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| Mercury   | Taurus    | 08°Ta25'   | 11th  | 11th  |
| Venus     | Pisces    | 03°Pi31'   | 09th  | 09th  |
| Mars      | Aquarius  | 21°Aq40'   | 08th  | 08th  |
| Jupiter   | Cancer    | 03°Ca47'   | 12th  | 12th  |
| Saturn    | Capricorn | 24°Cp49'   | 07th  | 07th  |
| Uranus    | Capricorn | 09°Cp35'   | 06th  | 06th  |
| Neptune   | Capricorn | 14°Cp34'   | 07th  | 07th  |
| Pluto     | Scorpio   | 17°Sc08' R | 05th  | 05th  |
| Midheaven | Pisces    | 29°Pi01'   | 10th  | 10th  |
| Ascendant | Cancer    | 14°Ca12'   | 01st  | 01st  |

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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.

You are a "feeling" type of woman with water strongly predominant in your chart. Your sensibilities can range from psychic to moody, but one thing is certain: you are definitely impressionable. Your artistic endeavors and creative expression may elicit a strong response from others, since you have a deep sense of passion. Your insightful nature can be especially keen, and your compassion for others can extend strong support. You may find it difficult to separate your feelings from those of everyone around you, and building some emotional boundaries can strengthen judgment of personal relationships. However, your concern for others can be a positive thing if you have a healthy way of channeling it. The elemental balance in your astrological chart shows fire as a weak factor, which may inhibit your ability to take action some of the time. Challenges, or even the thought of them, can exhaust you, but avoiding challenges may also take some of the spirit out of your life! If you're feeling uninspired or lacking in motivation at times, and want to change it, expose yourself to situations which stimulate your sense of hope and optimism. Use fiery colors, candlelight, or even the glow of a fireplace on a winter evening to help re-focus your energy. Take time to exercise, since increasing your physical activity can also stimulate your mind and spirit. You may feel overwhelmed by others who are constantly on the go, even though your attraction to them can be immense.

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 an adequate level of fixed energy, which helps you maintain your focus and stability in the midst of change, and aids in your ability to complete your obligations. Your weakest link is in mutability, which indicates that you sometimes have trouble adapting to change or that you are somewhat inflexible in your attitudes.

When you look at the picture of your chart as a whole, you might notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the right side of your chart. This hemisphere strength indicates that you are driven by a need for connection to others, and you may seek validation from others as a means of confirming your sense of identity. It can be tempting to define your sense of self through your relationships, which can be a dangerous precedent if you have not yet determined what you really need and want from your life on your own terms. However, you also have a strength through this emphasis, and that is an ability to honor and understand the needs and demands of others. Just watch your tendency to put your needs at the bottom of the heap!

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 the Sun in Aries your independent way of thinking and doing things may be quite powerful. Your ego self is driven by a need for autonomy. You need plenty of room to move, and the idea of being penned in makes you feel unsettled. You simply do not like waiting, and prefer spontaneity to planned situations. You may also be more comfortable taking the lead, which can be daunting for some of the men in your life. Since your Sun indicates "who you think you are," you may realize that if you see yourself as autonomous, then situations in your life are more likely to develop which allow you to express yourself in a more self-determined manner.

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 Libra, your flair for color and design extends to your personal appearance, and you prefer stylish dress and refined mannerisms.



Your Moon is in a tense square aspect to your Ascendant, which shows friction between the way you feel and who you are. The conflict arises when you feel one way about something or someone and do something else because you're concerned about the way someone else is likely to respond. This can keep you in a ridiculous trap, since your only option seems to be to ignore your feelings and concentrate on everyone else. Consequently, you may have relationships in which nobody feels trusting or safe. You can turn it all around by becoming more honest with yourself about what you need and want, and realizing that you do not have to take care of everyone else's feelings in order to be happy. Learning not to resent yourself and your needs is an excellent beginning.



With your Sun in square aspect to your Ascendant, you may sometimes feel that everyone is always on the defensive with you. You may even have learned to avoid asserting yourself just to avoid the pain of confrontation. But there are times when you do need to take a stand or when you need things to go your way. Learning to ask for assistance is quite different from demanding it, and you'll gain greater support from others if everyone feels empowered.



Uranus opposes your Ascendant in your chart, adding a powerful element of surprise to your self-projection. Others may never know what to expect from you except that change is always a possibility. Even if you are married and playing the role of mother, you are not likely to do things in a traditional manner. You're the woman who can adopt a lifestyle which is definitely an alternative to the norm. But you may also resist making commitments, attracting others who are just as stubbornly independent as yourself. If you wonder why the man (or woman) you love is just not available, ask yourself if you really want to be strongly committed or emotionally available. You need ample room to experiment with your identity, to be free to express yourself. A partnership which supports your personal growth will work beautifully. But a situation which stifles your growth and independence will only spawn your rebellion.



Neptune's opposition to your Ascendant indicates that you are especially sensitive to other people and their energy. You may even find that becoming involved in fulfilling the needs of others is easier than acknowledging your own needs. Psychologically this aspect represents a strong tendency toward co-dependency. It also indicates the potential for developing addictive patterns in relationships. Your perceptions of others can be somewhat confusing, for though you can look inside a person and see their potential, you may not be able to see their human weaknesses or deceptive tendencies! It's easy to idealize, and then, when reality sets in, you tend to distrust yourself, becoming disillusioned with your own judgment. Your compassion and desire to help are good things. You simply need to discover the person residing deep within yourself, and to distinguish between your feelings and the needs and emotions of others. You may be so sensitive that another's emotions and needs feel like your own. But as you develop a powerful attunement to your inner self, you will easily distinguish your own melody from the song of another.



Pluto's trine aspect to your Ascendant adds an aura of intrigue to your self-projection. Your self-assurance can be the result of your easy connection to your inner self and also arises from your ability to read between the lines and see what's actually happening. This energy connection can be further developed through your study of psychology and human behavior, although you may be quite a natural at understanding human nature in the first place. You may also have a dogged persistence when you're on the trail of pursuit - whether you're pursuing a relationship, and idea or a goal.

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 Libra Moon is the part of you which feels most alive when you share those special moments in your life with a partner or companion. Somehow, life is better when you have a true, balanced, working partnership. But getting to that point can be a bumpy road. This drive actually stems from the duality which exists within yourself. Your inner self needs as much recognition and support as the part of you which exists in and is validated by the outside world. Herein lies your true partnership. And from this point, a relationship with someone else can become a reasonable reality.

