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Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

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

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

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

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

Your Creative Process

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

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

With the Sun in Gemini, you are primarily the Thinking type. Thinking types tend to be less personal in their approach to the world. They are focusing on an objective truth that they hope to find, and not on the people in their path. They choose to be logical. They choose to be truthful. They choose to be argumentative - after all, they have argued with themselves enough times! They are usually able to go through a thought process once and stop, without needing to re-evaluate. Air types benefit from an education that includes logical training, but they remain one-sided if they skip over the opportunities to appreciate the people and things around them. They judge the world through a logical process that seldom admits consideration of feelings. Thinking types can do well in careers where it is important to organize and assess quantities of information. You tend to be somewhat more businesslike, able to "cut to the chase" in planning as well as performance. You contribute to society through intellectual criticism, through the exposure of wrongdoing, and through scientific research. You perform well in executive positions partly because such positions are somewhat impersonal. You are willing to tell the truth, even when it is not convenient.

How You Express Your Will

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

I will talk (when I could be silent). I will adapt (when I could be steadfast). I will worry (when I could think things through to effective action). I will be superficial (when I have the capacity to reach profound depths). I will not show emotion (even though I am feeling very deeply). I will do a bit of everything (instead of focusing my energies) .

Your Sun is in the 4th house. The mid-section of your body is where your attention goes when you are working on any creative project, and you evaluate progress by asking if things feel right. The more your conscious awareness focuses on the inner feeling barometer, the more you become aware of the feelings of others and even psychic currents around you. You assimilate data of this kind almost by osmosis. The Solar Plexus Chakra is a spiritual focus for you. This spiritual balance point can be affected by food, emotions, and mental intake. You may need a quiet period after meals or after psychic stress. You can examine and change your core beliefs by facing situations head on where they are challenged, especially by males. You find that you function best when you are not struggling in this area. Therefore you may want to do the personal work of self-discovery in the privacy of your own home.

Aspects of the Sun

You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated

by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. Perhaps your biggest challenge in life is to act as though you are certain, while at each turning you are examining your own values and sense of self. Only after the fact can you be certain of your direction. You gain recognition through others, and self-confidence through spiritual endeavors as well as public events.

Core Beliefs

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

The Moon

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

With the Moon in Taurus, your secondary mental style is primarily the Sensation type. There is a practical side to your nature that comes from deep within. On the surface you are not focused on the material side of life, but your inner voice is always presenting some grounded argument that guides your actions. Thus, no matter what you are involved in, there is a considered quality to your actions that generally brings solid results. Your psychic senses run to the physical. You may be able to dowse for lost objects or water, for example. Or you may find that you sense oncoming illness in yourself and others. To develop this capacity further, you may want to record your psychic sensations and track them. Anytime you have communication with your less conscious side, it is important to acknowledge it in some way - to show respect for its power. You don't have to act in every instance, but you can acknowledge that you have received the information. If you don't the signal may become more distressing, or the voice may sink into silence.

Practical people have the ability to help you systematize your beliefs. They may push you to be more practical yourself, and you have to sort out which of their ideas are compatible with your own spiritual path.

Aspects of the Moon

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The Fourth House

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

You have Gemini on the Fourth House cusp. Your core beliefs are gathered around the principle of Change - Change with a capital "C" because we are not talking about minor day-to-day ups and downs. We are considering the profound changes in mind and spirit that lead to human progress. These changes first appear in the beliefs of individuals and may take years or generations to spread throughout human culture, but they are the stuff of material and spiritual progress. You become the mediator between what has gone before and what is possible for the future.

First you must learn how your beliefs allow you to mediate within your own personality. You learn to argue logically and clearly by having internal conversations about questions or problems. You learn to distinguish between what is truly part of your own beliefs and what is not. You see the apparent separation between self and other clearly.

