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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Gemini	13°Ge25'	11th	11th
Moon	Aries	13°Ar05'	09th	09th
Mercury	Gemini	22°Ge20' R	11th	11th
Venus	Cancer	28°Ca09'	12th	12th
Mars	Aries	10°Ar42'	09th	09th
Jupiter	Aries	17°Ar25'	09th	09th
Saturn	Cancer	17°Ca23'	12th	12th
Uranus	Libra	28°Li48' R	04th	04th
Neptune	Sagittarius	10°Sg20' R	05th	05th
Pluto	Libra	06°Li31' R	03rd	03rd
Midheaven	Aries	17°Ar53'	10th	10th
Ascendant	Cancer	28°Ca54'	01st	01st

House	Cusp Position	Elemental Balance	Modal Balance
01st	28°Ca54'	5	9
02nd	20°Le50'	0	0
03rd	16°Vi37'	4	3
04th	17°Li53'	3	
05th	23°Sc15'		
06th	28°Sg01'		
07th	28°Cp54'		
08th	20°Aq50'		
09th	16°Pi37'		
10th	17°Ar53'		
11th	23°Ta15'		
12th	28°Ge01'		

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## An Astrological Portrait

Your astrological chart provides an amazing guidepost to the most important aspect of your life: an understanding of yourself. As a woman today, you face the challenge of discovering yourself within the context of many life experiences. You wear a variety of faces and play many roles, experiences which can both enhance and complicate your feeling of satisfaction with yourself and your life. Your astrological chart provides indicators which help to define who you are, strengthening an understanding of your needs on every level. Each chart is different in its make-up, and the myriad combinations of influences help to underscore the importance of each person as an individual. One thing you must remember when working with astrology: it is through your free will that you make choices. Your chart does not "make" you do anything!

We are finally acknowledging and realizing within today's world, that men and women experience life differently. The workings of your psyche, symbolized by your astrological chart, are likely to be experienced quite differently through your filter as a woman than they would be if you were born male. This report is designed for you, a woman in a world of change, a woman seeking to become whole.

Your natal, or birth, chart is made up of several factors. Drawn upon a circular wheel, your natal chart shows the positions of the planets relative to your place, date and time of birth. Everything is indicated symbolically, with each symbol having specific meanings. The planets, Sun and Moon are placed around the circle, and each is placed within a particular degree of a sign of the zodiac. The planets, Sun and Moon are energy bodies, and the astrological signs indicate how these energies work. Just as you are a complex of feelings, needs, drives and desires - your natal chart maps these qualities. You will also notice that the planetary symbols fall within particular segments of the circle. These segments, called "Houses", indicate the specific environments and relationships which are part of your life. You may find, upon reading your report, that there are a few contradictions. For example, one factor may indicate independence, while another shows strong dependency. It is not unusual to experience contradictions within yourself, and that is just what your chart illustrates about you! But when you reflect upon these qualities within the context in which they are explained, you may discover some self-illuminating facts about yourself. Self-understanding has a marvelous way of emphasizing your personal power!

## An Overall Glimpse at Your Astrological Chart

The astrological signs are defined by one of four elements: fire, earth, air or water. The fire and air elements have a yang (masculine polarity) quality, and tend to be more outgoing and assertive in their nature, whereas the earth and water elements have a yin (feminine polarity) quality, and are more receptive by nature. The elemental balance in your chart is determined by the amount of energy within each elemental sign. The factors added together to find this balance of energy include the Sun, Moon, planets and the angles of the Ascendant and Midheaven.

Your chart shows a strong predominance of fiery energy, adding a special intensity to your personality and a strong level of vitality. You may be more action oriented than some of your friends, and your adventurous enthusiasm may make you the topic of conversation among your friends. Your intuition and instincts are effective allies. Watch a tendency to push yourself too hard, since it's easy to burnout once you've gone beyond your limits. In relationships with others, you prefer to be around those who love the adventure of life and who appreciate your active inspirational nature. The elemental balance in your astrological chart indicates that earth is a weak factor, signifying that you may sometimes feel a need for greater stability. Practical matters may not always be a primary consideration when making major decisions. The problem with little earth is usually related to not being in touch with the physical plane, which can cause you to lose your focus or to ignore physical reality. During the times in your life when you feel out of touch or uncertain, get back to nature. Take a walk in the park or woods, garden, hug a tree, work with clay, or get a massage to remind yourself that you are part physical, too!

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. Your strongest mode is Cardinal, indicating that your basic approach to life is one of getting things started. You're an initiator, and are happiest when you're beginning something new. This factor sometimes indicates an enhanced sense of courage and enthusiasm. A strong ability to get things going, maintain your inspiration, carry through with your commitments and complete projects. Your ability to deal with different styles and human diversity enhances your spirit of cooperation, and makes you a good choice for leadership positions. However, you also have adequate amounts of mutable energy, which is expressed through your ability to remain flexible when necessary. Your weakest link is in fixity, which indicates that you sometimes fail to stay with a person, project or situation until you've completed your obligation or task.

When you view your chart as a whole, you'll notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the top half of the chart. This hemisphere strength indicates that you are driven by a need for recognition, and that you can be quite comfortable in the public eye. Career may have a high priority for you, and if you are not employed outside the home, you may be quite busy in community or civic affairs. You are drawn by the world, and your need for validation is most easily satisfied when your achievements are acknowledged and respected in some way. You may be quite influential in the lives of others, and have strong potential as a leader, teacher or mentor. However, you also need to remember that you must allow some "down" time, and that your home and family may provide an important security base.

You may also be concerned with the areas in your chart which appear to be empty. Never fear, these houses are not really vacant! You are just not placing as much emphasis in these relationships or environments, or you may be satisfying these needs through other dimensions of your life.

## Projection of Your Real Self

Sometimes showing the world who you really are is not easy, and sometimes the world may not respond as you had hoped! It's helpful to take a look at the differences and similarities between the attitudes, impressions and images you project and the person who resides at the core of your being.



With your Sun in Gemini your inquisitive manner and quick wit may be your trademarks. You need variety, and whether in relationships, career opportunities or creative endeavors will prefer to create a life which gives you plenty of options. You may radiate an air of intelligence, and most enjoy people and situations which stimulate your mind. The old truth, "you are what you think," is especially clear to you, and you have the ability to shift your consciousness and create a whole new realm of life experience by first altering your mental focus.

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you.



Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Cancer. Through this influence, you may project a motherly quality - whether or not you have children. You may draw others to you who need support and care, even in the work place you may take on the role of protector. But you can also initiate emotional responses from others, and can use this quality to your advantage in many situations. Watch for your tendency to hide behind your shell, though. Sometimes those protective barriers can be quite cumbersome.



The energy associated with your Ascendant is the Moon. With your Moon in Aries, your moods are generally upbeat. Your need for spontaneity adds a sense of independence to your personality projection.



With your Sun in a semi-square aspect to your Ascendant, your desire to be noticed drives you toward your goals. You may feel somewhat frustrated because it's difficult to know when to move with will and power and when to pull back. Learning to gauge the reactions of others will help you determine the best ways to assert yourself. If you're feeling alienated, retrace your actions and recall their impact. Then you can get moving again with greater confidence.



The energy of Venus in conjunction with your Ascendant adds a sense of style and grace to your personality and self-projection. Others may find you attractive, especially if you've learned to enhance your best attributes. You may be physically attractive, but are also capable of allowing your inner beauty to shine through which compliments you in a very positive way. Your love of beauty and desire for harmony are high priorities, but you must be careful to avoid becoming too self-serving, expecting that just because you find something valuable that you must necessarily have it.



With Uranus in square aspect to your Ascendant you can be quite rebellious and certainly have little interest in trying to be like everybody else. Granted there are times you may feel rather alone, but you'll take freedom any day before you'll join the herd. You may not like playing the traditional roles which have been set forth for women. However, you may have some conflict about this. You might like the idea of home or family, but just do not want to be tied to being the only caretaker. Other people can be a bit uncomfortable with some of your eccentricities (or what they perceive as such), simply because you challenge them to break out of their ruts. In order to satisfy your own internal conflict, you may need to develop an unusual occupation or work in fields which give you greater amounts of freedom. You may also be more comfortable living away from your roots.

There are many different facets of the Moon in your chart. But when it comes to your identity, your Moon speaks volumes about who you are at the deepest level: the soul of your being.



Your Moon in Aries reflects an attitude of independent thinking and a need for autonomy. Your real self is striving to achieve a true sense of individual identity. The courage which resides deep within your soul helps you get through all sorts of dilemmas and difficulties, although you may resent anything that holds you back or ties you down. You are the Warrior Woman and have the capacity to meet life on your own terms. You will fight for what you love and enjoy a life with ample opportunities to experience true passion.

## Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self

Although the temptation is to think that just because you are a woman you are in touch with your inner feminine self, this is a much more complicated task than it appears to be! First of all, the model for the true power of femininity has been lost over recent history and is now becoming re-energized. Recovering this power is a personal task for each woman, and learning to use feminine power constructively on a collective level is another challenge for today's woman. This process is the cradle of self-healing, and provides the essence of your personal security.

The primary energies associated with your inner feminine self are the Moon and Venus, but Neptune and Pluto are also significant in your experience and expression of this part of your psyche. The Moon is the energy which filters through your subconscious self, and tells the story of your connection to the part of you which provides nurturing, support, care and comfort. The person who projects the model for your Moon energy is your mother, and you see her through the lens of your own emotional matrix, signified by the Moon. As you mature, you learn to send this energy into the world, but to be truly effective, you must first own this energy and know how to use it to care for yourself!



Your Aries Moon stimulates a powerful drive to establish independence and autonomy. Your feminist attitudes result from your independent way of thinking and may forge new frontiers to advance your position as a woman in the world. Passion is your life fuel, and you need people, situations and opportunities to feel the rush of energy which arises when you are carried away by passionate desire. You can be quite headstrong when you want something, or someone, and definitely have your wiles. Even though you may have been taught to think of others and their needs first, your need to be in the lead and first on the list is there all the while, and it is definitely okay to feel that way, if you deal with that need honestly. Taking a back seat while a husband achieves his aims and you settle for just a "job" or staying home (when you don't want to) could lead to trouble if you really want to develop a strong career of your own. Yet your support of another can be quite powerful when you feel that you are also getting what you want out of the situation, and you must remember that the choice is yours.

Some type of challenge keeps you alive. Whether you choose a competitive career, participate in your favorite sports or recreation, initiate all the family outings, get involved in politics or take the lead in community activities - your energy, effort and excitement can be inspirational and contagious. But if you feel penned in, ignored, abused or excessively limited - you may also be challenged internally by your own anger at not having a chance to prove yourself. This anger can undermine your strength if it is not channeled into something productive. Men may have difficulty dealing with your independence, and even though you may be tempted to prove yourself according to the masculine rules of the game, as a woman you have some attributes that a man simply cannot employ! Instead of feeling that the game of life is always about winning and losing, try to re-focus on the idea of creating or not creating. And look for some healthy outlets which allow you to win a few and lose a few. You'll always be playing, and may as well enjoy the game according to rules which allow everyone to benefit.



