

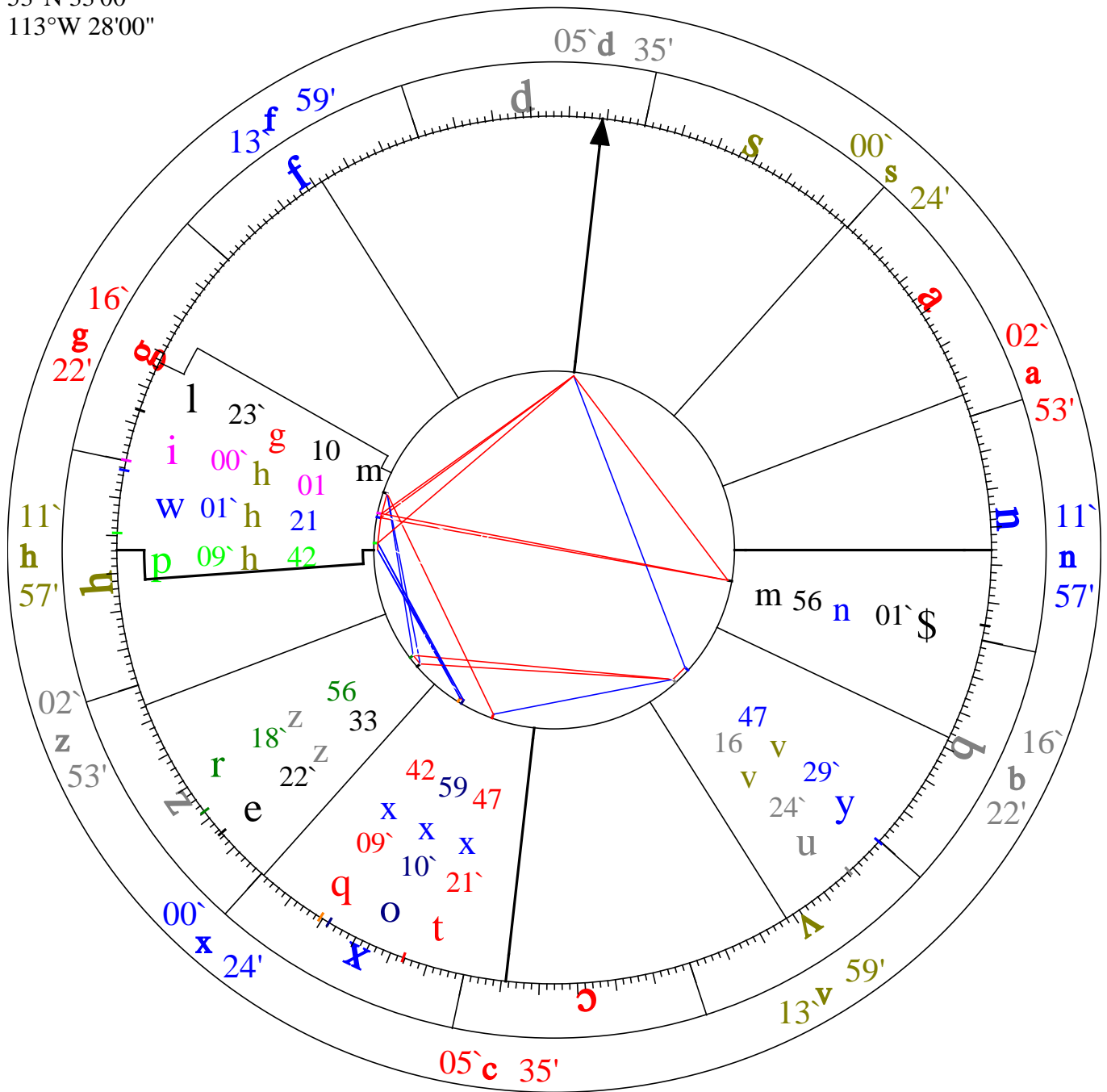
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Symbols of the Planets and Signs

q = Sun	u = Saturn	k = Midheaven	a = Aries	z = Libra
w = Moon	i = Uranus	\$ = Chiron	s = Taurus	x = Scorpio
e = Mercury	o = Neptune	m = Retrograde	d = Gemini	c = Sagittarius
r = Venus	p = Pluto		f = Cancer	v = Capricorn
t = Mars	l = N. Node		g = Leo	b = Aquarius
y = Jupiter	j = Ascendant		h = Virgo	n = Pisces