## 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 Libra Moon shapes your attitudes of femininity in a very special sense: for you, being a woman is a beautiful experience. You may love the essence of feminine grace, charm and delicate beauty, and your ability to radiate those qualities can be easily developed. Your ideals are quite high, though, and you may have a sense of impatience with yourself when you fail to meet your own ideals, and can be especially dissatisfied when you feel that someone else is unhappy with you. When external standards become too important, even your own faith in your inner beauty and personal worth begins to wane. Once you've fallen into the trap of trying to please, you can lose sense of yourself. But you have a gift: you are capable of regaining your balance and getting everything back into perspective. And you are quite capable of standing your own ground and waging battles when necessary.

You may yearn for a partner, someone with whom you can share your life. Feeling like Cinderella, hoping that somewhere there is your dream lover and partner, you may dream that somehow you will be beautiful and lovely enough to have him: the perfect man who will respect your needs and honor your individuality. But fairy tales can be the source of your greatest pain. There is nothing wrong with wanting a partner, but expecting him to be your salvation can set you up for disappointment! You have the power to change the outcome by changing your focus. Creating your inner partner can be your greatest challenge, and it is not until you have accomplished that aim that you will feel like a whole woman. Deep within your soul, you know that you will never have the perfect partner until you accept yourself as perfect. Oh, yes, that includes embracing your shortcomings, and it includes accepting the human foibles of everyone else you love. Then, and only then, will the beauty, peace and harmony you hope to find in the world shine through you. The Universe cannot help but reflect it back to you.



Your Moon is in opposition aspect to your Sun, adding emotional intensity to your personality and stimulating a strong sensitivity to your environment and those within it. You are also face to face with yourself and may struggle to remain aware of who you are and what you need, especially in your relationships. Sometimes, it may seem that you are always striving to achieve some type of balance between what you want and what others want from you, but if you are connected to the center of yourself, this task becomes much easier. Even though you may think life might be simpler if you did not have to consider how you feel about things, removing this sensitivity would diminish a powerful level of awareness. You have the capacity to develop high levels of objectivity, since your intuitive insightfulness can work to your benefit. Your emotional sensitivity can also get in your way if you get out of balance or if you allow someone else's needs to overwhelm your own.

This aspect indicates conflict between the masculine and feminine elements of your psyche, and this can be played out in your relationships until you gain an awareness of how you work on the "inside". You may even find that you play the roles of both father and mother to your children, although your mothering nature does usually overwhelm your more assertive side. In intimate relationships, you may attract men who want a mother, but you want, most of all, to be a true partner. Certainly there is a level of nurturing which occurs in close relationships, and there's nothing wrong with becoming "mommy" and "daddy" in your roles. Caretaking is part of your identity as a woman, but the levels at which you accomplish expressing this tenderness are up to you.



With your Moon in trine aspect to Mars, you can be quite confident about expressing your feelings and asserting yourself in a positive manner. Your knack for dealing with people is excellent, and you can be quite effective dealing with men on your own terms. You are likely to find the male-female dance quite interesting and enjoyable, and the differences between men and women are more intriguing to you than they are perplexing. As a mother, you can be especially supportive, since you enjoy dealing with your children on their level and generate an atmosphere of safe support, creativity and fun. In relationships, you are not likely to hesitate about expressing the way you feel, and can show all your emotions, including anger, without worrying if they are "acceptable." Since you take yourself at face value, you may also have the same approach to dealing with others, which makes for a great ingredient in any relationship.



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

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.



The tension produced through the square aspect between your Moon and Uranus creates an unpredictable quality and can lead to emotional instability. Your rebellious attitudes can have a positive effect in stimulating change, and you may be quite ingenious. Not only are you likely to resist falling into a rut, you may rebel strongly against any conditions that inhibit your personal freedom and autonomy. For this reason, marriage can be a difficult option, especially if you're trying to hold to the old traditions and play the role of dutiful housewife, or other roles which do not suit you. However, you can sustain a relationship if it is open, exciting and growth-oriented - and if your partner is as independent and experimental as you are! You can be drawn to an alternative lifestyle, and may have attitudes which fly in the face of convention when it comes to love, relationships, children or career. In many ways, you are a trendsetter, but if you wish to be respected and to have your talents as a woman taken seriously, you must utilize your resources to their fullest and allow yourself to shine as the individual you are. Trying to shape yourself into something that you are not will destroy your soul.



With your Moon in square aspect to Neptune, your imagination is highly active, and your emotional responses can be especially dramatic. Your emotional sensitivity can range to extremes from ecstasy to despair, and you can respond just as powerfully to an imaginary stimulus as to something "real." Your idea of reality can be somewhat different from the norm because you feel the vibrations of everything around you. But since you are functioning on the physical plane, it is important for you to learn to distinguish physical reality from the reality which is beyond the physical. Once you've accomplished this, you can draw more reasonable emotional boundaries, and can feel much more in control of your life. You also need these boundaries in order to avoid being used or abused by others in your life.

Your compassion can be a wonderful thing, and ministering to the needs of others does, indeed, fill your soul. You may have difficulty separating your feelings from the emotions and feelings of others, and can find it difficult to walk away from the situations which you must leave behind. Your yearning for a soul mate can lead you to see only what you want to see in the man you love, instead of accepting him for what he is. In relationships, you are quite prone to high levels of co-dependency or addictive behavior patterns, and may be the one who ends up falling victim to another's emotional instability unless you learn to give yourself some psychological space. This is not as easy to do as it sounds, because when you are attached to someone, you can be very deeply attached. But sacrificing yourself to the needs of another, especially if they are self-abusive or if they are abusing you, can destroy your spirit. Developing skills in meditation, contemplation and other self-reflective techniques can help you feel more connected to the core of your inner self, and may impart the objectivity you need to determine if you are in a situation which can allow you to make your dreams come true, or if you're in a living nightmare. Spending time developing your creative or artistic interests can have a similar strengthening effect upon your psyche.

Your Moon is in the Gibbous Moon phase of the lunation cycle, indicating that you are continually striving to reach your goals, and that you are definitely growth-oriented. Even when you've accomplished one achievement, you may feel an immediate discontent, because you can see that there is yet another possibility or pathway. In relationships, this can create a frustrating series of power struggles, especially with others who are content to leave things as they are. You need and want to be perfect, and that ideal of perfection is also evolving as you mature. It is crucial that you maintain an awareness of your feelings and needs, and that you spend some time in introspection in order to gain the level of perspective necessary to help you maintain your equilibrium.