Second, you develop a similar awareness of the connection between mental and spiritual beliefs. Here you experience an adjustment of your personal desires vis-à-vis your spiritual aspirations. You see how the two relate to each other. At this level you may find that you perform the services of a mediator for others.

Third your core beliefs focus on your relationship to Spirit. At this level you refine

your core beliefs concerning your mind, your will and spiritual love. You find that you lose the personal sense of things and contact the greater unity and harmony. You may find that you chafe at the restrictions, within yourself or others, that prevent the higher spiritual light from shining forth. You see the spiritual potential in everything, and wish others could see and manifest it more fully.

In the end you discover that you understand both the tendency to struggle or argue, and the tendency to resolution and harmony. As this understanding develops, you also find that you can cheerfully accept other people's foibles, just as you learn to more cheerfully accept your own. You reach a point where mind and heart are expressing as one.

The Inner Voice

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

Planets in the Fourth House

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Communication and Mental Development

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

Training Your Conscious Mind

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

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

Element of Mercury

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

With Mercury in Cancer, your communication style is primarily the Feeling type. Your healing style is well suited to the emotional distress around you. You can get into the flow of emotional energy patterns, identifying their disparate components, and guiding others toward calmer, safer modes of expression. You work to illuminate whatever emotional condition you find, not surgically removing an emotional block, but helping to bring understanding so that the block relaxes on its own.

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

In the material world you nurture and are nurtured by siblings and acquaintances. On the spiritual level you will be able to move others toward their individual spiritual goals by nurturing their confidence. Intuition grows as you pay attention to the needs of others, consciously at first, and later on a psychic or intuitive level.

Your Mercury is in the 5th House. You are able to see into the future and to communicate what you see to others. A strong organizer, your contemplative practice can serve to clarify your creative direction and to provide insight in the area of leadership.

Mercury Aspects

Your psychic senses are tuned so that you can talk about them clearly. You develop the capacity to tell other people the oddest impressions without causing discomfort. Powerful will stands behind your words, whether they focus on spiritual matters or mundane circumstances.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

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

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

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

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

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

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

You desire to establish a steady course on the path of life, and this includes your approach to serious relationships of all kinds. You recognize the comfort and companionship, and you seek steadfast partners. You are faithful, and are therefore conservative in your choice of partners.

Your Venus is in the 2nd House. You recognize that your spiritual self-worth is very important. You like to have nice things around you, and will not deny your material desires too much. At the same time, you choose studies and other activities that are consistent with your metaphysical goals.

Venus Aspects

Your emotional intensity can cause the ending of a relationship before you have

learned all the lessons. When you are able to work through conflicts with others instead of avoiding the pain by walking away, you find profound spiritual support. Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life. Your powerful artistic gifts can provide the media for your spiritual expression. Sometimes you are driven by physical compulsion to produce tangible works. The significant relationships in your life all share a profound loving capacity. You appreciate visual expressions of spiritual values.

Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

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

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

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

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

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

Developing Your Psychic Ability

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

With Neptune in Scorpio, your private, psychic style is primarily the Feeling type.

There is always activity in the deepest recesses of your mind. You feel movement well before it emerges from the subconscious so you can examine it in the light of day. Your instincts have always been good, and you may occasionally want to kick yourself for ignoring them.

Your interest in the psychic realm can be fostered through study of different kinds of psychic work. When you find methods that resonate with you, they are easily learned and even easier to apply. Experiment with dowsing, psycho-kinesis, and telepathy. Look into astrology, Tarot, numerology or other methods of forecasting. Try several styles of meditation to see what works best for you.

The best path is to find a combination of approaches that work for you. No one teacher will be able to give you everything you need. As you develop a package of psychic skills, you find that any self-doubt recedes into the background. You will still probably question yourself from time to time, but your ability to extend your awareness into your present surroundings, as well as into the future, will serve to strengthen your self-confidence.