Planetary Positions

Planet			Sign	Longitude	Declination
q	Sun	is in	x Scorpio	9` 42' 16"	-14` 43' 00"
w	Moon	is in	h Virgo	1` 21' 21"	+11` 35' 00"
e	Mercury	is in	z Libra	22` 33' 14"	- 7` 03' 00"
r	Venus	is in	z Libra	18` 56' 33"	- 5` 58' 00"
t	Mars	is in	x Scorpio	21` 47' 43"	-18` 24' 00"
y	Jupiter	is in	v Capricorn	29` 47' 17"	-20` 50' 00"
u	Saturn	is in	v Capricorn	24` 16' 05"	-21` 32' 00"
i	Uranus	is in	h Virgo	0` 01' 18"	+12` 08' 00"
o	Neptune	is in	x Scorpio	10` 59' 52"	-13` 29' 00"
p	Pluto	is in	h Virgo	9` 42' 47"	+19` 44' 00"
l	N. Node	is in	g Leo	23` 10' 23"	+13` 47' 00"
j	Ascendant	is in	h Virgo	11` 57' 30"	+ 7` 04' 00"
k	Midheaven	is in	d Gemini	5` 35' 39"	+21` 14' 00"
\$	Chiron	is in	n Pisces	1` 56' 01"	- 5` 25' 00"

Planetary Aspects

Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Neptune	The orb is	1` 18'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	0` 01'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Ascendant	The orb is	2` 15'
Your	Moon	is	Quincunx	Jupiter	The orb is	1` 34'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	Uranus	The orb is	1` 20'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	Pluto	The orb is	8` 21'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	N. Node	The orb is	8` 11'
Your	Moon	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	4` 14'
Your	Moon	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	0` 35'
Your	Mercury	is	Conjunct	Venus	The orb is	3` 37'
Your	Mercury	is	Semisextile	Mars	The orb is	0` 46'
Your	Mercury	is	Square	Saturn	The orb is	1` 43'
Your	Mercury	is	Sextile	N. Node	The orb is	0` 37'
Your	Mercury	is	Sesquiquadrate	Midheaven	The orb is	1` 58'
Your	Venus	is	Square	Saturn	The orb is	5` 20'
Your	Venus	is	Sextile	N. Node	The orb is	4` 14'
Your	Venus	is	Sesquiquadrate	Midheaven	The orb is	1` 39'
Your	Venus	is	Sesquiquadrate	Chiron	The orb is	2` 01'
Your	Mars	is	Sextile	Saturn	The orb is	2` 28'
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Your	Uranus	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	1` 55'
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Your	Neptune	is	Sextile	Ascendant	The orb is	0` 58'
Your	Pluto	is	Conjunct	Ascendant	The orb is	2` 15'
Your	Pluto	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	4` 07'
Your	Chiron	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	3` 40'

Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire : l Total = 1 Weighted Score = 0
Earth : wyuipj Total = 6 Weighted Score = 18
Air : erk Total = 3 Weighted Score = 8
Water : qto\$ Total = 4 Weighted Score = 10

Cardinal : eryu Total = 4 Weighted Score = 10
Fixed : qtol Total = 4 Weighted Score = 10
Mutable : wipjk\$ Total = 6 Weighted Score = 16

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.

A strongly Mutable quality.

Your strength in Mutable signs like Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces enables you to be extremely flexible. When the situation demands that you change in order to move forward, you can adapt and transform yourself with ease. You are not necessarily the pioneering type, but if change must happen, it is natural for you to glide along with the flow. At times, though, you feel that you are at the mercy of forces beyond your control, and are constantly being blown from pole to pole. This may make you feel nervous and anxious, but like everything else in your life, this, too, will pass.

Special strength in Virgo.