With your Moon in supportive sextile aspect to your Sun, you may enjoy a positive blending of the masculine and feminine elements of your psyche. As a result your ability to enjoy and relate comfortably to both men and women can function more easily. With your subconscious emotional nature in harmony with your willpower, you can also be much more confident about seeking out experiences and relationships which fulfill your needs. You're less likely to allow the needs and demands of others to overwhelm your sense of



With your Moon conjunct Mars, you're likely to be quite direct about expressing your feelings. Assertiveness is not likely to be a problem for you, and you may sometimes seem more like one of the guys than a "lady." You can develop an excellent acceptance and understanding of men, even though you may prefer being a woman. Your concern for the way others may feel when you take action can be a good thing, in that you may actually consider the outcome of a situation before you act. But sometimes, the impulse to express yourself is too strong to think first. When you're going for it, it's probably a good idea to send a signal so that anyone who wants to avoid getting toasted by your afterburn can get out of the way. You can also be somewhat manipulative, so try to be aware of when you're attempting to control the way another person responds to you. Passive-aggressive behaviors will usually work against you.



With your Moon conjunct Jupiter, you are a die-hard optimist, and your energy can inspire and encourage others, too. More likely to think about conquering the horizon ahead than staying in the present moment, you are also quite independent and don't like to think about setting personal limitations. Consequently, it's easy to overdo it. Whether you make promises which are later difficult to fulfill or indulge yourself too frequently, you can get in over your head before you know it. Try to stay in the present moment some of the time. You can be difficult to pin down, and your adventurous spirit may be more at home when you're on the move than when you're in the kitchen.



Your tendency to hang onto every emotion is underscored by the square aspect between your Moon and Saturn. You can easily become overwhelmed by your fears, and may sometimes feel so anxiety-ridden that you are paralyzed. It's easy for you to become overly dependent upon others, because you may be afraid of taking responsibility for yourself. It is important for you to feel needed, and in order to accomplish this in a healthy way, you need to understand the true nature of control. You are a prime candidate for a co-dependent relationship in which you set the limits for others because they refuse to set limits for themselves. There is a difference between guiding, helping and teaching others and taking responsibility for them when they need to carry their own burdens.

If you have children, you may find it difficult when you need to let them go during different stages in their growth. Your fears about the harm they could experience can thwart their ability to live full lives. These fears may be the result of the things you learned from your own parents, although you have the power to break this chain of family fate. If you gradually begin to create situations which allow children to develop their own ability to make good decisions and fend for themselves, you can release your protective grasp more easily. Teach your children to trust their own instincts, and learn from them the healing power this can bring.

Your depression and anxiety may be related to a biochemical imbalance, and you might want to discuss your concerns with a physician or holistic health practitioner. If you are depressed, a physical condition in which serotonin levels are blocked, you may experience a miraculous shift in your attitudes and energy levels when these blocks are removed. But you can also help to facilitate a change by staying physically active, eating healthy whole foods and getting plenty of rest and relaxation.



Through the trine aspect between your Moon and Neptune, you are capable of developing an exceptional level of compassion. Your sensibilities are quite remarkable, and this awareness is likely to extend into the realm of strong psychic sensitivity. You may "feel" something long before you get the physical evidence! Your imagination and sense or artistry may be quite evident in your life, and your hypnotic qualities can be quite alluring. Since you may also be quite sensitive to the feelings of others, you may be continually drawn into situations where others pour out their hearts to you, and you have the ability to accept and support them in a special manner. Becoming aware of your emotional boundaries is important, and you may naturally do this by seeking out time alone, periods of meditation, or a comfortable quiet space to relax. You may be quite adept in caring for others, but also have developed a strong awareness of your inner self and needs. You may even find that using the changes in awareness associated with your menstrual cycle helps you enhance your strength, creativity and emotional resilience.

As a mother, you may be especially sensitive to the needs and emotions of your children, and can provide a heavenly sense of comfort. Because you innately know these things, you may also tend to do too much. You cherish relationships of all types - friends, family and lovers - and you may feel that your life is incomplete without an opportunity to share the deep compassion you have for the sanctity of life. You are definitely capable of expressing the true power and energy of the Goddess: the feminine aspect of All That Is. Anyone who looks carefully can see it reflected within your eyes.



With your Moon in opposition to Pluto, you feel everything at a deep, intense level. You rarely wade in the shallows, since immersing yourself in whatever you're doing is much more gratifying. Your intensity can also stimulate compulsive or obsessive levels of behavior. You can also be an intimidating woman, especially when you're focused on something (or someone!), and can become completely absorbed in your own feelings. This energy is wonderful for healing, since you have the capability of penetrating into the depths and releasing blocks; although it may be easier to direct this energy toward someone else than it is to direct toward yourself.

Men who are uncomfortable with their emotional nature and their own vulnerabilities may feel exposed when they are around you. Even though you may not intend to overwhelm them, you sometimes do. In your close relationships, it is crucial to allow others to be themselves, warts and all. Your tendency might be to transform them, and that could be dangerous. However, if a person is working towards change, you can certainly be helpful, and you may be the catalyst for change in the lives of many people. As a mother, you can be extremely attentive and aware. You can also be overly protective and can create an atmosphere of claustrophobia for your kids if you go too far. Use your sensibilities to determine how your children are responding, and allow yourself to back off when necessary. Otherwise, you may reach a point where it feels that you are abandoning ship in the midst of a storm.

Your Moon is in the Last Quarter Moon Phase of the Lunation Cycle, symbolizing an element of conflict which is at the core of your personal growth and understanding. This cycle has often been described as a crisis in consciousness, since you may feel that you are turning away from the old and moving toward a new level of inspiration and understanding. The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of the Warrior, stimulating a passion for existence which allows you to develop clarity, liberation and self-confidence. Through "The Warrior Woman," you learn about fervent sensuality, courage and sexual freedom. Your experience of this ideological conflict may arise through your need to break away from false ideals and to reorient yourself to a new way

What you learned from your mother and her generation about being a woman may not fit with what you are experiencing, although some aspects of your experience from her may ring true. The tricky part is finding your own way without totally destroying the path you've been taught. You are a revolutionary, and although revolutions can be radical and extreme in their outcome, they do not have to be entirely bloody! It is as though you have a fragile egg which needs to be moved to a different nest. First, you must create the new nest, then you must make the journey without breaking the egg, then you must settle in for a time. After that, it's up to the egg.

Through the energy of Venus you express your feminine wiles, and also locate the part of yourself that needs to be emotionally expressive. Your sense of inner beauty and feelings of personal worth are also functions of Venus. Venusian energy is part of your connection to other women, and the placement of Venus in your chart can tell you a lot about your openness and acceptance of your own femininity. Although your Moon may indicate your basic emotional nature, the manner by which you express your feelings is frequently through Venusian energy.



Through the energy of Venus in Cancer, you experience beauty at a deep, emotional level. You love things that make you feel comfortable, warm and secure, and appreciate people and surroundings that make you feel at home. You also have the knack of generating a warm, protective environment, whether at work or at home. Music may be an especially important part of your life, and if you sing, you may have a soothing voice. You innately know how to utilize the beauty which arises from being a woman, and may have a special appreciation for the feminine qualities of life. Watery colors compliment your energy - greens and silvery blues - and may feel good in your environment, or you might like wearing them. Flowing, soft clothing styles allow you to express your easy grace, and you may enjoy wearing skirts and pants alike, as long as they're comfortable. Babies and children may always be drawn to you, because they can feel your nurturant energy.

In your close relationships, you can be quite the caretaker, and might even enjoy the domestic side of life. At the least, you enjoy eating good food, and if you have the time and inclination may become quite a good cook. Tender touch and warm embrace have a powerful effect upon you, and you need to receive as many hugs as you give. You can be somewhat protective and possessive of those you love, and may have difficulty when your children leave the nest. But that's okay. Your love can reach beyond the barriers of time and space.



With the energy of Venus in a square aspect to Uranus, you have a rebellious spirit which shows in the way you present yourself as a woman. You may choose unusual forms of dress, different hairstyles or colors, or other forms of adornment which fly in the face of convention. Sometimes you do it for effect. Other times, you're just feeling experimental. Your approach to relationships may have much the same effect, and you're not likely to settle for playing the roles traditionally delegated to women. If your actions or attitudes alienate others, then this energy become counterproductive. What you really need is to be accepted for your uniqueness.

Although the planets Neptune and Pluto move very slowly and are generational in nature, they do have an influence upon your psyche. These energies define much about the collective experience which shapes your inner self. You're experiencing Neptunian energy when you're in the midst of reverie, when you're deep in dreams and when you're feeling compassionate. Neptune drives your imagination, the realm of illusion and your psychic sensibilities. Because Neptune is difficult to grasp on a physical level, there is a lot about this energy that can be problematic, and when you are caught in the negative grasp of Neptune, you can give in to addictive behaviors, escapism and deception manifesting. But you do have a way of channeling this energy. It is through Neptune that you find the heart of compassionate love and understanding. This is the doorway to your inner self.



With Neptune in Sagittarius, you are part of the generation of women born from 1970 to 1984 who are just coming into your maturity. Your influence in the realms of education, government and politics will be immense, and as an individual member of this generation, it is imperative that you discover and employ the things you are learning about truth. You have been born at a time when media has had a profound influence upon society, and you will find ways to use the technologies which are developing to shape the lives of people on the earth. You may grapple with the differences between "truth" and "facts" and can either fall victim to false belief systems or create better ones. Women of your generation may rise above the limitations of their mothers and grandmothers because of their educational opportunities, but also because you and they will not accept the same limitations.

Pluto represents the primordial essence. It is from this level that all transformation occurs: birth, death, illness and healing. It is also here that the powerful kundalini force continually regenerates itself. This is the space of all creation and all power. It is the space of origin: the Great Mother.



You are part of a generation of women born from 1972 through 1984 who have Pluto in Libra and are challenged to break down the barriers within society which inhibit growth and free expression of the human spirit. You may also find that you must tear down old structures which have determined the nature of human relationships in order to heal some of the problems existing among human beings. This can reach from marriage contracts to international relations between governments.

