

INTRODUCTION

Dear Rachel, this is your *Planetary Profile*, an astrological analysis of your personality and unique potential. It is divided into four main sections: firstly, on the front cover is your **Birthchart**, which is essentially a map of the solar system drawn up for the moment of your birth; secondly, on the inside front cover is a **data sheet** showing details of your birthchart, which you will find useful if you take your study of astrology further. The **Analysis** which follows this Introduction is a detailed interpretation of the birthchart, looking at the meaning of each planet in turn, their sign* and house position* and their relationship to the other planets. On a separate sheet is a short **Guide** which explains some of the terms you may come across, though wherever possible astrological terminology has been left out so as to make reading easier. Paragraphs marked 'loosely' may apply, but less strongly than most.

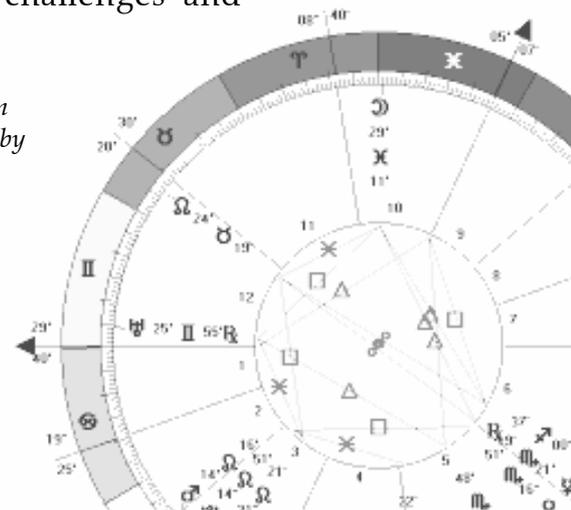
Whilst reading your Planetary Profile, you may come across sections that appear to contradict each other. This is because people are complex and often behave quite differently in differing circumstances. It is also because the various factors of your birthchart have been given equal weighting, whereas in reality some factors will take precedence over others.

Astrologers believe that our character and the events that occur within our lives are influenced by the pattern of the planets at the moment of our birth. However, as with the genetic and cultural influences that we are all subject to, within this framework we are still able to exercise free will and make creative choices. Astrology is a little like the weather - it can influence our actions (for example we might cancel a picnic if we know it is going to rain!), but it doesn't *force* us to do anything, merely *inclines*. We can also choose to live an unexamined life, following habitual patterns and taking the easiest options, or we can decide that we have a meaningful destiny and something unique and of great value to contribute to the world.

Whilst an astrology report such as this is no substitute for an exploration of your life's story with an experienced astrologer, I hope it will stimulate your interest in this universal, symbolic language, and give you a deeper understanding of your motivations, challenges and strengths.

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* see Guide.



SUN, MOON AND ASCENDANT - THE BASIS OF YOUR PERSONALITY

The Sun, Moon and Ascendant (otherwise known as the Rising Sign) are the central elements of your horoscope, and from just these three points a clear picture of yourself can be gained. The Sun represents the Essential You - your ego and conscious self, whilst the Moon represents the Inner You - your feelings and emotional needs. Like light and shade they are complementary principles, and to be whole and fulfilled both need to be developed and seen as integral parts of oneself. The Ascendant on the other hand symbolises your outward personality, your physical appearance and how others see you (which might be quite different from how you really are).

The following pages look at these three central elements of your horoscope, the signs of the zodiac they were in at the moment of your birth, their house positions, and the way they integrate with the other parts of your horoscope.

THE SUN

The SUN symbolises the ESSENTIAL SELF; the WILL; CONSCIOUSNESS; GROWTH; the EGO; LIBIDO; OBJECTIVITY; INDIVIDUALITY; WHOLENESS; and the SPIRIT. It is the MASCULINE PRINCIPLE in contrast to that symbolised by the MOON. It is personified by RULERS; LEADERS; PUBLIC FIGURES; the FAMOUS; and PERSONALITIES.

In the horoscope it is the point where we shine and are most ourselves. It also symbolises how we experience (or experienced) our father, or dominant parent. The sign and house in which it is found, together with the aspects it makes to other planets show our primary orientation towards life; the area of life in which we put forth our best energies; and how our ego integrates with the rest of our psyche.