You are known for your ability to adapt well to circumstances that others may have brought about, providing that you can assist in ordering and organizing the chaos around you. You are efficient and practical, but can be extremely critical of yourself and others. While it is honorable and worthy to seek perfection in all things, you must learn to adapt to people and situations because of their idiosyncrasies rather than in spite of them.

Special strength in Scorpio.

You live life with such an emotional intensity that you tend to get overwhelmed by the issues or concerns with which you are currently obsessed. Your life may be a series of crises, separated by long, dull stretches during which you recover from the previous crisis and prepare for the next one. You tend to be extremely stubborn and will lash out when challenged. With your natural talent for research and investigation, you can delve into a subject with remarkable depth and thoroughness. Doing so can be a constructive channel for Scorpionic obsessions and compulsions.

Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama

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

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

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

Your Major Challenges

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

Sun conjunct Neptune

You are extremely impressionable. This allows you to sense feelings that others miss, and to grasp concepts that others who are too literal-minded cannot understand. It also, however, leaves you prey to picking up on negative energy in the environment, which can cause you to become highly uncomfortable and even physically ill. It is therefore very important for you to establish a positive living situation. For you more than most, positive energy tends to fortify your spirits and brighten your outlook on life. Although when stressed you can be evasive and mistrustful, at your best, you can be extremely caring and compassionate.

Moon conjunct Uranus

You are the quintessential free spirit, especially in regard to your emotional life. You prefer excitement in relationships, and find it difficult to stay in one that demands that you be tied down or restricted in any way. Vows that speak of "forever" are not for you. Instead, you are interested in the uniqueness of the moment. For a relationship to last for you, it must at all times be kept open and interesting. You are emotionally impulsive and easily bored. Once you sense things becoming habitual, you either break things off or become irritable. You do best with a partner who is as free-spirited as you are.

Moon conjunct Pluto

Your emotions are deep and complex. You enjoy being involved in emotional situations that are exciting and even a bit dangerous. You are fearless and delight in living at the cutting edge. You are unafraid to risk everything for a relationship or cause that others might consider to be foolish or fraught with peril. Even though you may complain now and then, you really do revel in the continuing crises of your life. You must watch out for the tendency either to manipulate others or be manipulated by someone else. Remember that if you push hard enough, the other will probably push back just as hard, if not harder.

Moon conjunct North Node

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

Moon square Midheaven

At times, you need a good kick in the butt to get you moving along toward some kind of clearly defined life goal or career. You tend to be too passive and too dependent on others to provide support and structure and direction in your life. In early life you may have been overprotected by your mother or family and may not have been given the opportunity to become self-reliant. As such, it may take you a lot longer than others to grow up and stand on your own two feet.

Moon opposite Chiron

Thoughtful and sympathetic, you try to solve everyone's problems and fix their dilemmas. You are at your best when you lend an ear or help others to help themselves. Intuitive and emotional, you nevertheless do not easily show affection or open up about the way you feel. Instead of verbalizing, you would rather surprise the one you love with gifts, favors, flowers and cooking gourmet meals. Your management and marketing skills are a great asset to any organization, club or company, and you yearn to be part of a team effort.

Mercury conjunct Venus

You have a seductively soothing way of speaking which makes you pleasant to be around. When you couple your gift for diplomacy with the desire to get things done, you can be extremely persuasive. You have a strong esthetic sense and can communicate your ideas of form and beauty directly and convincingly. If you show any inclination at all to pursue a career in the arts, you should thoroughly investigate it because you should do well.

Mercury square Saturn

At your best, you are extremely cautious and conservative. But often you analyze situations to such an extent that you develop a feeling that all of life is difficult, hard to deal with, and oppressive. This leads to your feeling depressed and alienated. Often you are paralyzed by inaction because you are afraid that what you decide to do may be the wrong thing. Try to lighten up on yourself. Don't be afraid to act. Even though you are faced with a number of choices, your decision-making processes are so thorough that probably all your possibilities are correct and appropriate.

Venus square Saturn

As much as you yearn for love and affection, you tend to regard the responsibilities of caring for someone else (and being cared for by him or her) as so overwhelming that you often choose not to get involved at all. This can make you seem very shy, cold and aloof. You respect maturity and wisdom rather than emotional displays of affection, and might be more comfortable relating to someone much older or younger than yourself. Try not to let your lack of self-confidence drive you completely into a shell.