Neptune is in the 8th House. You may have spiritual gifts that you never really had to develop - you just have them. For example, you may be able to see auras around people and objects, and you may be able to read the person's health or emotional state. Whatever your extrasensory gifts, you can use them to help others, and to understand your own spiritual direction more clearly. For example, you can decide not to associate with individuals whose auras seem ugly to you, and you can find ways to cleanse your own aura so that your perceptions are sharper. You are connected to the world of shamanism and magic through a deep personal understanding of death, birth and other important life transitions. You may be able to feel big changes well ahead of time, and use this sense to plan ahead. You also feel the texture of other people's emotional and material resources, and thus learn just how much you can ask of them.

Neptune Aspects

You are deeply sensitive to the energies around you, and often know how others feel before they show any sign. Your spiritual gift is to be subtle in your interactions. Be compassionate, but not gushy, and use your imagination to facilitate creative change in others, and within yourself. Your psychic senses are tuned so that you can talk about them clearly. You develop the capacity to tell other people the oddest impressions without causing discomfort. Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop

something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness.

The Twelfth House

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

You have Capricorn on the Twelfth House cusp. Your practical side can be helpful in remembering, recording and analyzing your dreams. Once you discover the rich source of information to be found there, you will want to keep a dream journal, or at least record your most memorable dreams for future reference. Your spiritual growth benefits from conscious attention to how you mediate between selfish material desire and effective action where others are involved. Your dreams can act as an amplifier for your inner spiritual voice.

Planets in the Twelfth House

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

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

Jupiter in 12th House:

Traditionally you would have taken contemplative vows and sought the seclusion of monastic life. In that setting you would have had daily tasks to perform, but you would also have had many hours to focus on spirit. In the modern world you may not have the luxury of time, so you need to address your spiritual needs carefully and create a suitable space for your meditation or other spiritual pursuits. Because you are open and receptive, you may want to structure your private space so that it attracts the highest spiritual energy possible. Traditional religious or ethnic objects may help you to maintain an environment conducive to contemplation.

Saturn in 12th House:

Your karmic history is available for exploration in the quiet moments of privacy we all need. Examine your past behavior, but only for the purpose of seeking more effective

action in the future.

Twelfth House Aspects

You tend to place your faith in other people and this can make you gullible about their spirituality. Optimism is fine. Idealism is fine. Learn to discriminate based on both actions and words, and then look into your own heart to evaluate what you have seen. True spiritual values uplift everyone, not just a favored few. Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. Patience is the key ingredient to management of change in your life. You have survived many previous changes, and your spiritual future will doubtless include some more. You make progress in seclusion. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. Patience is the key ingredient to management of change in your life. You have survived many previous changes, and your spiritual future will doubtless include some more. You make progress in seclusion.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

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

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

would encourage another person.

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

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

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

With Pluto in Virgo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Sensation function. Potentially more matter-of-fact about issues concerning death and change, you take transitions in stride for the most part. In the occasional instance when a death or change catches you off guard, you may feel that you are unable to move out of one feeling into another. When you feel stuck, you may need to gather your will to take some action. By focusing on simple practical details, you take steps, one at a time, to lift the weight of feelings that have mired you temporarily. Generally you are able to handle the details of planning that are required when death or change occurs. You grasp the practical need for one thing to die before another may be born, for example. You also may be profoundly aware of past life events or the potential of a future lifetime, and you find practical ways to bridge the apparent gaps between.

You and many of your peers have the inquiring minds that have led to advances in medicine, the computer industry, and many other fields. You manage to get great results with relatively little. Spiritual issues demand the same level of attention, and yield the same high quality results.

Pluto Aspects

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The Eighth House

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

You have Libra on the Eighth House cusp. Your path toward self-transformation involves balance. You may be dismayed when your best efforts cannot soothe situations and feelings. When you are provoked, you tend to fall back on childhood patterns. Common patterns include splitting into two styles of communication, or taking a paternal attitude toward the people involved. Both of these techniques may work, but they may not feel satisfying to you. You still desire to find the balance point within yourself. It may be helpful to identify which of your typical responses you favor, and try the other one instead. In this way you make friends with both and integrate them to achieve the desired balance. If you can do both - communicate clearly and take a paternal attitude, then you may be able to salve the feelings of others and communicate your intention at the same time.