The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of "The Muse," stimulating your creative self-development. This is a cycle of blossoming, and you need to feel that your life is an experience of opening up. As you work to create the experience of yourself as a whole woman, you may begin to realize that what you see within yourself is much more valid than the images, ideals or expectations projected by society - especially those which are false and which do not support the true nature of womanliness. Your devotion to finding this quality within yourself can, indeed, sustain you and may inspire others as well.

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 Pisces you can develop a powerful sense of compassionate love. Your expression of your deeper feelings vibrates through everything you do, sometimes strongly, and sometimes in a more subtle manner. You are deeply sensitive, and unabashedly romantic. All the romance novels with the perfect love that takes you away from the cares and trouble of the world were written for you! But that sense of the romantic goes beyond man-woman relationships. It permeates your expression of yourself as a woman. Your own beauty shines brightest when you are at peace with yourself. Your energy needs to flow, and you may be most comfortable when you're dressed in loose-fitting garments in soft colors (but you can also wear striking colors when you need energy!).

You need to flow through life and with life, and need to satisfy your faith in what is good and perfect. You need something which can stand up to your devotion and adoration - whether that is an artistic form of expression, a family, a spiritual path - you need to put your heart and soul into your life experience. If all this seems idealistic, well, it is! You are filled with ideals: ideals which will never be satisfied until you test them against the experience of life itself. You're a woman filled with so much compassion that if you cannot express it, you will wither away. You can also be extremely vulnerable, and may fall victim to unscrupulous individuals if you trust absolutely everyone at all times. This is the hard part of the story, and the part of life that can sometimes be discouraging and leave you feeling sad. That still will not stop you from finding the beauty in life. You can see it in the eyes of the children. Along with the despair that seems to be ever present in today's world, you see the hope and hold faith in the dream for true peace.



With Mercury and Venus in sextile aspect, your grace in communicating and relating can be quite effective and may endear others to you. You probably avoid crass and rude individuals, since you are not comfortable in distasteful circumstances. Ladylike behavior is much more your style. Refined mannerisms and speech may be among your trademarks - or at least, you're known to have good taste!



You love the most elegant, beautiful and finest things life has to offer. Your self-assured and cheerful attitude is very attractive and works like magic when you're in a pinch. Somehow you can always pull out of a tight situation, a result of the power generated by your deep sense that you truly deserve to have your needs fulfilled. With Venus in trine aspect to Jupiter you are the eternal optimist and may have an excellent vision of what the future can bring. Others may be drawn to you for this reason, especially when they are at a lack for ideas or options. Social gatherings may be your forte, since you definitely know how to entertain in a grand manner. But you're the woman who can accomplish the same results in a business setting, too. With classy appearance and intelligent grace, you're the woman everybody notices and enjoys.

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 Capricorn, you are part of the generation of young women born from 1984 through 1998 who will carry the torch for the new structure of modern society. It may be your job as a collective to bring order out of chaos. One of the primary dilemmas you will face involves the importance of productive lifestyles and responsible choices. You will also be surrounded by a large number of people who are of the "older" generation. Institutions (including government and educational institutions) can be especially powerful during your lifetime, so when you're creating them try to be aware of the functions they can serve within society which will further the development and evolution of humanity.

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 young women born from 1984 through 1995 who have Pluto in Scorpio, and you will play a key role in understanding the true nature of healing. The advances in medicine developed by your generation will have far-reaching effects on the quality of life. But you must also heal the environment, and may feel that you're spending a lot of time cleaning up the mess wrought by the generations which preceded you. In order to assure the survival of humanity, you may have to face exceptional challenges, but you're up to it!

## 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.



Through your Aries Sun, you have the capacity to develop a strong level of autonomy and self-direction. You may be a self-starter and will prefer to address life on your own terms. However, you can have a little difficulty trying to figure out how to go after the things you want without alienating others. If your approach is too brash or abrasive, you'll meet with resistance and end up feeling that you're always defending yourself. Despite being a woman, you may be okay in situations with "the guys," especially if you're involved in sports or other activities in which there are more men than women present. Since you can be competitive, you may set up situations which provide a challenge, but you do not need to feel that you're always doing battle. You need some positive outlets through which you can develop your willpower, and may enjoy a career path which requires you to forge into new territory from time to time. You're an excellent leader, and whether you're working in the world, guiding your family through a crisis or seeking spiritual clarity, you can forge a path which others readily follow.



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 holding your own.



You may feel less than you are, especially if you've given too much control to others. Your self-will is frustrated by a feeling that you are inadequate through the influence of your Sun in square aspect to Saturn. Even as a little girl, you may have felt required to meet impossible or difficult demands. This influence could also represent great self-restraint and a tendency to limit your own opportunities, especially if you are constantly undermining your options by failing to take responsibility for yourself. It is quite conceivable that you feel saddled with too many responsibilities, or that you have difficulty saying no because you do not want to be rejected or limited. In order to fully claim the part of your masculine psyche, you must accept yourself and break the habit of negativity. It is also important to address your fears and to confront the fact that you may simply be afraid of allowing yourself to have the respect you deserve. Once these self-limiting attitudes are addressed, you can concentrate on dealing with life's challenges from a much better perspective.



Experiencing an honest connection to the true essence of your spirit is not easy with your Sun square Neptune. In order to integrate or express this masculine element of your psyche, you first have to find it! Your tendency to project your sense of identity onto the men in your life is heightened under this influence. If you've been in situations with men which have left you feeling deceived, then you may be the victim of your own inability to see yourself and others clearly. The undercurrent of this energy is a lack of trust within yourself, and it is that quality which needs to be healed in order for you to move forward. Your compassion for life and need to feel spiritually connected are basic requirements if you are to embrace your ego. But you're caught in a true zen experience: you must first surrender your ego in order to find it! The key is knowing where and to what that surrender must be directed.



Sometimes, you're just too intense. Although you seem quite normal to yourself, the influence of your Sun in quincunx to Pluto indicates some inconsistency in your self-concept. When you're feeling uncertain of yourself or insecure, you can overcompensate by becoming too compulsive or obsessive, and it is this intensity which can get in the way of your progress. By becoming more aware of the things, people and situations which trigger your vulnerability, you can compensate and become more consistently sure of yourself.

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!