Mars square Nodes

You have such strong opinions and prejudices that you find it very difficult to fit yourself harmoniously into group endeavors that require mutual trust and cooperation. Your ego is so strong that you rarely allow yourself to be governed by any individual or group. If you have a choice, try to organize your life in such a way that you either work alone or are the person in charge. If you're the one in charge, try to listen to the others occasionally. You are likely to learn something valuable.

Jupiter conjunct Saturn

You have that rare combination of optimism and practicality that allows you to be cautious and idealistic at the same time. Because of this, your plans have a better chance of coming to fruition than do the plans of those who are overly conservative or who, at the other extreme, throw caution to the wind. This is an ideal attitude for a businessperson, but it can also be helpful in interpersonal relationships because it makes you steady and levelheaded, but not stodgy.

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.

Pluto conjunct Ascendant

You are known to others as a charismatic, powerful person with the ability to accomplish just about anything that you care to do. Others trust and respect you because you understand their deepest needs. Indeed, you have an abiding interest in human psychology — people (and their motivations) fascinate you. Because you understand people so well, there will be a big temptation to use this knowledge to your own advantage by manipulating others to accomplish your desired ends. Be careful of this or you may find that the trust and respect you enjoy will disappear and be replaced by suspicion and fear.

Pluto square Midheaven

Power and its uses fascinate you. Your deep understanding of human psychology allows you to take advantage of the weaknesses of others. This is not completely ethical, but you rarely concern yourself with the consequences of your actions on a larger scale. But it is exactly this that precipitates most of your problems in life. Your dubious and manipulative tactics in dealing with others cause you to be feared rather than admired. You tend to spend all of your time trying to stay one step ahead of your opponents in a grisly game of power and confrontation, when you could be devoting your energies to trying to implement the deep and lasting changes that you consider to be so important.

Chiron square Midheaven

A probing mind and the need to question authority makes it difficult for you to accept advice or listen to parents, teachers and employers. While your stubborn streak can help you persevere, your headstrong nature may, at times, work against you. Don't rebel simply because of differences of opinion. Try to make peace with those who can teach you to excel in whatever you do.

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 sextile Pluto

You love the challenges that life brings you and are at your best when you can tackle something that has never been done before — “the difficult is easy, the impossible just takes a little longer.” Your inner intensity and total commitment to whatever interests you is a little frightening to those who have a more casual approach to life. Your strong will and charisma give you excellent leadership potential.

Sun sextile Ascendant

You are at your best in social situations, and find it easy to mingle your energies with others. You can be a positive force in bringing people together so that substantive things can happen. You understand how to deal with others, and they trust you. You tend to form relationships with men or authority figures, because you are comfortable with them and they with you.

Mercury sextile North Node

One of your more positive character traits is your sociability. You like nothing better than to get together with friends for a long chat about mutual interests. You need the give-and-take of sharing ideas with others. You work and think much better in a group environment, and can become uncomfortable if left to your own devices. You delight in joining groups that are sympathetic to your interests. Your good humor and ready wit make you an ideal companion or workmate, and this assures your popularity.

Venus sextile North Node

You have such an engaging and pleasing personality that others cannot help but be attracted to you. As such, your popularity is assured — any career that involves mixing with the public will be assisted by your truly caring and obliging nature. You're known to be a good and true friend and a loving companion. You also have a refined aesthetic sensibility and may be quite artistic, or at the very least will be attracted to those with artistic inclinations.

Mars sextile Saturn

You have the ability to accomplish much if you narrow your goals and get rid of unnecessary distractions. You love to organize things so that they work efficiently, and you are not afraid to deal with those nagging, petty details that others seem to avoid. Your practical and ordered existence and your cautious and conservative approach to things allow you to be known as a very effective person. You may not be the quickest to get things done, but you do get them done.