## Owning Your Inner Masculine Self

For centuries, women were not allowed to assert themselves in the world, and carefully learned the role of supporter of their "men." Those who failed to respond in this manner were frequently shunned or punished, although there have always been women who defied convention! During this century particularly, women have broken out of their strictly "conventional" roles, and have been making their way in the world. Because of this, women have been successful at fulfilling more of their needs, and owning their own power more readily. As a result, a woman's relationship with the men in her life has also changed. Despite women's collective knowledge about the need to be whole persons, it is still sometimes easier to allow men (fathers, brothers, lovers and husbands) to "own" certain qualities. (They, in turn, prefer that women own certain qualities - like emotions!) But to become truly whole and functional, it is necessary to find and incorporate your inner masculine self into your sense of wholeness, instead of projecting that part of yourself onto others (most usually men) in your life.

Through the process of becoming at home with your ego, you gain a true sense of personal strength and power. To own this power, you must learn to acknowledge that it is okay to be recognized for who and what you are. Your Sun energy is the primary factor in the expression of ego needs. As a young girl, you may have seen your father through the filter of your Sun. His power of getting out into the world, and the manner by which he did it, have shaped your own sense of personal identity. And today, the Sun in your chart may symbolize significant men. But this energy is, in itself, the core of your spirit.



Your expression of your masculine sensibilities through your Gemini Sun is filtered through your intellect. Your admiration for others who are knowledgeable and communicative is a direct result of your own desire to know as much as possible. If your early impulse was to think that a man had more knowledgeable authority than a woman, that has probably changed radically as you have matured. In fact, you may even challenge that assumption through your choices in career. However, you may not think in terms of man versus woman: you're more into dealing with people for who they are, and may assume that others will also take that stance. You may even have a knack for communicating quite effectively with both men and women, and may make strides in bridging the gender gap. You can waffle a bit in situations which require you to take control, and may sit on the fence a bit too long some of the time, it just takes a little objectivity to get this under control, especially in new circumstances. But once you know how things work, you can be the maven of juggling your priorities.



Adding emphasis to your self-expression is your need to be recognized as a thoughtful or intelligent woman which is emphasized through the conjunction of your Sun and Mercury. The value you place upon learning, knowledge or information can be rather intense. You may also be under the impression that if you're smart enough, you'll get what you want from life. That may be true, but there are many levels of intelligence. One of those levels involves knowing when to stop talking and start listening, so remember that if you feel that you're not really being heard.



The ease of expressing your will power and assertiveness is enhanced through the energetic sextile between your Sun and Mars. Your comfort with the need to make your own way may be quite apparent in the manner in which you approach everyday matters, but you can shine when you're faced with a challenge. In fact, challenges which ignite your desire for achievement or recognition can stimulate you to go the extra mile. You may not find it necessary to compete with men, since you can be quite comfortable with yourself and your abilities. And it is likely that you will feel quite capable of pursuing the fulfillment of your desires for a satisfying career and healthy personal life. In the face of competition, regardless of who or what is on the other side, you are quite capable of



Your confident, optimistic attitude supports your ability to express your personal assertiveness. The energy of the Sun in sextile to Jupiter strengthens your ability to act with conviction and hopefulness. You may also be quite accessible - comfortable with yourself, radiating a friendly, easygoing attitude. Both men and women may find you easy to be around, although you may be more interested in some of the pursuits considered "masculine," like politics, sales or sports. You like your masculine side, and that works to your benefit.



Have you ever wondered if you simply live in another world? The influence of your Sun in opposition to Neptune stimulates an amazing challenge: you have to find yourself beyond the illusion, yet you must know how to use illusion to express yourself. One of the greatest potential traps you face involves your tendency to project your sense of identity onto the men in your life. It can be difficult for others to see who you really are, especially if you are not clear about it yourself! You may think of yourself as an actress playing many roles, but when the curtain closes, you may feel lost and confused. Who are you? Sometimes, taking on different roles can help you find yourself, but you will never find your salvation in trying to save everybody else. Nor will you know yourself if you give your power to somebody and allow them to shape your life for you. Creating a safe haven for yourself which allows you to get away from the pressures of the world is crucial. Just remember that you cannot stay there all the time and really find yourself. You need to reach out and make tangible connections.



Although you may be fascinated by powerful and influential men, you know that you also possess a strength of your own. You have the ability to use your influence to create healing and renewal through the flowing energy of your Sun in trine aspect to Pluto. Regardless of your beginnings or of your current situation, you are capable of initiating and accomplishing great change when necessary.

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not "feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!



Pursuing the fulfillment of your needs and desires is something you do with great courage and strong assertiveness. With Mars in Aries, you learned early that you like to do things that are challenging. Whether you're involved in sports, career pursuits, or building a family - you're the woman who will forge ahead despite the odds. You may also be quite comfortable expressing your anger, openly and directly. Who says it's not ladylike?



On the move with an eye toward the future, you possess the confidence to accomplish almost anything. The conjunction between Mars and Jupiter in your chart stimulates a positive attitude, and adds a special element to your ability to deal with and enjoy challenge and competition. It's easy for you to pursue your interests and desires, and you're most likely to be at the head of the line instead of waiting to see what happens.



You can hold yourself back by giving into your fears and anxieties. The influence of Mars in square aspect to Saturn prompts you to distrust your own abilities, and you may feel frustrated by your personal limitations. Getting stuck in your personal limitations can be virtually paralyzing, but you do have options. If there is something you really want, you can break the inertia and move gradually and steadily toward achieving it. But first, you must release yourself from the fear which is blocking your path. It may be the result of feeling too limited by the men who've controlled your life, whether they were father, brother, teacher or lover. Learning to satisfy yourself is not easy, but it is a strong desire. That desire alone can blast through the wall of fear which has penned in your energy. Memories of failure are the past. You're creating the present and future!



You can be a little lazy with Mars trine Neptune. After all, why should you go to all that trouble when what you want is only an arm's length away? It can also be easy to allow others to do things for you, instead of doing them for yourself. Through this energy, you attract many of the things you want, especially if you've clearly visualized having them. When you do want to accomplish something, you also use your inner sense to help you be more finely tuned. You know how to play the "inner game" to get what you want from life. Whether in athletic pursuits or preparing to make a presentation at work, when you see yourself doing it, your actions automatically follow through. However, you must assert action to create response from the world.



It's easy to be overcome by your compulsive desires with Mars in opposition to Pluto. You can be a relentless woman, never ceasing in your pursuit until you are satisfied. You can also give your power away to others by allowing them to dictate what you can and cannot do. If this stems from your survival needs, ask yourself if you deserve more than just surviving. It may be the result of not knowing how to trust yourself and your own abilities, or you could be trapped by your own shame or guilt. You have the capability of creating real healing and transformation through your actions. By clearing out your old traumas, you may even amaze yourself with the results you see. Start by saying good-bye to that wounded little girl inside yourself who could not defend herself or her desires, and show her what she is capable of achieving.

## Developing Your Mind

Education and learning are lifelong processes. Your approach to developing your intellect is multifaceted, but there are special indicators in your astrological chart which help you understand the best ways to develop your mentality. Improving and strengthening communication skills is also part of developing your mind, since connecting to others is certainly improved if you can effectively illustrate your point of view!

Although the energy of Mercury is traditionally considered to be the main indicator of your mentality, there are also other qualities which are part of your mental and intellectual self. First, let's look at Mercury, which is the energy through which you link your thoughts and ideas with others.



Your quick wit and intelligence are strongly evident in your manner of speaking and writing with Mercury in Gemini. Diverse interests keep you quite busy, and you may enjoy a wide variety of friends, too. Always on the lookout for something different, you can be easily distracted, especially if you're not particularly interested in your current focus or situation. A flexible thinker, you may be quite capable of listening to diverse points of view and finding the common ground. Your interest in human nature may prompt you to study psychology, literature or sociology, but you can also operate very nicely in any situation requiring good people skills. You have a special affinity for understanding and communicating with young people and always project an attitude which belies your age. You may be quite adept in abstract thinking, but probably prefer ideas to numbers.



Learning about life, people and possibilities can be a passion for you. With Mercury sextile Jupiter, you're always interested in finding out more, meeting different people or traveling to new places. Your curiosity is heightened through this aspect, and so is your communicative ability. You may be a gifted writer, public speaker or teacher.



Your inventiveness and unique approach to life strengthen your intellectual development and ingenuity with Mercury in trine aspect to Uranus. Technological advances are both useful and interesting to you, and you may be quite adept at integrating new methods into existing systems or situations. You may be a gifted writer or public speaker and may also have a knack for reaching the masses through media such as radio or television.

The energy of your Moon also has a mental component. The Moon is the realm of thought, the process of subconscious thinking, and plays a strong role in intuitive thinking.



You like to learn about things that get your energy moving. Through your Aries Moon your learning filters are more stimulated by exploring ideas which are challenging and require some creative thinking. You also prefer to learn at your own pace and may not like the idea of being held back because somebody else has not quite reached your level of understanding.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself!



Your quest for knowledge may be like a challenge with Jupiter in Aries. You're like an explorer, ready to go at a moment's notice, looking for the answers to life's mysteries. You'd like to get there quickly because there could be something else more exciting waiting around the bend. Your philosophy may be more "here today, gone tomorrow," and your life experience may have taught you that if you fail to take advantage of opportunity when it knocks, you may not hear it knocking again!



Confidence in your ability to learn is stimulated through the energy of the Sun in sextile aspect to Jupiter. This can also indicate a positive relationship with your teachers, and may stimulate your own desire to share what you know with others. You enjoy the feeling of reaching beyond your limitations through developing your understanding.



Your enthusiasm about anything can be quite strong, and this extends toward learning and new experiences. With Mars conjunct Jupiter you can also jump into situations before you're aware of the details, and may feel overwhelmed when you discover what you've gotten yourself into. But that is not likely to stop you, especially if you find a challenge in the process. Learning about law, religion, politics and philosophy can benefit your life.



Your desire to learn may be focused upon a need to understand the mystical side of life with Jupiter in trine aspect to Neptune. Your education may be strongly influenced by your religious or spiritual beliefs, and it is through these ideals that you may also experience some of your most profound opportunities for personal growth.

The purpose of Saturn is to provide clarity, structure, form and discipline - elements which are certainly important to learning. Saturn functions primarily as your inner teacher. Mothers are the most influential Saturnian models in western society. They provide the structure, guidance and support for their children in the realms of learning, socialization or personal growth. Once you enter society as a child, teachers play the Saturnian role. But the role of mothers and teachers in relationship to Saturn is to help you define the structure upon which you will build your life. Then, you "own" your Saturn, and know how to discipline and focus your own energy.



With Saturn in Cancer you may have a strong affinity for history. Your reverence for the past and your ability to connect what has happened before with what is happening now makes you a prime candidate to teach or guide others, or to get into politics. Whenever you are involved in teaching, you learn more. Although you may find a few particular teachers who inspire you throughout your life, you are most inspired by those who have held tenaciously to other goals until they've seen them accomplished. Sounds like what you wish for yourself....

The areas of your chart which are connected most strongly to mental and intellectual development are the 3rd, 9th and 11th Houses. The 3rd House of your chart deals with communication and the development of concepts.