As an independent-minded woman, you assert yourself most easily in situations which will provide you with more freedom. With Mars in Aquarius, you carry the spirit of liberation, and may forge a pathway which allows you to express yourself as a unique woman. You may feel most confident when you're working with friends or others who share your ideals. When you're frustrated, you can become stubbornly rebellious. Yet you are usually willing to try something different or to be a little experimental in your approach to doing things. You get stuck in an attitude of wanting to do everything your way, so be on the lookout for it!



The energies of Mars and Uranus are in semisquare aspect, illustrating one dimension of your rebellious personality. You may wait until you've had it to the brim before you act, which can be quite disruptive to your own life and to the lives of those around you. Learning to express your discontent or frustrations when they arise can help you vent your anger more effectively and may even confer a more positive sense of self-direction. If you're around angry males, you may feel a lack of control or direction because of their disruptive actions and attitudes. Once you begin to exercise your needs for autonomy and independence, you'll see your relationships changing. Taking a stand can be very empowering, and initiating change will free your spirit.



No doubt about it: you are intense. With Mars square Pluto, you can be relentless in your pursuit of the things you want. Deep within yourself, you may hold resentment or disappointment which stand in the way of projecting the confidence and courage you need. This can be the result of old emotional wounds which still stab into your soul. You may have a deep distrust of men, which can consequently rob you of the ability to direct your life as you desire. Sometimes, you can become so caught up in getting even when you've been hurt that you lost track of what you really want. You can appear threatening to men until you no longer feel threatened by them. By setting your focus on situations which are in harmony with your higher needs, you can break any patterns which may have become vengeful or hateful. You can also use this same energy to release the things you no longer need and become whole - a much better choice than dragging around a lot of baggage!

## 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.



When you have time to spend exploring an idea, you are much more comfortable. The influence of Mercury in Taurus adds a quality of well-considered thinking to your mentality. You seek out practical ways of doing things and are interested in the way something can be utilized instead of spending time with theoretical possibilities. Common sense is much more your brand of thinking, and hands-on learning has always been your forte. You have a great sense of structure, which may stimulate an interest in building things or working with crafts. Your ability to remember can be exceptional, and you rarely let go of an idea which is important to you. You can be stubborn and tend to close your mind if you don't want to deal with something, but if you have an interest in anything, your curiosity about it may never be completely satisfied!



Your enjoyment of learning and sharing ideas is stimulated by Mercury sextile Venus. You may have good writing abilities and are likely to perform best in situations which require good people and communication skills. Although you might be okay learning on your own, the social aspect of school, conferences and community gatherings has a boost all its own.



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.



Your imagination and creativity enhance your intellectual development with Mercury in trine aspect to Neptune. You may be a gifted writer, artist, actress or photographer-- and whether or not you develop these talents, you have an excellent eye for that which is beautiful and enthralling. You perform at your peak in an environment which is serene and inspires your visionary manner of thinking.

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.



The social part of learning is important to you, and your Libra Moon may influence you to develop your social skills more fully. Your love of cultural expressions, such as the arts and literature, is quite evident and you are drawn to refined people and situations. Your learning environment is important, and you'll find that you're more open-minded and mentally focused in a beautiful or serene setting.

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 philosophical approach to life and learning may be very much like mother taught you with Jupiter in Cancer. Your adherence to some of the attitudes which shaped earlier generations has great value for you, and you may have a keen understanding of the importance of learning from history. Sometimes, however, your emotional attachment to your philosophies can get in the way of the essence of how and what you believe.



Your strong will and independent way of thinking may have made it difficult to adhere to the educational plan set forth by traditional society. With Jupiter in opposition to Uranus, you need to learn in the school of life, although you can also accomplish an education within the system if you must. Your need to break free of dogmatic thinking is powerful, and you will probably rebel against any school of thought which tries to label you in any way. After all, you're here to break the mold, right?!

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.



You're likely to do whatever is necessary to help you accomplish your aims with Saturn in Capricorn. If that includes extensive education, then you're on track, but you may also discover that the things you need most to learn are in the school of life. You can be highly disciplined, and may have a desire to achieve mastery in your chosen field. You also appreciate the practical side of life and might enjoy learning skills which help you maintain control over your life - like knowing how to change your own tires or repair a leak in the kitchen sink.

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.



You may be a passionate communicator and an intuitive thinker with Leo ruling your 3rd House. Once you set your mind on anything, you can become strongly focused and you may take great pride in your intellectual accomplishments. However, you may not appreciate others who correct you or make light of your ideas, even though you can appear to be quite gracious about it. Your thinking may be influenced by your family more than you realize, especially by siblings, and if you maintain an active relationship with siblings, may find that their opinions mean a great deal to you. With your Sun ruling the 3rd House, your ego is tied to your intelligence. You may only consider yourself worthwhile if you've developed your mind or achieved some type of recognition for your ideas.

There are no planets in your 3rd House, indicating that developing your communicative capacities is not one of your highest priorities. However this does not indicate an impairment in your thinking or a lack of intellectual development. To further understand your approach to communication reflect upon the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house, explained above, and study the influence of Mercury in its sign and house as indicators of the best ways to develop your intellect.

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 live in the world of ideas with Aquarius on the cusp of your 9th House. You may love to learn and explore a wide range of experiences. Travel to unusual places, meeting unique people, spending time with good friends may all play a part in your learning and the development of your mind and consciousness. Your fascination with futuristic ideas and unconventional thinkers may stem from your own desire to develop your own unique philosophies, but you can be somewhat reluctant to do so. The influence of Uranus as the ruler of this house stimulates a strong humanitarian nature, but you may feel somewhat disappointed in human nature itself, which never seems to meet with your high expectations.



Educational pursuits, extensive travel and exploring cultural diversity can be among your greatest pleasures with Venus in the 9th House. You may be interested in living abroad and can easily adapt to different cultural and environmental influences, especially if your sense of esthetics is heightened from the new experience. Your appreciation for the art and culture of humankind can be rather powerful, and your own growth and sense of personal artistry and creativity are strengthened through your exposure to a wide variety of options and influences.

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.



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.



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.



The sign of Virgo on the cusp of your 4th House adds a sense of order to your desire to discover your soul's history. It is through your mind that you will make the connection to true understanding, although your mind is only the link. Your deeper consciousness carries you past the gates into true wisdom, and you have a deep understanding that this is a long-term process. Sometimes you may try to analyze the yearnings of your soul instead of just allowing that energy to guide you through your life, but it's hard to ignore your curiosity with Mercury ruling this house.