The relative strength or weakness of the sun shows the strength or otherwise of our ego and the extent to which we manifest our potential individuality.

SUN IN SAGITTARIUS

KEYWORDS: FREEDOM LOVING; OPTIMISTIC; PHILOSOPHICAL;
UNDISCIPLINED; FUN-LOVING; ADVENTUROUS;
QUESTING; WELL-TRAVELLED; OUTSPOKEN; SCATTERED;
NOBLE; LOVES TRUTH.

Your SUN is in SAGITTARIUS, indicating that you are essentially a freedom-loving, energetic and idealistic person. You enjoy life wholeheartedly, and your positivity gives you a confident, adventurous attitude towards life. You scatter your energies liberally and enthusiastically, and enjoy starting or being involved in new projects, although finishing them may be less easy! Highly mobile, you love to travel, as this satisfies your desire for new experiences and your fondness for history and culture. Learning, perhaps through higher education or simply the 'university of life', is important to you too since you have a strong need to understand life and its higher meaning. Religion, philosophy, literature and even the law may hold a strong appeal. Many Sagittarians live by their beliefs, since their questing spirit is forever seeking a higher goal in life to aspire to.

As a Sagittarian however, you are to an extent 'dual-natured', with on the one hand, a reflective and philosophical side, and on the other a carefree, sensually indulgent, and even egotistical side. You might in this respect feel a conflict between the Divine and the Animal within yourself, regarding the latter at times as your 'Achilles' Heel'. Because of your freedom-loving nature and innate dislike of restriction or oppression, you occasionally come into conflict with authorities or authority figures, often regarding them with outspoken derision. It may also conflict with the necessity to live up to your responsibilities or to the demands that other people put on you, especially within a close relationship. At heart however, you are noble and humane, and due to your fundamentally positive attitude towards life, you often grasp opportunities that other people either miss altogether or are not confident enough to take advantage of.

THE SUN IN THE SEVENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: SEEKS PARTNERSHIP; ENJOYS RELATING; CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC; THE LAW; POPULAR; HARMONIOUS; SOCIABLE; DISLIKE OF SOLITUDE; TAKES LEAD IN RELATIONSHIPS; DISCOVERS SELF THROUGH OTHERS.

Your SUN is in the SEVENTH HOUSE, which means that you relate to people with confidence. Your relationships, be they close, formal, or social, all help to define or reveal your identity to yourself, and contribute to your growth as an individual. In a sense, you 'discover yourself' through other people, and because of this, being single for any length of time is not an attractive option. You love socialising and mixing with people, and in general get along well with most types. Possessing social polish and an awareness of the latest social, artistic, fashion or musical trends makes you a popular and well-liked person. At some stage of your life, you are likely to come into close contact with the public or be in the public eye, and possibly with the legal profession. You tend to be attracted to people who are outgoing, leading and energetic, or creative and self-aware, and you seek these qualities in your prospective spouse.

SUN OPPOSITE ASCENDANT

KEYWORDS: YOUNG, CREATIVE OR LIVELY PARTNERS; RELATIONSHIPS AID GROWTH; EGO-CONFLICTS; PARTNERSHIP; MALE COLLEAGUES; CONSULTANTS; PUBLIC LIFE; ENCOUNTER; OPPONENTS; SOCIABLE; PUBLIC RECOGNITION; PUBLICITY; CONFIDENT.

Your SUN is OPPOSITE the ASCENDANT, which means that you relate to people confidently. You are friendly, outgoing and sociable, and you enjoy relating to people on all levels. This is your way of discovering who you are. Being in a one-to-one partnership of some kind, be it marriage, a long-term love affair or a business partnership, is important to you, and being on your own is not something you would freely choose. You relate best to confident, leading, creative or youthful people, and look for these qualities in any potential partner. In marriage you should be careful not to let your spouse dominate your life

or 'live out' your life for you, since you may believe that he or she possesses certain qualities that in reality belong to you. Your partnerships may bring you into the public spotlight in some way. You are confident at dealing with people, for which reason you may have managerial, consultancy or customer relationship skills.