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experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness.

The Development of Intuition

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

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

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Leo, your intuition works best through the Intuitive function. Much of your inspiration for your work comes from intuitive insight into future applications and results of your efforts. As your confidence in this ability to forecast trends, you gain the trust of the people around you. You focus your connection to the spiritual realm through attention to potential future results of today's actions. You are inspired to be your best when you can foresee a positive outcome.

Any leadership role you undertake benefits from your ability to foresee difficult stretches and plan how to manage them. You also have a talent for making your peers or employees feel that they have come up with the ideas themselves.

Your Uranus is in the 7th House. Your business or romantic partners stimulate your intuition. Alone you might ignore this information, but together with a partner you maximize your opportunities for whatever is important to the partnership.

Uranus Aspects

Your inner spirit functions easily on the intuitive plane, as you are able to identify and listen to the voice that guides your interactions with others to both their highest good and your own. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. Like certain of the Christian saints, you tend to accidentally fall into the spiritual experiences you need. This could be through a physical accident, or it may be that your intuition and energy bring you to the proper crossroads again and again. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

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

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

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

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

Beneath the subconscious desire to be the arbitrator of conflicts in your life, you find the capacity to achieve resolution, both within yourself and among others, through more conciliatory means. You examine situations from an early age with an eye to how they are resolved, who is a skilled mediator, how they find the middle ground and convince others to be flexible. You may study history and politics, or you may focus on sociology or psychology, depending on the direction of your interests.

Your understanding that all difficulties are largely a result of misunderstanding or lack of information can grow into an ability to serve others through diplomacy and tact, and through detailed examination of the factors involved in a problem. You have the makings of a researcher into profound subjects, as you believe in examining the source of a situation, and not merely the apparent symptoms.

Midheaven Aspects

Perhaps your biggest challenge in life is to act as though you are certain, while at each turning you are examining your own values and sense of self. Only after the fact can you be certain of your direction. You tend to act from your own spiritual center, to the extent that you understand that center. Therefore it is worth your effort to examine your career, relationships, and personal motives in every area.

Karma and Dharma

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what

we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

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

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

With Saturn in Capricorn, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Sensation function. Intelligent activity is guided by practical considerations. Your perception of things through sight, touch and other ordinary senses is your first and strongest avenue to working with the world. You are able to root out the facts from the body of writing about the past. This uncanny ability may disregard the ephemeral trends of a period and focus instead on the details of the material situation of the time. You are also able to mobilize a massive quantity of data, and to organize it to suit your purposes. You sift through data to find the gems that point directly to your point. Sometimes you have to discover the way to make your conclusions more meaningful to others who are less adept. Finally, you use information to guide your intelligence where future plans and goals are involved. You rarely make long-term decisions based on emotion. It's not that you have no feelings, because you do. It's that you know feelings will change far more easily than the material foundation on which they rest.

You are industrious in every activity you undertake. You expect effective action from yourself and from others and can be a harsh or willful manager. Through experience you move from an egocentric attitude to self-awareness. Then you advance much more quickly, both economically and spiritually.

Your Saturn is in the 12th House. Your karmic history is available for exploration in the quiet moments of privacy we all need. Examine your past behavior, but only for the purpose of seeking more effective action in the future.

Saturn Aspects

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. Patience is the key ingredient to management of change in your life. You have survived many previous changes, and your spiritual future will doubtless include some more. You make progress in seclusion.