The energy of your Moon in the 4th House does stimulate a strong need for home and family ties. You also can feel a powerful connection to your soul, and need a life which allows you to nourish and support the growth of your soul in whatever you're doing. Getting caught in feelings of selfishness or opting to do things which serve only your self-interest will limit your ability to achieve a deep sense of wholeness. Because of this you may reach to your family, especially to your mother, to both give and receive support. To truly find yourself, however, you may need to break away from your emotional attachment to your family to some extent and forge, instead, a true intuitive and spiritual bond with them. From this perspective you can respond more appropriately to their needs from a position which allows you to feel comfortable with yourself.

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.



Through the energy of Mars in your 8th House, you are stimulated to dive into the depths of life. Your courageous approach to exploring the nature of personal transformation may lead you into a profound understanding of your own inner psyche. It can also play a role in your ability to help others who are in need of healing, change and personal growth. Active forms of inner strengthening, such as martial arts, hatha yoga, chi gong, or dance can help you to use your body as a means of discovering your personal power and lead to total healing.

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.



When you are uplifted through your faith in truth and justice, your intuitive flow is enhanced. Jupiter's energy in your 12th House adds an important dimension to your spirituality, and encourages you to adopt a philosophy which includes compassion, forgiveness and tolerance. Directing your generosity toward efforts which benefit the collective may seem natural for you. You may also feel a powerful connection to a spiritual level of protection, such as your guardian angels, knowing that even when you're in difficult circumstances, you are out of harm's way.

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!



Through your Libra Moon, you may discover that your intuition works to your greatest advantage when you're dealing with people. This can be especially true if you're involved in counseling or human relations, since you may be able to use your sensibilities to help you understand the larger picture of what's happening. You can also be quite artistic and have a marvelous intuitive sense of color, style and design. You may be one of those women who knows how to fit into almost any situation, and part of that is because you can sense the most advantageous times to talk, listen or walk away!

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.



Your spiritual path carries you into a true understanding of the need for the human race to be humanitarian with your North Node in Aquarius. Of course, there is a difference, and your frustration with the fact that people are frequently the problem with humanity can gnaw at your soul. By seeking opportunities to serve the whole of society through your creativity and ingenuity, you grow and experience strong evolutionary leaps. But your South Node in Leo may tempt you to make choices which would give you the glory, and in which you would be tempted to take it for yourself alone. By developing true unconditional love, you'll experience ample support and at the same time will be able to keep your heart open and alive.

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!



You can be highly inventive in your approach to your work with Uranus in the 6th House. Since you have a 6th sense about working with technological devices, you may enjoy spending time using computers, playing with gadgets or developing inventive devices. You may also have a special sensibility to health and healing and may gain great benefit from participating in or developing alternative healing methods.

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!



Your image of a soul mate or desire to find that perfect person who compliments your every need is very powerful with Neptune in your 7th House. Sensing that this perfect person is out there somewhere can be comforting but may also be frustrating if you feel that you are not perfect enough to attract them. The challenge of this position is to become more sensitive to the part of yourself which is your inner partner, and to develop a more clear projection of yourself. If you are constantly trying to project what others want to see from you or a confusing sense of yourself, you will attract disappointment. Use this energy to clearly visualize yourself as whole, perfect and powerful, and send the signal to attract that partner who can see you and love you as you are.

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.



Your creativity can stimulate healing and regeneration through Pluto's influence in your 5th House. You may also find that surrendering to your creative flow acts as a positive release for unexpressed or blocked emotional energy. Love relationships provide your most phenomenal opportunity to experience transformational change, and anyone who helps you unlock the doors to your heart will also experience life changes. You can become exceptionally connected to your children and lovers, and may have such insight into their energy that you can feel what is happening to them. But you cannot control the outcome or their choices.

## 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.



You may adore being pampered. The energy behind your Libra Moon may keep you so involved doing things with others to help them stay happy that you don't always do things which fill your own soul. This is especially true if you have children, since you're likely to do whatever you can to make sure that they have a chance for dancing lessons, school functions, music lessons, sports activities, the best birthday parties, or anything they need to develop their social skills and have a full life. If you're married, you may also do a lot to support your husband's needs. You work, too? Well, then you need lots of time to indulge your every whim! When you stop to think about it, you may wonder what you really do need for yourself. Start by concentrating on your need for inner harmony, and allow a little time each day for peaceful contemplation. You also need to let your hair down sometimes. If that means popping your favorite CD into the stereo and dancing around the room, then go for it! Or take the time to have lunch with an old friend, make a phone call to your college roommate, or go to a movie with your sweetie. Make it a point to regularly visit your beautician and be pampered a little in addition to having your hair done. Find your favorite spot and read a steamy romance novel. Attend a concert or play or go to an art gallery just to be enthralled with the beauty. Filling your soul in these ways fills your heart with joy and adds sparkle to your smile.

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.



You may be most comfortable with a predictable pattern and schedule and are definitely at ease when you're in charge of a situation. With Saturn in Capricorn you're a capable teacher and may achieve the greatest success in situations which allow you to create a structure or plan for others to follow. You may be right at home in traditional roles of wife and mother, but you can also do quite well following a career path. You need to achieve, and may be driven by a desire to gain respect. A common sense approach to dealing with life's challenges is your mainstay, and if you're balancing many roles, you can carry through successfully by keeping your priorities clearly in order.

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.



A place for everything... well, you know how it goes with Virgo ruling your 4th House! You need a home space which makes it easy to stay organized - big closets, lots of cabinets, drawers, shelves - it's the only way to stay on top of all the details. You appreciate an environment which is meticulously clean and uncluttered, although you may not like the idea of having to keep it that way all by yourself. Once you develop a system, you like it that way, and those who share your personal space need to learn to cooperate (well, you know how you like those towels folded). You love architectural designs which feature clean lines, and appreciate decor which is both functional and attractive. Neutral colors and natural fibers create a perfect comfort zone. With Mercury influencing this house, you may also enjoy the company of others. An evening of stimulating conversation around the dinner table might be just the perfect way to cap off a busy week.



Family and home are exceptionally important needs for you with your Moon in the 4th House. Regardless of your other priorities and responsibilities, you may always operate with an underlying consideration for the needs of your family. The influences of your parents were probably very powerful when you were a young girl, and you may still feel quite close to them or be deeply influenced by their responses to the way you meet your own needs. This placement can also stimulate a desire to create your own family, and whether you have children or not, your nurturant qualities may be quite apparent to anyone who is close to you. You need a home space which provides a true feeling of comfort and support, and may not feel at home unless you have your special things around you. Those things usually considered domestic, like cooking, may be rather enjoyable for you, and can provide a sense of stability and fulfillment. But most importantly, you need a nesting place.