Jupiter trine Midheaven

You have such high standards of honor and integrity that others will seek you out for positions of high trust. If you are so inclined, you might consider a career in politics or diplomacy or perhaps the law. Your decisions are balanced and thoughtful and will command respect. Your career may also be affected by others who are wealthy and influential or, if you are fortunate in your personal circumstances, you may be so yourself.

Neptune sextile Pluto

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

Neptune sextile Ascendant

You are known for being self-effacing and giving in relationships. Friendships are important to you because the mere act of being a friend is for you a high and noble calling. You delight in being able to serve others, especially those who are truly needy. You may find a great sense of personal satisfaction in working for charitable organizations or in caring for someone with a physical disability.

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.

Moon quincunx Jupiter

You have a great and consuming need to be loved and accepted. If you had an unfortunate experience as a youngster where love and security was denied to you (at least in your eyes), you now tend to make unreasonable demands on those around you to get more and more of this precious commodity. You do not have the objectivity to see that you are asking for more than is your due and, when others pull away, the pattern becomes reinforced. This leads you to becoming more and more self-indulgent and selfish and may cause problems with your health, especially weight related problems. Learn to relax and trust people more or the pattern will continue.

Mercury semisextile Mars

You have an annoying habit of forming very strong opinions about things and then defending them as if you have been personally attacked. You find it difficult to accept criticism, even the constructive kind, with grace and civility. The worst thing about it is that you are aware that it is going on and you get frustrated when you cannot control yourself. This tends to make you even more irritable and grouchy, especially when you try to suppress your natural inclinations. You must realize that your cherished ideas should not be used as weapons to bludgeon your opponents. Try to relax more and not take yourself quite so seriously.

Mercury sesquare Midheaven

With your wide range of career interests, it would be best not to focus too narrowly on just one career. This will just frustrate you. If you concentrate too much on one job, your tendency to lack self-discipline be easily distracted may make you feel as if you are headed in a direction other than your chosen one. It helps to imagine your career as just another of your many hobbies and to take it less seriously than many others do.

Venus sesquare Midheaven

You tend to let your attractiveness, charm and charisma assist you in moving forward toward your life goals. You have the ability to flatter and cajole others and, generally, your very presence assures your success — others love to have you around. The most serious problem here is that you may not be bringing real substance to your achievements. Take advantage of crisis situations in your life to assist you in motivating yourself — you are not a good self-starter by nature.

Venus sesquare Chiron

Your female friends and co-workers have always had a major influence on your life. At times, you are jealous, competitive and afraid that they will overpower you and make you feel inferior. Once you have healed your wounds from the past, you will stop fearing rejection and will be able to experience true, unconditional and passionate love. You must endeavor to keep your self-indulgences under control.

Jupiter quincunx Uranus

There is a recurring pattern in your life that may not be obvious for a while, but later it becomes an obstacle for you. You are very concerned with certain larger social issues with which you want to become involved. But the successful resolution of these issues implies that you will have to work within a group structure in order to be effective. This is where you have the problem. You are so independent and cantankerous about your own ideas on how to proceed that you rarely can get along well enough with others to have an effect on the course of things. It will be difficult, but you must learn to compromise a bit in order to achieve your goals.

Saturn sesquare Pluto

There is nothing you like better than a challenge. The more difficult the task, the harder you will work to see it through to the end. You have the ability to focus all of your energy on your goal and are rarely distracted. At times, you feel almost as if you are fighting the whole universe and that it is getting to be just too much to bear. Don't worry so much — you usually have the tenacity to stick it out.

Saturn quincunx North Node

Other people tend to intimidate you at times. You feel quite inhibited in certain social situations, especially among those with whom you don't have a long-standing relationship. This can make meeting new people a bit of an ordeal for you, but you seem to keep creating situations for yourself where social interaction is a necessity. When you start to feel "out of control" in such situations, simply remind yourself that you will very soon be able to return to situations that are known and comfortable (your family and intimate friends — perhaps a special private retreat), and that should help you get by.

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.

Virgo on the First

You tend to be shy and not very self-assertive, possibly because you are supercritical about how you appear to others. Even though you may think you are uninteresting and dull, you are actually soft-spoken, orderly, neat and very likable. You have a crisp, no-nonsense approach to dealing with others. A perfectionist with high standards, you may, however, run the danger of being tactless in pointing out their faults. Very practical, efficient and purposeful, your appearance and bearing reflect your need to appear graceful, sensible and reserved. Never lazy or self-indulgent, you tend to be dedicated to work.