Your approach to thinking, learning and communicating is quite analytical with Virgo ruling your 3rd House. You may enjoy learning, and can develop a good relationship with your teachers. However, you are quite sensitive to criticism and can be too critical of yourself or your own intellectual abilities. You're probably more intelligent than you realize! Your ability to illustrate detail is evidenced by your writing and speaking, and you may be a consummate storyteller and convincing reader (ask your children!). With Mercury ruling your 3rd House you enjoy the support and interaction created through networking with others, and may have a special interest in education or children's issues.



Looking beneath the surface and searching for what lies beyond the facade is stimulated by the energy of Pluto in your 3rd House. You can be an avid researcher or scientific thinker and may be quite adept at understanding many of the mysteries of life. Your interest in subjects which are somewhat taboo, like sexuality, birth and death, adds a special dimension to your personality. Your ability to concentrate can be quite good, although you can be quite obsessive in your thinking. Since you may not realize the extent of your own mental intensity, you may wonder why some people have difficulty being around you. They may be uncomfortable with your penetrating insight (especially if they have something to hide), but may also feel that you know more than you do. You rarely let on about everything you know or think, and can be quite secretive about anything which is important to you.

Your 9th House shows your approach to higher learning, which is usually accomplished through a college or professional degree program. Subjects like philosophy, religion, political science, cultural pursuits and the like are strongly associated with this facet of your development.



You are definitely an idealist with Pisces on the cusp of your 9th House. Your vision of the world as a better place with opportunities for true peace and harmony can be quite a powerful driver in your quest to improve your own life. In higher educational pursuits, you may be more inclined to study philosophy, religion, political science and the arts than you are drawn to math or science. It's tempting for you to impose your ideals or beliefs upon others who may seem less "enlightened," but you may need to show some restraint in this regard if you are to experience the peace you dream about. With Neptune ruling this house you can use your ability to visualize to aid you in your learning pursuits, and to help you create the world as you desire to experience it.



The influence of your Moon in the 9th House adds an intensive receptivity to higher learning and enhances your ability to connect through your spiritual self to divine understanding. Your spiritual life is strongly important, and you may also strive to improve your understanding of life through education, travel and cultural explorations. You may be capable of adapting to living in cultures other than that of your birth, especially if your Moon is in a mutable or cardinal sign. You may always feel that you are somehow protected by a higher power and may feel closely connected to your spiritual guide, angels or divine presence. Your love of philosophy and devotion to your ideals is quite genuine and plays an important role in your sense of security. You may interpret Higher Power in terms which are both masculine and feminine, but your connection to The Goddess quality is your bridge between your human consciousness and the consciousness which radiates from The Source.



You're excited by the experiences of travel and may have a passion for learning with Mars in the 9th House. This placement also stimulates a mental restlessness, and can indicate some difficulty focusing your mind. You need some distractions in your life but can disrupt your flow and concentration by adding too many options. Your enthusiasm and zeal for your beliefs and ideals can be quite intense, and you can be quite effective stimulating the interest of others through your own devotion and strength of your convictions. You may need to guard against a tendency toward trying to influence others to change their own ideals against their will, since you can be extremely persuasive.

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Continuing education is absolutely natural for you with Jupiter in the 9th House. If you are not in school, you are likely to be exploring new vistas through travel, personal study or enthusiastic discussions with others who share your quest for understanding. You may be involved in teaching, writing or publishing, and can have a special affinity for religious or metaphysical studies. An enjoyment of the diversity and cultural expressions across the globe may prompt you to live abroad, and you may have friends in different countries. Ultimately you may hope to have friends in other galaxies! This placement indicates a keen intuitive ability and sharp awareness of the larger scheme of things. As a result, you may be able to blend your logical and intuitive processes during decision-making, thereby enhancing your judgment.

Through the 11th House you learn from peers, and connect with your community. The 11th House involves your special interests, too. This is very much the school of life, because this is also the area which relates to developing your goals.

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Your interests have a practical focus, and you may limit your community involvement to matters which affect you directly. Goals can be especially important for you, and are usually tied to stabilizing your life, especially financially. It's important that you explore your deeper motivations, and that your goals reflect and support a true sense of personal worth. Although it's tempting to think that money can answer your needs for acceptance, it's rarely enough unless you can fully embrace yourself. Your interest in investments can play an important role in your life. With Venus ruling your 11th House, you may look for an easier path to realizing your dreams. You may be able to attract the right people and situations, and may feel that the right partnership and most prestigious friends can open doors for you. In the end you really want to be the one who has the influence.

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With your Sun in the 11th House, you need goals which will give you an opportunity to gain recognition. You may have interests in community affairs, politics, or professional development which can ultimately take you into positions of leadership. Your personal development and educational endeavors may include public relations, management or counseling skills, and you may find that you become a role model for others who wish to follow in your footsteps.

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Your ability to use your mental energy in a direct manner when working toward your goals is highly accentuated with Mercury in your 11th House. Networking with others who share your interests, making connections with people in your community, staying in touch with professional friends - all these activities are driven by the energy of Mercury in this house. Your speaking and writing ability can aid you in achieving your goals, and by developing your intellect and understanding, you can rise further, faster in your personal and professional growth.

## Your Special Edge

It's true. Women are definitely the intuitive sex. The process of intuitive awareness may be more developed for you as a woman because you are more cyclically aware, thanks to your anatomy and hormonal changes. But there is something more. As a woman, your natural affinity with the energy of the Moon increases your receptivity, an important ingredient in opening to the intuitive process. Intuitive awareness is multifaceted. You can use it when you're dealing with emotional and psychological issues, you can apply it to your creative expression, and you can take advantage of your intuition in your work as part of your decision-making. Developing your intuitive process is like developing any other sensibility - you have to concentrate some time, effort and energy in order to finely hone this element of your psyche. Although some quality of intuition may be there innately, to make the most of it, you must learn to trust, listen and incorporate it into your life.

The parts of your chart which are most strongly associated with intuitive sensibility are the water houses: the 4th House, the 8th House and the 12th House. The 4th House is connected to your soul history. It is here that you seek a sense of home, a connection to your family, and a feeling of safety and comfort. It is here that your soul remembers your past, even if your conscious mind cannot fit the pieces together.



Your soul yearns to find true peace with Libra on the cusp of the 4th House. But you are, by nature, a restless woman, and may not find that peace simply by getting everything right "in the world." Your inner harmony depends upon your ability to strengthen your real values, and these may have a very long history. The influence of Venus on this house is also powerful through its connection to the sign of Libra, indicating the importance of establishing a clear connection between the love you need and the love you express through your actions, words and creativity.



You have a very restless soul with Uranus in your 4th House. Many of the unexpected changes you've experience have resulted from factors beyond your control, but you've probably been quite capable of dealing with them. In actuality, you need change. Breaking away from your early influences can seem quite natural, since you may have felt a little like an alien as a child! Your intuitive connection can be quite powerful, and your ability to readily shift your focus is the result of your soul-level need to experience true freedom. Although some of your changes may surprise other people, you are aware of breaking free for a longer period: your intuitive self prepares you quite nicely. Too bad it's harder to prepare everybody else!

The 8th House brings you into your deepest emotional attachments, and is the space where you are alchemically transformed. This is the seat of your magical power: your ability to change yourself in order to become whole. Here is the heart of healing, but here you also hide your greatest vulnerabilities. Most people shy away from dealing with 8th House issues like sex, death and taxes. After all, there can be problems with any of them, and they are not easy to explore out in the open. But there is more. For your intuitive development, this area represents the part of you which holds your power, and you must learn to accept and embrace this side of yourself to feel truly satisfied with your life.



Through the influence of Aquarius on the cusp of your 8th House you may be exceptionally curious about the experiences of birth, sexuality, death, healing and human psychology. You may love physical sensations which lead you to the experience of ecstasy, but are also fascinated with the possibilities beyond the physical. Experimenting with different ideas and techniques which are designed to heighten your awareness can enhance your life, but you may need to exercise some caution to avoid the shock of getting into something when you are inadequately prepared. You may be quite psychic and can have an amazing sense of the future. However, the influence of Uranus as ruler of this house adds a sporadic nature to your psychic sensibilities.

Since you do not have any planets in your 8th House you may not feel very strongly driven to probe into the mysteries of life. Perhaps you do not have issues in this regard, but there may also be other factors in your chart which drive you in this capacity, and do not need the additional focus in this particular area. To further understand your 8th House study the sign associated with it explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

The 12th House is the space of your dreams. Here, you surrender your conscious self and float into the beyond. This is also the place in your psyche which contains your past, and where you are one with all humanity. Your super conscious self rests in this part of your psyche: the part of yourself that transcends your everyday reality.



With Gemini influencing your 12th House, you may be a strong psychic receiver, feeling what others think. In many ways you are quite instinctual about people and situations. This influence adds to your impressionability, and you may find that you learn best when you're in the presence of someone, or if you're listening to tapes. You can have very active dreams, especially if you're worrying about something. It's important that you learn to relax and let go of the day before you drop off to sleep, or you may experience a restless night. Mercury's rulership of this house indicates some difficulty allowing your mind to rest.



You may have great compassion for humanity with Venus in your 12th House. The stimulation to give loving support arises from this influence, and whether you've chosen to direct this energy toward your family and loved ones or into your community through some type of service, your own heart is filled when you're reaching out. But you also have a powerful emotional sensitivity, and when there is conflict, turmoil or pain around you, you can feel it deep within your own heart. This may stimulate your creativity in a particular manner, and regardless of your creative outlets, you have the capability to reach others through your artistry. To maintain your own inner harmony, you need to practice forgiveness for yourself and others, and may become an example of true peace and serenity when you're allowing the currents of love to flow through you.



Your desire for solitude may be stimulated by Saturn's influence in your 12th House. You may need ample time to reflect and clarify and can benefit from regular periods of meditation which will allow you to release your anxieties and open to true inner peace. It is critical that you learn how to deal with and address your fears, because they can inhibit your ability to remain open to your intuitive and creative sensibilities. Finding your inner dragon and discovering ways to either live with or banish that part of you which is overwhelming will restore your faith in yourself and in the divine order.

The energy of your Moon plays an important role in your intuitive development. Since your Moon is related to your subconscious mind, it should not surprise you that this is the part of you that contains all knowledge about yourself and your life. Occasionally it's a good idea to purge from your psyche the things you no longer need - much like an internal house cleaning. Your hormonal cycles provide an excellent opportunity to do just that, and by using this natural rhythm to release, you can feel much more open to clearer transmission of intuitive thinking!



Sometimes, you can be too busy pursuing your desires to listen to your intuitive voice with the Moon in Aries. You do have a very keen intuitive sensibility but don't like to listen to it when it means slowing down. You may also be more intuitive about things which are new to you. For example your first impressions are usually quite powerful. Just because you may lose interest in something, you may think your intuition was wrong. That's just impatience!