## 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.



With Pisces at your Midheaven your aim for a fulfilling life path may be spiritually focused, and needs to capture your imagination if you are to reach a sense of wholeness. Your dreams can be your beacon to happiness, but uncovering the difference between dream and illusion can be difficult. For this reason, grounding yourself through establishing a sound connection between mind, spirit and body will help you clarify those dreams which you need to pursue. You may feel a deep need to do something with your life that will ease suffering or provide escape from the painful realities of life. A career in the healing arts, developing your talents in performing arts or otherwise strengthening your artistic expression can provide outlets for an uplifting life. You may be a gifted beautician, designer, decorator, photographer or counselor! You may also feel that you want to work in one area, but that your ministry to the world is accomplished through other means. Neptune's energy plays an influential part in developing your path toward self-fulfillment.



With Neptune in Capricorn, you are just now entering the search for your calling, and may quickly discover that surrendering to your inner voice is the best way to achieve clarity about your career path. Your efforts in your career may involve building a new foundation which will sustain and inspire future generations, and you can accomplish this through governmental, business and educational endeavors. But above all this, spiritual responsibility is necessary if you are to be successful.

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.



The energy of Uranus in your 6th House signifies your need to work in fields which will provide opportunities to exercise your independence and originality. You may find working in scientific, technological or computer-related areas exciting and positively challenging, but you're also fascinated by alternative possibilities in any field. In health care, your leaning toward unconventional methods may prompt you to work in these areas. Whatever your talents and skills, your approach to using them is likely to involve something innovative. You'll also appreciate working in situations which provide ample freedom and which allow you to tackle a job in your own way. If you're stuck in a dead-end or unfair circumstance, you are likely to rebel and may even be responsible for breaking rules which, from your viewpoint, have no other purpose than to perpetuate an outworn system.

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.



Pluto's energy in your 5th House brings an intensity to your creative expression. You may have a special ability to take apparently useless or worn out things, people or circumstances and bring them into a new life. When you're involved in an artistic project or idea, you can become totally absorbed, and may produce the best results when you're left undisturbed to follow your muse.

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.



Your drive to reach the realization of your passion can be immense with your Sun in Aries. Learning the best ways to assert yourself without becoming too brash can make a significant difference in the responses you receive, and can directly affect your success. Since your high level of mental creativity needs ample outlets, you can feel impatient about the time it takes to make things happen. But as long as you're moving and something is happening, you can keep driving toward your goals.

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 Capricorn, igniting a revolution in your relationship to authority and the established order. This revolution takes shape in board rooms, houses of government and banks, and affects society through their chosen (or self-appointed!) leaders, teachers and law enforcement agencies. If you are among the older generation of women with Uranus in Capricorn, born from 1904 to 1912, you have been part of the evolution which has seen women rise into positions of authority. If you are among the new generation of women with Uranus in Capricorn born from 1988 to 1995, you will probably rise to power in a world where women are expected to take positions of leadership and authority. Your own attitudes toward authority are crucial if you are to be successful. You may feel that it is important to completely change the system, yet there may be a part of you which resists those changes. The best place to start is by learning about the system itself and then making changes which allow society and her systems to grow positively into the next millennium. The area in which you must address your own conflicts and needs to create change is represented by the house in which Uranus is found in your chart.



Uranus in your 6th House has been discussed previously in this section of your chart.

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 Cancer, strengthening your need for a life purpose which is centered around stimulating growth and providing a safe home and positive relationship with family. This may extend to the family you develop at work or in your community, or can reach into the family of living things. Your talents may rest within your understanding of the way support systems operate, and you may be a natural therapist. You may not find the inner peace you hope to achieve until you've built a safe nest for yourself and those you love.

With Chiron in your 12th House you'll discover that your life purpose is centered around the things you do for the collective. Whether you're giving some of your time and energy to charitable causes, working in public institutions or concentrating on world peace during your meditations, you need to reach out with your energy into the part of yourself which connects to all that is.

## 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!



Through the energy of Venus in Pisces, you are driven to find love through experiencing a true sense of compassion. This begins by surrendering to your inner self and devoting your life to an existence which incorporates your spirituality. In matters of the heart you dream of the perfect love which will carry you away from your ordinary existence and transport you into ecstasy. But finding that love through your connection to another person may not be easy. It may seem okay for a while and then, when the sparkle fades and reality sets in, you may feel that you've fallen victim to your own impossible illusions. Don't lose heart: your aim is fine, as long as you can translate it into human terms! That transcendent love may come most easily when you're in the midst of your creative expression, and within the context of a relationship, emerges when you share your dreams and fantasies and put your energy into making some of those dreams real. You do have a huge tendency toward codependent and addictive relationships, and can be easily tempted to give up your own needs in favor of fulfilling the needs of another. But in a true loving relationship, each persons' needs are important. Sacrificing yourself may only lead you to a feeling of exhaustion.



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.



Your outgoing nature can be quite attractive with Mercury in sextile aspect to Venus. You may also find that you enjoy relationships with others who share your particular talents or artistic leanings. You appreciate a man who has good taste, or at least shows respect for your own! Communication remains an important quality in your relationships throughout your life.



When you're in love, you like to share everything with your lover. With Venus trine Jupiter, there's a feeling that you have no limits, and you need to experience love as ever-growing and expanding. Love generates more love, and so it is. You'll be happiest with a partner whose philosophies, beliefs and ideals support your own, and may find that sharing your hopes and dreams for a better life inspires you to remain ever in love with one another.



You may have too many illusions about love with Venus in semisquare to Neptune. Believing that finding the right man will turn your life around can be going too far, since in essence, you must surrender to the perfect power of love which resides within your own heart before you can attract the type of lover you need. You can be very vulnerable when you open your heart and need to allow ample time to discover the real nature of those you are learning to love before you make long term commitments. Your tendency is to see what you desire to see and to reflect your own beauty and power onto the one you love. Once you can assimilate the true compassion and caring you feel deep within yourself and project the same with clarity and confidence, you will attract a lover whose purity of spirit complements your own. You must become Love in order to have it.



As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Capricorn, you may be most comfortable in relationships which are based upon values which have been proven over time. This does not mean that you will have to follow the same patterns your grandparents followed, but that, instead, you can create new avenues which are based upon the lessons learned from past experience. You may be tempted to try to put all relationships into categories but are likely to find that they simply do not fit, since some relationships cross a few of the lines! What you can accomplish successfully is a return of personal responsibility to intimate relationships within the structure of the family. Perhaps you can create a non-dysfunctional family process, which allows mutual support for all concerned and which utilizes the power of each individual to create an integrated whole that is virtually invulnerable.