No planets in the First

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

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.

Libra on the Second

You have refined tastes and will like to surround yourself with elegant, comfortable and attractive furnishings. You want to dress in the latest styles — you appreciate high fashion and always want to look your best. You have rather expensive tastes and you love to receive gifts from others. You attract others who enjoy providing for you. But be careful not to become too complacent and dependent or you will become vain and lazy. You are also usually very fair-minded and objective. Your high standards allow you to be the arbiter of disputes and an effective role model as well.

Mercury in the Second

You value practical ideas. Your innate cleverness helps you to make money by using your wits, and you enjoy the challenges involved in making money. It's important to pursue specialized skills training or an advanced education, because you are a good learner and will be able to apply what you learn to advance yourself in whatever field you choose. Excellent careers for you to explore include teaching, writing, radio, TV and other jobs involving communication.

Mercury in Libra

You speak softly and pleasantly. A born diplomat, you dislike discord so much that you will go out of your way to make others feel comfortable and at ease. An exemplar of culture and taste, you have ideas and opinions that are neat, elegant and refined. You are known for not jumping to conclusions about things. Instead, you tend to weigh all possible choices very carefully before making a decision. When in the slightest doubt, you will compromise rather than ruffle any feathers.

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 Libra

A very friendly and outgoing person, you hate to be alone. Beware of a continuing tendency to compromise yourself in order to avoid being lonely. Try to be yourself, not what others would like you to be. You have an innate desire to be in refined and elegant surroundings and will go out of your way to create a plush and comfortable atmosphere around you. You have heightened aesthetic sensibilities and are attracted to music and the arts. Try to avoid using your well-known seductive charm in order to get out of doing what you consider to be dirty work.

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.

Many planets in the Third

You are at your best when bustling about in your daily routine. You love to get a lot accomplished and to be involved with many different people and situations. You are also stimulated by new intellectual challenges. This is not to say that you want a lot of change in your daily life. On the contrary, you find great happiness in seeing the same people and situations all the time. Your gift is to make each encounter seem fresh and vibrant, both for yourself and for others.

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 Scorpio

Intense and complex by nature, you have extremely strong emotional reactions to most situations. Feelings are often difficult for you to verbalize. This gives you a tendency to be very quiet and to brood and think a lot. You seldom get overtly angry, but when you do, you are furious and unforgiving. When you make an emotional commitment, it is total, and so you are not attracted to superficial or casual relationships. If you are challenged, you take it as a personal affront and tend to lash out and fight back in a vengeful manner. You love mysteries and the supernatural. A good detective, you love getting to the root of problems and you enjoy finding out what makes other people tick. You are known to be very willful, powerful and tenacious.

Mars in the Third

Intellectually, you tend to be extremely aggressive. You love to argue and debate. When anyone tries to change your mind about something, you resist strongly, stubbornly and defiantly. At times, your defense of your cherished ideas is so impassioned that you lose all sight of reason and logic in your arguments. You tend to be more interested in winning the argument than in gaining understanding. You have such a strong ego that fights with relatives and close friends and neighbors may be part of your daily life.

Mars in Scorpio

Your likes and dislikes are intense, not casual or superficial. You are known for your persistence and willful obsession. Once you have decided on a course of action, you are unstoppable. Your emotional actions tend to be extreme, although you try to keep them muted. You are not quick to anger; instead, you do slow burns. When you release your anger, it often comes out as sarcasm or irony. Beware of your tendency to hold grudges and to be vengeful. When you do fight or otherwise release your internal tensions, you do so body and soul: you become totally passionate and your outbursts are awesome to behold.

Neptune in the Third

Your rich and vivid imagination can be used creatively in writing or speaking if you are so inclined. You are so trusting in the power of your inner visions that at times you confuse the truth with what you want to believe. Be careful not to embroider or distort the truth to fit your own needs. You are so idealistic, and you accept so many things on faith, especially if the ideas are packaged in such a way that they appeal to your imagination, that you are often easily conned by others who are less scrupulous than you are. So be careful when taking advice from others — always get a second or third opinion before taking any action.