There are other points related to the Moon which you'll find in your chart. They are called the Moon's Nodes, and are not planets, but points in space. The influence of the Moon's Nodes is felt on an inner level. From the South Node, you learn about your past and the natural inclinations which may influence many of your subconscious choices. In some ways, the South Node suggests old habits. The North Node of the Moon suggests a spiritual and emotional challenge, and represents the directions you may feel compelled to follow in your evolutionary path.



You may feel that you are a spiritual pioneer with your North Node in Sagittarius. In order to discover the truths of life, you may need to expand your understanding through the educational pursuits, travel or cultural exchange. All these things lead you to create a philosophy of possibility and confidence which can be inspiring and rewarding for you personally, but which others may also be drawn to follow. The influence of your South Node in Gemini underscores the temptation of shallow thinking and simple explanation which you may have experienced through the influence of others early in your life. You may also have to safeguard against fickle attitudes in favor of committed ideas which lead to the Truth.

Uranian intuition is the flash of insight. Sometimes that flash is so brilliant that you change your entire life to follow it's glow. This is also the part of you which defies restraint, and certainly your intuitive mind can celebrate that possibility!



The influence of Uranus in your 4th House has been explored elsewhere in this section of your report.

Neptune's energy takes you into the world of the etheric - the place beyond the physical which is filled with mystical wonder. You surrender to this part of yourself when you meditate, when you give in to your creative muse, and when you give of yourself to others. In developing your intuitive and psychic sensibilities, Neptune provides a primary ingredient: letting go. Through this energy you surrender yourself to the greater truth. But be careful: you can also surrender your will to the power of deception and abuse through another of Neptune's doorways!



With Neptune in your 5th House it's easier for you to release and open your intuitive mind when you're in the midst of creating. Your imaginative and impressionable sensibilities work to your advantage when applied to self-expression - like music, the arts, dancing, writing - but any creative outlet allows you to open to this flow. Any situation which allows you to open your heart will enhance your psychic abilities!

Pluto's insight is on the deeper psychic level. Through Plutonian energy you can read between the lines. You see the twitch of an eye that tells the truth, you read the movement of hands, the tone of voice that betrays what words fail to say. Developing your Plutonian energy requires that you reach into the very depths of yourself and become familiar with your entire being. Yes, that includes your shadow self, your darker side - and it also encompasses your passion, your strength of survival and your ability to heal.



You may have a very penetrating mind with Pluto in the 3rd and can be a psychically gifted. Your ability to use words to create change can be amazing, and you may also be quite gifted using your voice as a tool for healing and transformation. You may be capable of probing into mysteries and finding information long after others have given up on finding anything.

## Nurturing and Creating a Home

Nurturing. Mothering. These experiences are associated with womanliness, but are not the sole definers of your womanhood. Although women are the only ones who can become mothers, it is not necessary to be a mother to become an exceptional nurturer! Nurturing is a natural expression for women - but the manner in which it is done is very individualized. Whether with children, lovers, partners, friends - or even with your own parents - you have ample opportunities to nurture others. The person who needs your nurturing most, however, is YOU. Although caring for others can fill a special place in your soul, the way you care for yourself is especially important. You may derive nourishment from developing your talents and skills, or through your work. Study or travel can be nourishing. And something as simple as a long soak in the tub can refill your spirit. Part of nourishing yourself is physical, part emotional and part is definitely environmental: what you create in a home. In exploring these factors together, you can begin to see the link between these different levels of personal fulfillment.

Yet another facet of your Moon beyond what you've already explored, is what your Moon shows about your deepest needs. You can only feel whole when these needs are answered and fulfilled. Although it is tempting to look outside, your wisdom tells you that a great part of the responsibility for nourishment comes from within yourself.



Your profound need for independence and autonomy driven by your Aries Moon can sometimes lead to your feeling that you're rushing through life. Although slowing down may not be the answer all of the time, allowing ample space in your life for enjoyment can help you put the brakes on. Your playful attitude and love of challenge may encourage you to pursue sports as a favorite pastime, and staying active is one of the most nurturant things you can do for yourself. When you let your energy become stagnant, your emotional vitality sags. When nurturing others, it might be easier for you to play than it is to discipline, and consequently, your children may think of you more in the context of fun. That's okay with you, and you probably feel the same way about your intimate connections - if they're not fun, what good are they? Your passion ignites when you're smiling, and you smile a lot when you're enjoying a challenge. You also have a powerful protective streak, and if anyone you love needs a defender, you're there. You might also need to cultivate relationships which give you a sense that you, too, have somebody on your side. Standing on your own is okay, but your soul fills up when you can share your joy with those you love.

Saturn also plays a positive role in nurturance. Despite the bad rap Saturn sometimes receives, this energy is necessary to your stability and growth. Through Saturn, you learn to take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Saturn also seems to be the repository of your fears, and it's important to understand and deal with these emotions in order to be whole. Trying to repress such feelings blocks your ability to feel the positive, supportive energy that life has to offer. In many respects, the energy of Saturn is played out in your life by your experience with authority figures. Your mother and father, extended family and teachers were your primary Saturnian influences when you were a young girl, and their direction and guidance still whisper in the way you approach establishing your personal security. As an adult woman, you express Saturn through the manner in which you take responsibility for yourself and your needs for stability and security.



With Saturn in Cancer you need a home and sense of family in your life in order to feel secure. This is the structure upon which your overall stability rests. The trap of this placement resides in hanging onto the past, including old emotional trauma. Some of that trauma might not even be your own - many of your anxieties are definitely tied to the things you learned from your parents and grandparents. Remind yourself regularly that you are safe, strong and secure. You may have always been drawn into situations where you're taking care of somebody, but you don't really have to prove your self worth based upon how much you do for everyone else! Even in business settings you may display a caring quality, and can have trouble with a mechanized approach to business. It's easier for you when the people you work with are treated more like family than mere employees. You're definitely capable of bringing a woman's touch into a man's world and may, in the process, teach others about the positive quality of honoring humanity within the work place.

Your 4th House illuminates what you need in a home environment, where you will feel most comfortable and how you like to live. It is here that you create a feeling of safety, where you can let your hair down and be yourself.



Libra's influence on the cusp of your 4th House adds a sense of style and refinement to your home environment. You love being surrounded by beautiful things and may have a wonderful eye for color and design. Your home may feature works of art and fine decor, and you can be somewhat meticulous about making sure that everything seems to create a sense of balance. The energy of Venus is associated with this house in your chart, influencing an inviting atmosphere and friendly home environment which probably draws your friends and family. You may love entertaining and may be quite gracious to your guests, although you do appreciate them most when they observe proper rules of behavior and don't mar the furniture!



Your need for the unusual extends into your personal environment with Uranus' energy in your 4th House. Playing the traditional domestic roles is not your style, and you may openly rebel against anyone who tries to demand that you do. But you may actually enjoy the experience of family and home if they allow you the freedom to be yourself and to experiment with new models. Your own relationship with your mother may have been somewhat unsettling and could be the motivator for your insistence that you are different. Although you may move several times over the course of your life, you can enjoy creating a home and may be excited about the prospects or the experience of designing your own home. A restlessness which prompts you to change residence may arise from your feeling of boredom with the same old thing or a feeling that you just don't fit in. If you can find a community which provides ample options for your self-expression and allows you to indulge your unique lifestyle, then you may actually settle in quite nicely.

## Meeting the World on Your Terms

Career and financial arenas were for many years primarily part of the "man's world." Women stayed at home, cared for children, and took care of the social needs of the family. Now that so many women are in the work place, and with the advent of more open relationships where both partners are likely to share paying bills and making financial decisions, the world is changing. You can define your identity in the world in many ways today, including developing a career. Meeting the world on your own terms involves uncovering the manner in which you might shine most effectively and the way you use your resources, and creating a pathway which allows you to realize your goals.

The Midheaven, which is usually near the top of your astrological chart, is signified by an astrological sign. This point in your chart represents your vocation, your calling in life, and the sign at the Midheaven gives you several clues about your path in the outside world. Just as importantly, the Midheaven signifies your blossoming into wholeness and the manner by which you might best accomplish this experience. Your 10th House also provides information about your career path.



Making your way in the world and establishing your own place is aided by the influence of Aries at your Midheaven. Your keen sense of ambition keeps you moving forward in the face of competition; you're not likely to collapse in intimidation. You need a life path and career which allow you to exercise some independence, and prefer work which is challenging and exciting. You may also forge new territory through your career or volunteer efforts, and can be the woman who makes progress where others have failed. Your key to personal fulfillment rests in your ability to initiate, and you may love a career which gives you the room and opportunity to blaze trails. The energy of Mars influences the manner in which you illuminate your path to success. You may enjoy working in a field which is physically active and may have a special affinity for working with children. The courage of your convictions provides the strength you need to realize your hopes.



Since you have Mars in Aries, you may have your eye on the prize and can fail to notice the effect your actions and choices have on others around you. By opening your awareness just a little, you'll be more likely to include the needs and feelings of others, and may even generate their support for your efforts. You may enjoy a job which requires physical activity, and can be excellent in sales.

The process of work itself is usually seen through the 6th House in your chart. Through this facet of yourself, you express your approach and attitudes about working, and your ability to cooperate with others is also indicated here. This house is related to your physical health, and it's no surprise that you might hear the complaint (or feel it yourself), "I'm sick of my job." Instead of feeling thrown off balance by the tasks required to get through life, there are ways to use this part of your time and energy to strengthen your life.



Sagittarius on the cusp of your 6th House stimulates a need for diversity and activity in your work. If you work in sales or the travel industry, you might perform best when you can get up and go some of the time. You might not even mind commuting to your job! You prefer to operate independently whenever possible, and will not perform at your peak when you feel penned in. Jupiter's energy also influences this area, adding a need for a sense of play and adventure through your work. You'll appreciate working for and with others who are ethical in their business practices.

You have no planets in your 6th House, but still need to do something productive with your life. This may be an indicator that you do not feel a need to focus all your attention on working. Look to the influences suggested by the sign on this house and to the planet ruling this house for more information about how to best approach fulfilling your needs for productivity and duty.

As a woman, you are innately creative. Although you may not consider yourself an artist, your creative spirit and drive are the mechanisms through which you shape your own life. Creative self-expression is seen strongly in the 5th House of your chart, and by incorporating these elements into your career, you will gain greater satisfaction from your work. If you have the time to concentrate on more recreational forms of creativity, this is the part of your chart which indicates what brings you pleasure. Life itself can certainly be a pleasurable experience - all the time, not just on holidays!