Setting emotional boundaries is not easy for you with your Moon in square aspect to Neptune, and you may find that you are continually giving of yourself while asking nothing in return. Oh, but you dream about it; and you need support, strength and love from the man you adore. There are different ways to express these needs, and therein is the variation in possibility of receiving. If you're whining, complaining or suffering, you may be ignored. And you don't have to be sick to gain support, either. There are healthy ways to ask, but if you're in an unhealthy situation, it's difficult to get the answer you need. If you're feeling victimized, take the first step of deciding that you no longer want or need to be the victim. A lot will change after that!



With your Sun in square aspect to Neptune you may have a history of rescuing men who don't really appreciate or acknowledge your sacrifice. If you're sacrificing your own dreams and needs so that the man in your life can have his, then you're in trouble! If you're making excuses to yourself because your man drinks too much, uses drugs, is not available for the kids, runs around on you - whatever they are - you have lost yourself to an illusion. By learning to set reasonable boundaries and to identify the situations which you can and cannot support, your life will change. Your ability to love fully will change. If you stay stuck in the same old dependencies, then your life will be more like a nightmare than a wonderful dream.



Since you have Mercury in trine aspect to Neptune, you're the perfect candidate for creating wonderful representations of love and compassion through your words. Your lyrical abilities can extend to the way you talk and your mannerisms may be quite fascinating. You may actually attract more men than you realize, since you do spend some time in your own inner world. And it is that quality which is at work when you finally let go and share your life and fantasies with someone you adore. Promise yourself to always make time to get away with your lover so your dreams have a safe place to overtake your life - for at least a little while.



You have Uranus conjuncting Neptune. These two outer planets come together by conjunction about once every century, and provide an influence which affects a generation of men and women. You're here to break some of the old fantasies about love and perfection and to create a new approach to spiritual ideals. These changes will, of course, affect the way you relate to others. Your parents may not understand some of your choices, particularly those which cross philosophical or religious barriers, and you may not always be at ease with others whose ideals challenge your own.

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.



Energized by Pluto, your 5th House expression of love can be totally absorbing. Those hypnotic love affairs can be rather addicting, and you can be quite compulsive when you're in love. When you open your heart, you may feel that you expose your soul. Your secret fantasy is to bond on a soul level with your perfect mate, and to be transformed in the process. This is the alchemy of love, and the power of sexual bonding. Because you may need to love on such a deep level, you're not likely to open your heart to just anyone. In fact, opening your heart at all is not easy for you. A transformational experience like giving birth to a child can help you immensely. In fact, a child may be the key to your spiritual and emotional rebirth. But so can loving the right partner. Now, that's not the perfect partner. It's the man who understands your vulnerabilities, but who will support you in removing the barriers to your heart.

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.



Your motivations for getting married are important to understand since you have Saturn in your 7th House. Marriage may seem like a security arrangement, and can definitely provide a structure and support in your life. However, if you rely on another person to generate your sense of security, you will always wonder if you're really secure. You may instead, end up in a situation where you feel controlled or inhibited. Learning to be personally responsible as an individual and within the context of relationships is one of your primary lessons. You do not need to marry to find someone who will care for you like a father. If you do, you may wake up one morning to discover that you are a prisoner of your own fears. However, you may prefer to marry a man who is older than you, because you do need a partner who has some maturity. Sometimes, Saturn in the 7th House delays marriage, and in today's world the delay is frequently a result of a woman's choice to establish herself in a career or profession. One thing is certain: when you do make a commitment, you intend to honor it and will expect the same from your husband or mate.



You may have vivid fantasies about marriage and partnership with Neptune in your 7th House. In your approach to finding a mate, you can deceive yourself if you're just looking on the surface, since it's easy to see what only what you project onto a man instead of seeing him as he is. To avoid disappointments in marriage, you need to give yourself time to explore the differences between the fantasy of marriage and the reality of a working partnership. Although you may be capable of building a dream with your husband, you can feel like you're living in an illusion if you have no foundation or lack mutual understanding. You may be tempted to play the role of the martyr in your relationships, which really will get you nowhere fast. There is a difference between compassionate understanding and codependent denial, and discovering that difference requires personal honesty and courage. You can create a better world with the man you love, but must share the same vision. And at some point, you will have to create a strong foundation of trust and integrity to support your dreams, and from that platform, your possibilities of achieving the realization of your hopes becomes more plausible.

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.



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 Pisces Midheaven you are drawn to the power of that which is beyond the limitation of the physical plane. Your interest in spirituality, creative artistry, serving the needs of those less fortunate, making the world a better place - all stem from this influence. Your admiration for those who go the extra mile and for those whose devotion to improving the quality of life can inspire you. When your life is oriented in such a way to allow time and room to explore and participate in such endeavors, you may feel more whole and alive - more powerful. The power of compassion is paramount in your life, and active compassion can be personally strengthening on many different levels.



With the Sun in your 10th House you need recognition and you may be highly ambitious. Your sense of identity is strongly tied to your career and it is imperative that you develop a career path which looks good on you! You may excel in careers which allow you to take a position of leadership and where you can direct things in your own way. The nature of work which suits you best is further defined by your Sun's sign and aspects to your Sun, but the sign and ruler of your Midheaven (explained below) are also influences which you will incorporate into your sense of personal fulfillment through career.



Sometimes, your expectations concerning your ambitions or profession are unrealistic. Jupiter's energy in square aspect to your Midheaven stimulates you to push the limits, and sometimes you simply go too far too quickly. Setting a pace within a reasonable frame of reference is not really your style, but it can help if you've run into some problems along the way toward achieving your ambitions. The gift of this aspect is a continual feeling of optimism, even when times are hard. And it is that very optimism which may help you get there while you work through all the rough places along the way.



With Saturn's energy in sextile aspect to your Midheaven you can use your sense of personal responsibility and self discipline to help you manifest your goals. Your desire to achieve success in the world is probably quite strong, and you will probably gain greater recognition for your efforts among your peers and those who can appreciate the quality of your work. You will probably want to establish yourself in a career, and can also be influential in aiding others who seek your counsel or guidance in their own career paths.