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.

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.

Sagittarius on the Fourth

You are not very sentimentally attached to your home and family. As a matter of fact, you are quite uncomfortable should any family members try to exert any pressure on you to perform familial duties. You are quite restless by nature and will kick over any traces as soon as possible, enjoying the freedom of an independent existence. You do enjoy having a quiet place of your own, though, where you can go to sort out the large and important questions that concern you. Your interest in such wide-ranging subjects as law, religion, philosophy and metaphysics is best nourished when you feel at peace with yourself.

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.

Capricorn on the Fifth

You have an earthy, direct sense of humor. You also have a straightforward, practical approach to fun and games. You are not fond of grand gestures or unnecessary romanticizing in your lovemaking — you prefer to get down to the ultimate point of the matter as soon as possible. Because relationships that are based on convenience or necessity are more attractive to you and easier to deal with than affairs of the heart, you always know what is expected and can then concentrate on other, more important matters. Your taste in art and aesthetics leans toward those things that have a direct appeal and usefulness rather than to anything abstract. You would rather admire a well-made wooden bowl than an expressionist painting any day.

Jupiter in the Fifth

Very optimistic and cheerful by nature, you love to play and have a good time, especially if it can be done on a grand scale: “Let’s not just go out to a show, let’s take the Concorde to Paris and go to the opera.” You demand the right to live a free and unrestricted lifestyle, but you have to watch your budget to be sure that you can afford it. Try not to get too carried away by your current enthusiasms. Recreational contact sports may be a good way for you to get rid of some of your profuse and vigorous energy.

Jupiter in Capricorn

You tend to feel that the only results that are worthwhile are the results that are concrete and demonstrable. You distrust abstract solutions and appreciate measurable achievements. An excellent organizer and planner, you are optimistic as well as practical and realistic about what can and what cannot happen. Very responsible, you consider it a personal weakness to be wrong about anything. This makes you appropriately cautious. You are very efficient but you tend to be cool and detached.

Saturn in the Fifth

Very shy and reserved, you find it hard to express yourself. It is difficult for you to enjoy playing just for the fun of it unless the play experience can also be regarded as a learning experience. This serious attitude toward life attracts you to companions who are usually older than you and more mature and responsible than your peer group. You have a very practical approach to raising children and the sooner they grow into responsible adults (or at least act that way), the more you can relax with them. Also, you tend to find that parenting is an enormous responsibility — you are quite fearful and anxious about your ability to perform that role effectively.

Saturn in Capricorn

Very serious-minded and mature, you have the ability to take on responsibilities and to carry out important duties. You can also be trusted to be extremely practical and thrifty. A good organizer, you are the ideal one to be counted on to take a clearly defined project through to its logical conclusion. An achiever, you pride yourself on your ability to focus your attention totally on some worthy goal and then attain it.

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.

Aquarius on the Sixth

You have an intellectual and detached attitude about your job and work habits — you do not get emotionally involved in your work. This allows you to leave the stresses and tensions of the job behind you at the end of the day. The negative side of this is that you rarely show enthusiasm about what you do. You perform your tasks perfunctorily and efficiently. You work well as a member of a team, as long as the group's goals agree with your own. Due to your objectivity, you have the ability to apply unique and original solutions to work related problems. Your ideas about health and nutrition are formed after carefully considering all the alternatives, but, once formed, you tend to become a zealous crusader and proselytizer.

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.

Pisces on the Seventh

You are so fussy and choosy and supercritical about yourself and about those with whom you decide to associate that often you will prefer to stay alone rather than risk aligning yourself with anyone who might have a few flaws. You seek perfection and, once found, you tend to idolize, worship and serve the beloved. Often you are attracted to those who actually do have significant flaws, but you think that you can ease their burdens and help them attain the high goals you think they should be shooting for. This often leads to relationships based on profound inequalities, which is perfectly all right as long as you have consciously chosen to get so involved. It becomes quite another matter, however, when deception is at its base and one of you is merely taking the other for a ride.