Transcendent Values

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

With Jupiter in Aquarius, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Thinking function. Regardless of your typical mental style, indicated by the element occupied by the Sun, you tend to process best through thinking, and through the skillful use of words. You aspire to more perfect expression, both within yourself and in the social realm. Mental and spiritual training benefit you by providing rigorous reasoning skills and by opening your heart to the intuitive information that flows around you. Even when you have achieved fusion of heart and mind, you find that your mental process and expression focus on intellect and the thinking process. You may come to trust your intuition deeply, but you gain this level of confidence through testing your intuitive knowledge logically and rationally. You understand that the cycle of cause and effect begins on the mental plane, descends through the emotional realm, and manifests in the physical world.

You may confuse social justice with spiritual values. They are not the same. Contemplative practice helps you to understand your inner nature, to distinguish it from your awareness of other people, and to direct your spiritual path according to your personal needs and aspirations.

Aspects of the Jupiter

You tend to place your faith in other people and this can make you gullible about their spirituality. Optimism is fine. Idealism is fine. Learn to discriminate based on both actions and words, and then look into your own heart to evaluate what you have seen. True spiritual values uplift everyone, not just a favored few. Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. Patience is the key ingredient to management of change in your life. You have survived many previous changes, and your spiritual future will doubtless include some more. You make progress in seclusion. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and

then make your own decisions.

The Ninth House

You have Scorpio on the Ninth House cusp. The first transcendent value you seek to grasp is that the path of discipleship is yours. You are on it and you need to mobilize your whole being to pursue it. The second value lies in understanding that you as an individual and the human race as a whole are at a turning point. Evolutionary processes can either go forward, leaving behind ideas of self-aggrandizement, or they can slip back into the material struggle and remain focused on physical desires. Re-orientation, however, does not demand that you give up the material to seek the spiritual. You can take your entire skill set with you on the path. The third value is to develop sensitivity to the larger plan of the universe. As you become more attuned to spiritual potential, you gain the capacity to moderate your own desires and to respond to the spiritual desires of others.

Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

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

The Element of Mars

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

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

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Fairness, Sacrifice, Humility. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively

devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 7th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of partnership. From childhood you have placed high value on close relationships. You demand a lot from an intimate partner, and you throw your energy into returning the favor. The partner is a mirror for your spiritual values, your feelings, and your expression. Your devotion to one special partner provides a path to service. Any contact with the general public is seen as a spiritual opportunity.

Mars Aspects

You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. Like certain of the Christian saints, you tend to accidentally fall into the spiritual experiences you need. This could be through a physical accident, or it may be that your intuition and energy bring you to the proper crossroads again and again. You tend to act from your own spiritual center, to the extent that you understand that center. Therefore it is worth your effort to examine your career, relationships, and personal motives in every area. You may experience accidents or injuries that test your spiritual values. Quarreling will not help.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

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

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

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

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

You pursue your spiritual path along three distinct lines:

1. Self-serving personal aggrandizement that shifts into the service of humanity.
2. Selfish attention to material superficiality that transforms into spiritual activity to serve a divine purpose.
3. Self-conscious activity on the interpersonal level that changes to broader humanitarian awareness.

Each of these three tendencies is expressed in alternating activities, and it may be difficult to sort out what your lower and higher motivations are at any given time.

You have the capacity to think through situations. You can work with your physical desire motivations, your emotional attachments, and your mental processes to discern your typical behaviors and their motivations. As you do this, you encounter situations where your spiritual motivation is paired with a self-serving method. When this happens, you have the opportunity to change your tactics.

It is the movement that is important, not the precise content or direction. Your rising sign governs the circulation of blood through your body. Allow the metaphor of circulation to pervade your interactions with others and your communion with yourself. Permit the possibility in all your activities that your perceived goal is not the end of a process, but simply a milestone along the larger path.

Ascendant Aspects

You gain recognition through others, and self-confidence through spiritual endeavors as well as public events. You may experience accidents or injuries that test your spiritual values. Quarreling will not help. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth.

Conclusion

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