Scorpio's influence on your 5th House adds a need for passion as part of your play time. Your need for creativity is very strong, and whether you're preparing dinner for your family, working on an oil painting or delving into a research project - you put yourself into these things on a very deep level. You may prefer to keep your "personal" projects hidden from public scrutiny, although those who are closest to you can become privy to your current work of art. Since you may have a lot invested at an emotional level in your creativity, you don't enjoy the interference which sometimes arises from others. Recreational activities which are somewhat challenging may be quite inspiring, and you may enjoy spending time doing things like white water rafting, scuba diving, or going deep into the forest. You may also enjoy getting away to a secluded retreat or health spa, just to give yourself time to rejuvenate. The energy of Pluto is associated with your 5th House through its connection to the sign of Scorpio, indicating the importance of creativity and recreation as true healing elements in your life.



You're fortunate to have Neptune in your 5th House. This imaginative energy adds a special touch to your creative power and heightens your artistic sensibilities. Music and the arts may be an important part of your life, and you may love drama and the theater. You may also have an excellent eye for photography or cinematography.

One of the most powerful creative drives in your chart is your Sun. Since this is the energy which can drive you to be noticed, learning to cultivate this aspect of yourself in a positive manner can amplify your success in life.



To experience a real feeling of success, you may feel that you have to learn something from the experience. You are multi-talented with your Sun in Gemini, and may even change your career direction in order to experience a new range of possibilities. Sometimes, it may seem that you're living at least two lifetimes at once. Or you may find that you're living a dual life, juggling a mixed list of priorities in your many roles. Although this may keep things interesting, you've probably found that you are happier when the juggling act involves keeping fewer things in the air at once.

Your individuality is expressed through many different energies in your chart, but the energy which is most closely associated with the unique and individualistic part of yourself is Uranus. Through Uranian energy, you display your ingenuity and make the breakthroughs which allow you to move into new experiences. Uranus also prompts your rebellious nature, and the placement of this energy in your chart shows you where you are staging your own personal revolution.



You have Uranus in Libra, strengthening your need to experience breakthroughs in the realm of relationships. Along with other women born from 1968 to 1975, you've witnessed major changes in personal relationships and their effects upon the whole of society. These changes have also extended into the realm of the law and politics, and are also having a profound effect upon artistic expression. Your revolution will be fought within these realms, and those with Uranus in Libra will incite the changes in the law which have a major effect upon lifestyle and relationship choices. The areas in your own life where you've broken ground in your desire to achieve an awareness of true harmony and beauty are signified by the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.



Uranus in your 4th House brings a strong undercurrent of revolutionary energy into your life. You may actually change career paths more than once in your attempts to uncover your special calling, but the key element which is most attractive is the opportunity to break ground and establish new trends. Just try to remember that change for its own sake can be costly, although sometimes the only way to move into the new territory of personal development is to do something completely different!

The energy of Chiron is also a powerful factor for your outreach into the world. Through Chiron, you discover both strength and vulnerability. The vulnerability represented by Chiron is, in many ways, like a doorway which allows you to penetrate a deeper level of personal mastery. This is the process of initiation not unlike that which a Shaman must endure in order to learn how to travel between the worlds. Through Chiron, you learn how to travel between the world of your inner self and the world outside to achieve a sense of true purpose and wisdom.

You have Chiron in Aries, signifying a need to discover your true courage. Your life purpose is centered around your needs for pioneering into unexplored territory, whether physical or idealistic. Your life work may involve breaking ground, cutting through barriers, or blasting through outworn attitudes. Your head and heart need to be in harmony with one another if you are to succeed in achieving this purpose.

With Chiron in your 10th House you may feel that establishing yourself in a career is the key to finding your life purpose. This is okay, as long as your career seems to fill needs which include and are beyond those of the physical plane. Taking on positions of authority and leadership may be your link to your life purpose.

## Opening Your Heart

Ah, Love.... Songs, poems, novels, fairy-tales, movies all extol the power and pleasure of love - and for good reason: love is the food of life! There are many opportunities to love, in fact, a love affair with life is not a bad idea. But you also may need to "grow" love by sharing it, and therein is the seed of all relationships.

The planetary energies which are most usually associated with love are Venus and Neptune. Venusian energy radiates directly from your heart, from the center of yourself, where love resides deep within. Loving is an inner experience. The more you open to the love you hold within yourself, the more it grows. Your feelings of worthiness are represented by Venus, and as you grow to understand and appreciate your own value as a woman, it becomes easier to let this love energy flow through your life. Neptunian energy is Divine compassionate love - the love which does not judge and readily forgives. Neptune is the realm of romance, mysticism and heavenly perfection. Truly transcendent Neptunian love arises when you have healthy boundaries of your own, otherwise, you can become a victim of your own illusions!



Immersing yourself in love, surrounded by a warm embrace and tender caress, lets you just sink into the feeling that life is truly worthwhile. With Venus in Cancer you love deeply and experience love as a process which involves growth, change and continuity. When you love someone, it's natural for you to fall into the role of caretaker, since for you, nurturing is a natural part of loving. Sometimes you can express your love in a manner which feels a bit claustrophobic, and to avoid creating alienation, you need to pay attention when your husband, lover or even your kids seem to need a little more personal space (or room to make their own mistakes!). You're quite sensitive, and can be easily hurt, especially if you've jumped into a romantic situation too soon. Learning how to fulfill more of your own needs is crucial, since you can project a feeling of neediness, which may not be the best basis for a relationship. Allowing yourself to have what you want and need from life may be difficult at first, but it is the crucial ingredient in experiencing a fuller, more rewarding experience of love. You open your heart more fully when you feel safe and secure, and love more deeply when you're focused on creating your perfect love nest.



You can be a bit frustrated by your love experiences with your Sun in semi-square aspect to Venus. Part of the problem resides in your impatience. When you have a strong attraction to someone, you may want resolution about the outcome immediately. If you can work toward maintaining a bit more objectivity when your heart begins to open to a loving relationship, you'll be more satisfied with the end results.



Sometimes, you just need to make changes with Venus square Uranus. You do not easily tolerate restrictions in relationships, and if you're in a circumstance which is too inhibiting, will rebel against it. You also tend to be most attracted to men who are emotionally detached or unavailable in some way (married, living in another country, aliens from other planets, etc.), and until you realize that this happens when you really don't want to be tied down, it will continue. Okay, so maybe they're not aliens, but they can certainly seem that way when you try to get into a really intimate situation. Your own needs for intimacy can seem quite alien to you, and if you are to incorporate them into your life, you first need to recognize that you are not interested in repeating patterns women have repeated for centuries. You will do a relationship your way or not at all. Before you can experience a truly satisfying level of intimacy, you need to come to grips with your deeper emotional needs instead of just seeking thrills. You are a truly unique woman who needs a truly unique kind of love. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to find out about



As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Sagittarius, you may be intimately involved in reshaping the definition of marriage. Laws which reflect the true nature of loving and making commitments may be difficult to initiate, but are important parts of your task as a collective during this lifetime. On a personal level you may find that your primary drive in relationships involves finding a partner who shares your quest for truth and understanding. To open your heart to real compassion, you need to feel a sense of trust which originates from your common ideals and values. Once your vision is focused with that of your partner, you can create amazing changes which will form the basis of the teachings you pass on to your children and future generations.



With your Moon and Neptune in trine aspect, you may find it easy to trust your feelings when you're opening to love. Your sixth sense about other people is usually quite clear, and when you've found the right partner for your needs, you know. You may still have to watch a tendency to be too emotionally sensitive, but it's not usually a difficult problem.



You may never feel satisfied with any man who shares your life with your Sun in opposition to Neptune. That is, at least, until you release the man you love from the illusion of perfection he must meet before you can accept him. Strangely enough, this all goes back to seeing yourself clearly, and accepting yourself as you are. You must learn to create positive boundaries between yourself and those who share your heart, because you are so sensitive that you will respond emotionally to their feelings as though they were your own. If you fall into patterns of codependency and dysfunctionality, that's okay as long as you are working to get beyond the traps involved. But if you're in denial about the truth of your relationships, then you have much more work to do.



With Mars and Neptune in trine aspect to one another your experiences with men may help to sustain your faith in healthy relationships. Although you have your ideals, you can also assert yourself when you need to pursue something different beyond your relationship. For example, if you need to feel satisfied through a career, you can do that without threatening the integrity of a supportive relationship. You will grow most fully in a relationship which sustains you on multiple levels - physical, emotional and spiritual.



With Jupiter in trine aspect to Neptune you need to incorporate a sense of spirituality into your intimate relationships. It is important that you find a partner who shares your morals and beliefs, although you can be quite open to differences as long as you agree on principles. You may discover your perfect partner while in pursuit of your spiritual quests.



The semisquare aspect between Uranus and Neptune happens about once each century and influences an entire generation or collective group of individuals. In many ways you may feel that you are among the forerunners of a new set of ideals, and may have some conflict between the beliefs and ideals (or lack of them) you were taught by your parents and those you seek for yourself.

The houses in your chart which amplify love relationships are the 5th, 7th, and 11th Houses. Through the 5th House, you experience giving love. It is through this facet of yourself that you have love affairs, playful and recreational relationships and where you produce the offspring of loving. The offspring can range from artistic endeavors to children. But when dealing with relationships, this is the space which is usually occupied by loving another in an intimate sense.



The extreme passion you feel when you're in love can be absolutely addicting with Scorpio on your 5th House. You love the touch, taste and feel of being in love, and open your heart most easily when your sensuality is powerfully stimulated. You can be exceptionally attractive, and project a quality which is very enticing to the opposite sex. You love the experience of being a woman, especially when you're in the depths of passion, allowing your power and energy to pour forth. However, your profound curiosity about sexuality may also prompt you to explore the physical aspect of love affairs with the mind and heart of an investigator (I wonder what would happen if...?). Since Pluto rules this house, you can be somewhat invasive and intimidating to your lovers, and need to be aware that your own intensity may be normal for you, but overwhelming to someone who's not used to it. If you're hurt by a lover, you can become vengeful; and if you feel insecure, can be quite jealous. These feelings can destroy the truly loving elements of a relationship, and it is important to be aware of your motivations and deeper feelings if you are to avoid going too far with jealousy. When a relationship ends, you end it FOREVER. For you, there's no turning back. You're in or you're out. And that's it.



Neptune's energy in your 5th House encourages you to spend a lot of time dreaming about the perfect love. Reverie and fantasy can be healthy, and in the best situations your intimate relationships will allow plenty of time for you to indulge in playful fantasy and high-level romance. Be alert to the possibility of falling in love with love, or with the things you wish to see in others, and try to take off your rose colored glasses from time to time. Make time in your life for giving of yourself, whether through charitable ventures, in community service or through your creative or artistic self-expression. And avoid the temptation of looking for a love that will rescue you from a life that does not fit your dreams.