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



With Mars in your 8th House you may feel driven to explore your sexuality as fully as possible. This can be positively regenerating, if your relationships are healthy. But you can also run into major power struggles if you've not established your own sense of strength. Sometimes, it's difficult for you to draw the line between pain and pleasure, and although you may push your limits, sometimes you can exhaust your own energy if you go too far. You may also experience cruelty, abuse or emotional pain through your intimate relationships, particularly if you jump into situations before you've explored their true nature. Although this energy can ultimately bring healing into your life, you need to clarify for yourself why you attract abuse in the first place if you are to avoid falling into the same traps in the future.

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 Aquarius you feel most powerful when you're free and unfettered. You may interpret that to mean that you really do not need anyone else, but you know that you enjoy the support and company of others. What you do not need is their negative criticism or doubts of your abilities. You may attract unusual men; you also have an affinity for men who are better friends than lovers. Your own independence can be stultifying to a man who wants to control you, and your open assertiveness will catch a few guys off guard. Well, you probably like that.... Sexually you are quite experimental and may want to try out many of the theories you've been testing in your mind. But before you can have the sexual relationship you want, you may first have to develop trust and understanding with your partner.



With Mars and Pluto in square aspect there are definite power issues present in your life. Whether you suffer from personal loss or pain residing in your past or are in current abusive circumstances which feel like you've lost your power, at some point in your life you may have to deal with abuse of power. Sometimes this aspect indicates deep buried resentment or guilt which hides in the abyss of your past. Without addressing these old issues you may always feel that you are somehow undermined no matter what you do. The beauty of this aspect though is that you are continually prompted to find out what's hidden deep in your psyche around issues like sex, death and power. If you hold resentment toward men, find out why. Just deciding that they're all dogs will not do you much good - it only builds more negativity. The way you use your own sexuality also says a lot about how you feel concerning power and concerning yourself. Exploring your sexual needs in many different contexts may provide the answers you seek. Ignoring your sexual needs will only lead to greater frustration and more resentment toward yourself. This is an aspect of choice -- the choice to direct your energy toward regeneration and healing or the choice to live a self-destructive life. That's a lot of personal power!

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're climbing toward the realization of your ambitions, you feel your power as a stabilizing force. Since you have Saturn in Capricorn, you have a strong desire to be in control, and will perform at your peak when you have a chance to take charge. But there is a difference between being in control and browbeating others into submission! The way you use your power will determine whether or not you really own it. You also need to take a careful look at your attitudes toward the responsibilities in your life. To truly take responsibility for yourself, you need an attitude which allows you to grow, change and accept things as they are. From this standpoint, you can assert your own energy and manifest a reality which creates true stability. In your relationships, you may have to learn to allow others to make their own mistakes. It's too easy to just do things yourself, since you don't really like having to clean up the mess others make. Learn to say "No" for the right reasons! The illusion of power conferred by social standing and prestigious positions will be meaningless unless you've really earned those positions and then use them to create opportunity and support in the world around 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.



Your struggle to gain control in your life can be quite frustrating with your Sun in square aspect to Saturn. You may feel that control equals power and may attempt to control everyone and everything around you just to stay safe. You may get caught in situations where you've lost control and have fallen under restraints imposed by others. Self-control, self-discipline and focus contrast sharply to totalitarianism. It's easy to fall victim to your own negativity or cynicism which can undermine your personal strength. Reality and negativity can be quite different, but sometimes your view of reality focuses first upon what's wrong before you ever get to what's right. But sometimes the battle to prove yourself can, in itself, be empowering. The true test of your strength arises when you can still feel respect for yourself even when you feel you've fallen short of the mark. It's putting forth the effort and continuing on with forgiveness in your heart which are the important parts. You've chosen a life of challenge, and may have many obstacles in your path. Learning how to handle your responsibilities is the key to your power, and setting your priorities marks the structure which will be your security platform. Ultimately, you will reach the summit, and if you've done it through exerting your strength, using your best abilities, and with a focus upon your real priorities, the victory can be sweet indeed.



With Saturn's energy in sextile aspect to your Midheaven you can use your sense of personal responsibility and self discipline to help you manifest your goals. Your desire to achieve success in the world is probably quite strong, and you will probably gain greater recognition for your efforts among your peers and those who can appreciate the quality of your work. You will probably want to establish yourself in a career, and can also be influential in aiding others who seek your counsel or guidance in their own career paths.

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.

Your creative efforts are an important element in your life. Pluto's energy in your 5th House drive you to reach into your soul and find your creative spirit. Then, you must trust yourself enough to exercise this creativity. It heals you. It is the key to creating life on your own terms. You may also discover that your approach to children is a key factor in your own self respect. When you can look at a child and see the wonder, feel the hope and desire to be a catalyst for his or her own creativity without trying to shape him or her into the image you want them to be, you're allowing this force to work positively. But if you see your children as little pieces of clay you can mold however you wish, you may be sorely disappointed when they destroy your creation when they reach adolescence or adulthood. Perhaps this struggle results from your own childhood experience. You've heard about the inner child? Well your little girl has always been powerful, but she may not know what to do with that power. It's up to you to show her.

## 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 preparing for a wonderful journey to a place never before seen by any man or woman. The night before your journey, you pack everything you think you'll need, then you lie down to rest. Once you've fallen into a deep sleep, a part of you seems to rise from your physical form. You can still feel yourself, yet you are moving away from your body. The force which is pulling you carries you beyond the earth plane into the heavens. You love the feeling of floating freely, and this view of earth is wonderful. But then, you begin to feel the pull of another plane, and are standing surrounded by a magically beautiful place. Here, everyone is peaceful, there are no signs of restraint. The people seem to walk or fly, whichever works best. You can do the same. All the things you see around you are fascinating, and you feel as though you are seeing a dimension that seems like the future. You hear laughter in the distance, and go toward it. Before you, there is



a radiantly beautiful woman dressed in rainbow pastel colors. She gestures for you to come to her, and as you walk together, she tells you the story of a prince and princess who found true love. You wonder why she speaks in fairy tales, and, as though reading your thoughts, she says, "but this is your dream." She then looks into your eyes and tells you that you are creating your own story through your life. Reaching into her bag, she removes a small mirror and tells you to look into it. When you do, you see yourself and all the relationships you've experienced over your lifetime. Then, as you look up, she tells you to look again and see how you would like to resolve your relationships. There the mirror displays the tale of your life, and you begin to find the answers to the peace you've sought. You ask if you can see your perfect relationship in the mirror, and she smiles and says to you, "of course." But when you look, you see only your face, radiant and shining.