No planets in the Seventh

You have no planets in the seventh house of your horoscope. This does not mean that you will never have any relationships or that you will never get married. What it does indicate is that you will not find your life overly dominated by working out problems associated with relationships. You will experience more or less activity in these areas occasionally, along with everyone else.

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.

Aries on the Eighth

Very competitive when it comes to sexual matters, you enjoy being the aggressor and are very proud of your conquests. You love a challenge and are not afraid to confront your partner and push him or her into exploring the more dangerous and mysterious and highly personal areas of his or her psyche. This type of activity can lead to many crises in relationships, but you do not mind, because you are willing to take risks even if it might mean the end of the relationship. You also have the take-charge ability to be able to handle the property of others. Your fearless approach to investing usually keeps you ahead financially — you will always take advantage of any opening that you come across.

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.

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.

Gemini on the Tenth

Because you are interested in doing so many different things in life, you find it extremely difficult to settle down and pursue just one career. You have the ability to be involved simultaneously in many different careers, or to have many, quite different jobs one after another. You have a very short attention span and must be constantly challenged by new goals and new intellectual stimuli. At times, you put out only superficial energies, just barely skimming the surface of what you are supposed to be doing. You are a quick study, but you must learn to scatter your energies less if you would be effective at what you do.

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.

Cancer on the Eleventh

You must have a strong emotional attachment to friends or groups or associates before you will become active on their behalf. But, should those ties be established, you then become a willing and loyal participant in group activities, even preferring to become a leader in trying to effect group goals. You are loyal and devoted to friends, always being at their disposal when needed. Indeed, at times you go too far and are “there” too often and too conspicuously, becoming overly involved in your friend’s affairs to the extent that they find it difficult to do anything for themselves on their own. Learn to back off a bit when you notice that those you care about begin avoiding you — let loose the apron strings a bit.

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.

Leo on the Twelfth

Although you seem to be unassuming and somewhat of a wallflower by nature, deep inside you have a pride in self-achievement that you find difficult to deal with. You crave to be noticed by others for your accomplishments, but you do not know how to articulate this desire. You are ashamed and confused by your own hidden egocentricity and try desperately to suppress it. Learn to allow yourself the luxury of taking credit for the good that you do. Because you know that most of your better efforts have been oriented toward a higher purpose, don't feel guilty when you are praised or appreciated.;

Moon in the Twelfth

Although you are usually very helpful to others and sensitive to their needs, you do not always trust them completely. You tend to feel that you will never get the unrestricted emotional support that you need, perhaps due to some unfortunate experience early on in life. You have to learn to accept the fact that you are really all right. Be proud of yourself — you have many wonderful, caring qualities.

Moon in Virgo

You tend to be serious-minded but cheerful for the most part. You need tasks that engage both your mind and your hands. A careful worker, you enjoy making things. You are neat and orderly, and are very concerned with good health habits. Fastidious to the extreme, you cannot tolerate messes and will immediately clean them up. Reserved, shy, and very self-critical, you tend to be very hard on yourself. You usually will go out of your way to be helpful and useful to others. Practical, reliable, efficient and conservative, at times you are a bit of a prude. You are known to lead a simple, uncomplicated, frugal, methodical and unemotional lifestyle. You are devoted and caring to those you love.

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.

North Node in the Twelfth

You prefer to work behind the scenes, usually in a helpful capacity. Your associates are usually those who share similar responsibilities. Because you tend to want to be of service to others, you should be careful not to let yourself get into the sort of situation where others might take advantage of your better nature to use or exploit you. Make sure that those you give your allegiance to are worthy of it. You feel most comfortable dealing with others who are devoted to the same sort of noble cause that you're devoted to — you feel that you can make a real impact from within a group that is trying to make significant changes in the world.

North Node in Leo

When it comes to dealing with others, you prefer to take the leadership role, and you enjoy administering and organizing group activities. Others tend to listen to your suggestions because you tend not to be domineering or patronizing. You love to entertain in a big way, and are at your best when throwing a large and lavish party. Your popularity and social success are assured as long as you don't take others for granted. Do resist any temptation to become snobbish and arrogant.

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.