The 7th House of your chart illustrates what you're seeking from a partner. More importantly, this part of your chart also tells a story about the kind of partner you really want to become. This is also the realm of social contact, and provides information about your approach to socialization. Although marriage agreements are shown through the 7th House, planets here (or a lack of planets here) do not "promise" marriage or its lack. But if your 7th House is highly activated, you may be more motivated to find a partner.



With the influence of Capricorn on your 7th House you may experience some frustration in finding the right partner. Your own emotionality and neediness can attract men who are also very needy themselves, and you can be caught in emotional traps which are only anxiety-producing instead of mutually supportive. If you attract men who want to be mothered, you may at first feel that you can do it, until you confront your own need for a little comfort and support. For this reason it is crucial that you share your needs and feelings with your partner and determine whether or not you can be mutually supportive to one another. Since Saturn drives your needs in partnerships, you can become entangled in relationships out of a sense of obligation or responsibility, and it can be difficult to extract yourself from a marriage even if it is not working. Realizing this, it is very important that you make an effort to understand your aims, obligations and needs before you make a commitment.

The lack of planetary energy in your 7th House does NOT indicate that you will be without a partner, or that marriage is not suitable. There are millions of married women with no planets in their 7th Houses! To better understand how you approach finding a partner and the type of partner you wish to be, study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house and the planet associated with that sign, noted above.

It is through the 11th House that you learn about unconditional relationships, and where you open to receiving love and support from others. Here you find your friends, your supportive professional allies, and your community. Through this facet of yourself you develop your special interests. And here you set your goals for the future. It's wonderful the way friends can support your aims, provide feedback when you need objectivity, and comfort you when you're facing challenges. Your approach to friendship is also seen through this part of your chart.



You have Taurus on the cusp of your 11th House, signifying that you need friends who will be there for the long term. Your friendships form the rock of your emotional stability, and there is probably a special female friend who provides a strong support in your life. You can also be a supportive and loving friend, and enjoy being part of your friend's success. But you may not appreciate feeling that a friend is leaving you behind while she is progressing, and it's important to talk about these feelings if they arise so that you can salvage your friendship. Sometimes, you tend to hold back, just to protect yourself emotionally, and that can be a problem if you really want to clarify what's happening. Your best friendships will provide comfort and strength, and will require the same from you. It's not always easy for you to open your heart to receive love, and your friendships can provide the stability you need to learn how to let love, caring and support into your life. The energy of Venus influences this area of your life, indicating that your closest friends will probably be other women. You'll also enjoy a friendship which reflect your tastes and values, and may have a good friend who is artistically gifted.



The Sun's influence in your 11th House draws the support of special and influential friends. You may rely upon your friends to help you achieve a truly objective perspective about yourself and your goals. You can also play a very powerful role in the lives of your good friends, who will see your light and understanding as an important part of their own success. Since you tend to identify with your friends, it's crucial to choose friends who will be a positive influence in your life and whose aims and objectives are in harmony with your higher needs. You will definitely be known by the friends and associations you maintain.



Sharing understanding and speaking the same language (figuratively) is important to you with Mercury in your 11th House. Talking with your friends may be a high priority, and you can go out of your way to make yourself accessible so that this link can be maintained. Your friends also give you something to talk about, but you have to be careful to avoid excessive gossip! You may have friends in a broad age group, and will be likely to attract the friendship of young people throughout your life. You like the way young minds think, and since youthful ideas keep your own aims spinning, it's fun to spend time around these inquiring minds.

## Power Issues: Sex, Money and Control

Personal power is an individual expression, and has different meanings for each person. As a woman in the world today, your opportunity to experience and express your personal power is largely dependent upon the manner in which you develop it. Particularly in the Western World, as times have changed and the power base has gradually evolved beyond the patriarchal control of the last centuries, women are seeking to define their place in the world: collectively and individually. Gaining influence in the world through career and financial development, you begin to understand the different levels of power. Within the family, your roles are also evolving. You are also more free to express your sexual needs and desires, and demand that you are respected as a person and not sexually abused. But everything stems from your ability to identify, embrace and assimilate the true nature of your power as an individual woman.

On a personal level, you can begin to identify much about your own power by looking deeply into the meaning of your 1st House: Your Personality Self. Early in your report you read about what you project about yourself as identified by your Ascendant. Your first House further defines that projection of the Self, and is an area where you carve out much about the way you show yourself to the world on your own terms.



Through your Cancer Ascendant you can appear caring and nurturant, and may seem to be open to the needs of others. This may attract all sorts of relationships, especially from people who need to be mothered. You do not enjoy having to take responsibility for everyone else when they need to learn how to carry their own burdens, and rather than face up to the challenge of telling them to pick up their bags and move along, you can take the indirect approach which leaves questions and confusion. When you're too indirect, you lose power. You may not want to get into a fight, or cause someone to be upset with you, because you just don't like the emotional fallout. You can play hide and seek forever and never get your point across. You may also feel emotionally vulnerable, and may create a kind of "shell" to protect you from possible harm. That shell can even be physical, like excess weight or layers of clothing. These things destroy your power by inhibiting it. On the other hand you have the choice of talking about your feelings, soliciting the feelings and needs of others, and creating a forum which allows those within your circle to be comfortable taking care of themselves while supporting the needs of their family - your family. Instead of creating a dysfunctional family, whether at home or at work, use your nurturant sensibilities to change the atmosphere. Become personally powerful by learning how to say good-bye when necessary, and by welcoming newcomers with a clear projection of who you are. Most of all, be aware of the manner in which you can manipulate others because you can lose a lot of ground if you're always trying to maneuver everyone into position instead of just recognizing where they stand and what they need in the first place.

Since you do not have planets in your 1st House your personality expression may not be overpowered by the drive of a particular energy. The qualities associated with the sign on this house cusp, explained above, since through as the primary manner in which you want to be seen by the world.

Another power space on your chart is your Midheaven. This point, which is usually at the top of your chart and marks the cusp of the 10th House, is like the crown and torch of the Statue of Liberty. Here too, are the indicators of the types of people you most admire, and the clues to what you need to develop within yourself to attain unshakable self-respect.



Through your Aries Midheaven you are striving to experience the power which comes when you are leading the way. Your admiration for great leaders may prompt you to find a mentor whose inspiration fosters your own courage to forge your own pathways to success. Although meeting challenges can be empowering to you, disruptive outbursts or abrasive attitudes can work against your aims.



The energy of your Moon in conjunction to your Midheaven draws many opportunities for success. The support and influence of other people can open a lot of doors, and your own support of others will open even more. You need to establish a level of ambition which feels comfortable and will be most fulfilled when you are accomplishing your aims. Your ambitions definitely have a cyclical nature, and you will be most empowered when you listen to your inner voice in this regard.



Your Sun's sextile aspect to your Midheaven adds strength to your capacity to succeed in achieving your aims and realizing your ambitions. You need recognition for your efforts, and it is that recognition which will act as a platform for future achievements and personal growth. Power for its own sake is not your issue, but accomplishing your goals in the spirit of self-fulfillment is definitely empowering!



Cultivating your intellectual abilities enhances your confidence and success in the world. You may also be quite adept working with people and will probably enjoy working in fields which require good people skills. Getting the education you need is an important step, and your acceptance and understanding of this approach can be especially empowering.



Mars conjunct your Midheaven activates your sense of ambition, and can play a strong role in your need to establish power and autonomy through your life work. You'll be most attracted to career circumstances which provide breakthrough opportunities and allow you to utilize your leadership. Your needs for crisis and competition in your career are strong, so finding a career which incorporates crises or positive outlets for competition will be necessary if you are to avoid hostility. Pay attention to the way you handle power plays in your profession, since your desire to achieve your aims can blind you to the needs or sensibilities of others.



Reaching for the stars is only the beginning with Jupiter conjunct your Midheaven. You have great expectations for your accomplishments in the world, and your confidence and optimism can go a long way in helping you get there. Sometimes you can also present more hot air than substance, especially if you've run headlong into a situation which is foreign to your expertise. Generally, however, your enthusiasm works to your benefit, and your comfort. When you're in the public eye, it can be a great asset.



Saturn's energy in square aspect to your Midheaven provides a powerful challenge in regard to achieving your ambitions. You may actually perform best when you're under pressure, and you rarely choose goals which are easy to achieve. But if you are well prepared and have the confidence in yourself required to rise to the occasion, then you can accomplish a great deal. The problem you may run into is in your motivations. It is crucial that you explore the underlying reasons for your goals, since if you are trying to satisfy someone else and gain little satisfaction for yourself, you will feel that you have failed - even if you reach the summit of achievement. The obstacles in your path are usually quite apparent, but sometimes it's not so easy to figure out what to do about them.



The energy of Neptune in supportive trine aspect to your Midheaven suggests that many of the accomplishments you're making for yourself can pave the way for others. Work that has a spiritual basis or that allows you to reach into the psyche and soul of others, can be personally empowering. You can be quite capable of surrendering your will to the will of a Higher Power in order to achieve your aims. This aspect also underlines the importance of your role in making your dreams happen in harmony with your Highest Needs. However, you can also be unmotivated and may even be lazy, living in a dream instead of making it real. The difference is applied effort.

Someone once said that money makes the world go around, and from all evidence, it certainly seems to be a powerful force. Money, in fact, symbolizes power. With money, you can have what you want. With more money, you can have more of what you want. Without money, you may want what you cannot have. Your relationship with money is an extremely intimate and seductive force. The way you use your resources - money, time, energy - says a lot about how you perceive your own power and personal worth. This facet of yourself is expressed through the 2nd House of your chart. Here, you express your value systems. The important special link between finances and self-esteem cannot be understated, and is especially important for you as a woman. In order to extract the real value of your talents and services from others in the world (such as what you are paid from your job), you must first value yourself.



Leo's qualities radiate through your 2nd House, adding a need to be in control of your own finances, time, and resources. You have an uncanny ability to draw on resources, even when you think you've reached the bottom of the barrel. In essence, when you are feeling strongly about yourself and are willing to put in the effort to meet your needs, there's very little that can stop you from achieving those aims! Even if you are married and share your resources, you'll probably prefer to be in charge of the finances, or at least have control over some of your own money. Someone else telling you what to do with your time, money or energy may engender a sense of resentment, since having power in this area of your life can be a matter of personal pride. Your self worth can be strengthened through maintaining an awareness of your personal needs and allowing yourself to feel good about enjoying their fulfillment. Since your Sun's energy plays a major role in the way you develop your self esteem, you'll discover that you feel good about yourself when you've gained the recognition you need for your efforts. You can be a little selfish with your finances, and may not like the idea of giving up something you want for someone else. Sometimes this can get in your way, and achieving a balance between giving and receiving can be one of your greatest challenges.

Just because your 2nd House is empty do not think that you'll be without money. This can, in fact, be a strong indicator that money matters will not be a primary drive in your life. Self-esteem issues may not be extremely powerful for you either, although you can strengthen your sense of self-worth by embracing the qualities associated with the sign which is on the cusp of this house. Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart. Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which seems more like what you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

Here you also find your compulsions. It's no wonder that you don't display this part of yourself to just anybody. You have to feel safe to open this facet of yourself, and you realize that this vulnerability can be used against you in power plays. But what you may not always remember is that this is also where you have the power! In true tantric traditions, it is through the vessel of a woman's sexual energy that a couple can ride the wave of sexual ecstasy. This also extends to the other power aspects of any relationship. If your transformational and magical qualities are blocked, the whole of the relationship will suffer.



You may enjoy an unusual approach to achieving real intimacy. The influence of Aquarius on your 8th House stimulates a desire to experience unconditional acceptance through exploring the intimate side of your relationship, which includes your sexuality. Allowing room for experimentation, creating an opportunity for honest and open communication and acknowledging and supporting your mutual emotional and physical needs will strengthen the bond you have with your partner. You can be aloof in this area, particularly if you are afraid of the effects of allowing another person to become this close. Just going through the motions will never give you what you need - which is to be transported into another realm through the alchemy of love. The resources you create with a partner may grow best when you have a real vision of what you want to create together. This shared vision can deepen your bond with one another, and if you're involved in doing things for others you may discover that you somehow grow closer to one another.

Since you have no planets in the 8th House you may not be obsessed with too many problems or hassles with the issues of this area in your life. But you may not get off free on this one, either. Study the sign on the cusp of this house and read everything noted about the planet associated with that sign, because this is the energy tied up with your emotional attachments!

Mars energy is about getting what you want by going after it. Mars is drive. Mars is courage. Mars is desire. Mars is unabashed sexuality. Mars is the fuel for personal power. Men do Mars quite effectively, right down to fighting and war. But you also have a warrior spirit, an Amazon Self. This is your Mars. If you fail to own and utilize your own Martian force, you lose power.



With Mars in Aries, your passions can run quite hot. Your power emerges from your sense of courage and enthusiasm, and when you're really turned onto something or someone, you can be quite assertive. You can lose power if you jump into anything too quickly and will undermine your influence when you are too aggressive. Learning how to handle anger is important too, since you may be a bit short-tempered. But once you've expressed your anger, you usually go right on. You may enjoy taking the lead in sexual exchange, and can become quite frustrated if you run into rejection or denial. Sharing sex with a partner who enjoys the playful elements of sexuality can then allow you to experience the more profound levels of energy. You're most attracted to men who are independent and strong-willed, but are capable of standing up to them when you need to do so. Staying physically active helps you maintain your power on many levels, and if you've fallen into a sedentary life, you will find that regaining your physical vitality through increasing your activity level will empower you.



Sometimes you just do not handle restraint very well, especially when it feels defeating. With Mars in square aspect to Saturn, you are struggling with the lessons of right use of power, and have to deal with this experience both through your own actions and those of others. Developing positive self-restraint - not total inhibition - is the key to working with this energy properly. If you've experienced limitations which seem to be beyond your control, remember that you always have control over at least one factor: your response! Learning to use the blocks, frustrations and limitations in your life as stabilizing forces can make a huge difference in your sense of personal power. But if you're continually bumping into the same old barriers, or if you're stuck in the same fear of your own desires, you will never know the power you so deeply crave. You are the perfect candidate for passive-aggressive behavior in which you project your own frustrations and insecurities onto others or blame others for your mistakes. Taking charge of yourself is your major responsibility; trying to control others can be an exercise in futility.



Mars and Pluto in opposition to one another is a constant test. You're always faced with people who are controllers. Do you think that could be because you like to be in control yourself? Well, you'd better answer that in the affirmative, since you love the idea of power and are hungry to experience it. But the way you use it is crucial. And the way you allow others to assert their power over you is also extremely important. You can either be abusive or abused, depending on what you hold in your deep desires. Now you may think it can't be that easy, but in your heart of hearts you know it's true. You're fascinated by all the things everybody considers taboo and need to at least look into those fascinations in healthy ways or you're likely to undo yourself - not a pretty picture. You can be the ultimate temptress, so why not learn how to use that in its best sense and let the Goddess residing within work through you? By uncovering your hidden power through developing your inner self you can become completely transformed and can alter your life accordingly, especially if your motives are pure.



Mars conjunct your Midheaven activates your sense of ambition, and can play a strong role in your need to establish power and autonomy through your life work. You'll be most attracted to career circumstances which provide breakthrough opportunities and allow you to utilize your leadership. Your needs for crisis and competition in your career are strong, so finding a career which incorporates crises or positive outlets for competition will be necessary if you are to avoid hostility. Pay attention to the way you handle power plays in your profession, since your desire to achieve your aims can blind you to the needs or sensibilities of others.

Saturn plays the role of the big controller in your life. Sometimes that control seems to come from outside. You know - all the rules and regulations, the authority figures, the intimidating people who tell you what to do - this is the Saturn of the outside world. But you have the same traffic cop in the back of your own mind, telling you what is right and wrong, chiding you when you make a mistake, holding you back when you're about to do something stupid. Saturn control can be a good thing. This is your energy for self-discipline, clarity and focus. You need Saturn. But you need Saturn in its most productive sense. You do not need the guilt, intimidation and self-limitation that keep you from having what you require from life.



When you are safe and secure at home, you feel powerful. This is a function of your Saturnian need for security filtered through the sign of Cancer. When your parents show their approval, you are especially confirmed. This is okay; there's nothing to be guilty about. But why is it that if you veer away from the path set by those who have gone before that you get nervous? As long as you use your sense of self-control to help you maintain the stability and serenity you need in your own life, you're in a pretty good space. But try to avoid falling into the same ruts over and over again. And remember that you cannot take care of everybody else by telling them what to do or keeping them protected from the world forever. Sometimes those little birdies just have to fly on their own. So do you!



The square aspect between your Moon and Saturn can stimulate negative attitudes toward yourself and your needs, and may even add a feeling of resentment toward yourself for being a woman. Your relationships or your conditioning have illustrated that being a woman is a liability, you have two choices. By accepting this condition, your power as a whole person is inhibited. By deciding to overcome the obstacles in your path, your power grows. But you must guard against a tendency to develop harsh emotions, since when you are cold or unfeeling, you're denying a part of yourself. Taking responsibility for your feelings is very different from inhibiting your needs or repressing your nurturant qualities. You can be powerful and be a woman, too.



You may spend a lot of energy trying to get out of responsibilities with Jupiter in square aspect to Saturn. If you were to apply the same amount of energy toward those same responsibilities, you would feel self-confirmed and accomplish more in the long run! The easy way out is not the path of greatest reward for you, and waiting for somebody to come along and rescue you will only result in disappointment and lack of self-trust. You may not trust your own abilities, but how will you know whether or not you're capable unless you try? And if you refuse to try because you're not an expert, well, you already know the answer to that one. Genius is created, it doesn't just "happen".



Saturn's energy in square aspect to your Midheaven provides a powerful challenge in regard to achieving your ambitions. You may actually perform best when you're under pressure, and you rarely choose goals which are easy to achieve. But if you are well prepared and have the confidence in yourself required to rise to the occasion, then you can accomplish a great deal. The problem you may run into is in your motivations. It is crucial that you explore the underlying reasons for your goals, since if you are trying to satisfy someone else and gain little satisfaction for yourself, you will feel that you have failed - even if you reach the summit of achievement. The obstacles in your path are usually quite apparent, but sometimes it's not so easy to figure out what to do about them.

Plutonian control is sometimes difficult to grasp, but it's definitely there. When you feel this control from outside yourself, it is undermining and extremely intimidating. The force of Pluto is buried deep within your psyche. It is unleashed and grows in a manner like the process of mitosis in a fertilized cell, which is altered, splits off, combines with other cells and ultimately becomes an organism. Through Pluto, you experience the power of life, birth, healing, and the ultimate change of death. If you are trapped in a mire of shame, guilt and self-destructiveness, you may have undergone a Plutonian transformation as a result of trauma earlier in your life. But it is this same force which plants the seeds of change that eventually can lead to the creation of a new self.

The power of your thoughts determines your experience of life. Pluto's energy in your 3rd House prompts you to transform your thinking. You must learn to trust your own intelligence, and to develop your mind in such a way that will allow you to experience an understanding of life at core levels. You ask questions, although many are never verbalized. They just drive you, like a relentless taskmaster, to look beneath the surface. You can be overcome by compulsive thought patterns, and when you do, you can find it difficult to release yourself from them. These compulsions can be a power drain, especially if they reach the obsessive level. Take the time to listen to your own thoughts. Do they offer self-confirming messages or destructive mutterings? Once you find a way to use your mind to heal your life, you will know the power you've been seeking.

## Embracing Your Divine Self

In western society today it's okay to admit that women are Goddesses. This, in itself, implies that the power of The Source may not be solely masculine. In essence, this power contains All That Is, but as a woman, you express it through your Goddess Self. This part of yourself is always there when you feel abandoned or alone to give you comfort. Your Goddess Self is standing firmly beside you when you face a major challenge, sharing her strength and support. Your Goddess Self opens the doors to Truth and Understanding. She is the essence of all that is Love. Look in the mirror. Stare deeply into your own eyes and you will see her reflected back at you.

When you need to get in touch with your inner being, an exercise in guided imagery can help you make the transition from your everyday thinking to heightened awareness. Take a few minutes to make this journey. Before you begin, find time to be alone. Sit or lie down in a comfortable position in a place that feels safe to you. Take three deep breaths. With each breath, release the tension from your body as you exhale. As you inhale, fill yourself with energy, light and inner calm. Then, close your eyes, and take one more relaxing breath.



Imagine that you are a priestess living in a sacred temple. Here, you are calm, at peace with yourself, and free to express your ideas, creativity and compassion without restraint. All your gifts are considered sacred, and your awareness is clear and pure. Each day you sing with joy and feel inspired by the experience of sharing time with your sisters whose lives are as full as your own. You are happy to surrender to your creative muse, because she guides you into experiences which are always wonderful. One morning your muse sings to you and carries you into a beautiful garden. She seems to have a great sense of anticipation, and tells you that you are to be blessed today. In the center of the garden, you meet



a beautiful warrior princess who gestures for you to follow her. She is magnificent, dressed in bright colors, with a headdress of fine jewels and iridescent feathers. With her, she carries a shield, which is fashioned of many things from the earth, painted with interesting symbols. She leads you to a place which seems to be in a new dimension. There, you are invited into a circle dance, where you dance with others who are merging their power with The Source. You feel completely energized. As the dance ends, your guide directs you to walk through a brilliant fire. As you pass through the flames, you realize that you are absolutely safe. Emerging from the flames, you are given a shield which is engraved with a special symbol. Your experience in this sacred space reminds you that you are always protected, and that there is always a source of power waiting to recharge your energy and vitality.