SUN CONJUNCT MERCURY

KEYWORDS: INTELLIGENCE; QUICK-WITTED; KNOWLEDGE;
TALKATIVE; EGOCENTRIC MIND; CURIOSITY;
INGENIOUS; HUMOUR; WELL-INFORMED.

Your SUN is CONJUNCT MERCURY, which means that your ego and your intellect are closely linked. You tend to identify with your own intelligence and powers of communication, and because of this you speak openly and expressively, especially about yourself! You enjoy the process of learning and exchanging information, and thus are likely to be well-informed, well educated, and no doubt an excellent conversationalist. You are socially adept and good at initiating conversations, but tend sometimes to seem rather egocentric, as you are not overly interested in what other people have to say. Some may regard you as being in love with the sound of your own voice. You are articulate, fluent, dextrous in your command of language, and full of ideas. You are probably well known for your sense of humour. You have a great deal of nervous energy, and need plenty of rest to replenish your reserves. Sometimes you are wont to ignore your body's demands, and consequently you fatigue yourself or over-tax your nerves. You like change and variety in your life, and dislike sticking at one thing, or staying in any one place, for too long. You enjoy meeting people and making new friends and contacts, something you accomplish with relative ease. Your social or intellectual life is important to you - perhaps central, and deprived of stimulation you become quickly bored or dispirited.

SUN SEXTILE MARS

KEYWORDS: ACTIVE; COURAGEOUS; POSITIVE; CAMARADERIE;
ENERGETIC; MALE BONDING; LIVELY.

Your Sun is SEXTILE MARS, which means that there is a harmony between your ego and your ability to assert yourself. You have a lot of energy and enjoy physical activity, sport, sex, and otherwise exerting yourself. You are assertive, and like to get what you want. However, you are not overly aggressive or threatening to other people, since you express your desires in an open, healthy manner. Energetic co-operation gives you great satisfaction, and you like the feeling of camaraderie that acting with others gives you. You will defend yourself if necessary, both physically or mentally, and you can act with great courage when necessary. You do not like to be forced to submit to someone else's will, and are prepared to fight to maintain your honour. You have good leadership abilities and are capable of taking the initiative in demanding situations. You respect gentleness and try to defend those who are the victims of injustice or hurt.

SUN TRINE SATURN

KEYWORDS: RESPONSIBLE; AMBITIOUS; MATURE; SOBER;
TRUSTED; RELIABLE; DEDICATION; CONSERVATIVE;
RESERVED; HARD WORK; GOOD FATHER;
ADVANCEMENT.

Your SUN is TRINE SATURN, indicating that there is a strong flow of energy between your ego and your limitations. You are likely to be noted for your seriousness and maturity, and people feel that they can rely on you and trust you with responsibility. Unlike some people with less self-discipline, you find it relatively straightforward to take control of your life, set yourself goals and apply yourself to achieving them. You not only have many skills, but are also aware of how to capitalise on them in the market-place. Success in some field of life is likely with this aspect, although it will come gradually, building on firm foundations. You are suited to many types of career, especially those that offer substantial rewards for hard work and achievement, and in which there is the possibility of steady advancement. You bring hard work, maturity and professionalism to any tasks you undertake, and make it a point to complete what you have begun.

You approach life realistically and with common sense and this is reflected in the way you live your life. You do not shun change, but on the other hand prefer the reassurance and calm of established patterns. Over-enthusiasm or transient excitements rarely sway

your judgement, since you tend to assess all sides of a situation before acting. Recklessness, self-indulgence and wasting time and energy are not essentially part of your character, and your lifestyle is likely to be characterised by its dignity, achievement and integrity. In relationships of all kinds, not just those based on love, you offer stability, commitment and reliability, and can be an anchor for more volatile or less stable types. You prefer however that your partner share your sincerity and capacity for self-discipline so that you can work towards your common goals together.

SUN SQUARE PLUTO

KEYWORDS: POWERFUL EGO; RUTHLESS; LEADERSHIP;
AMBITIOUS; FORCEFUL; DOMINEERING; STRONG-WILL;
FATE; ARROGANCE; DEPTH OF CHARACTER;
PERIODICAL TRANSFORMATIONS; GREAT CHANGES;
INTENSE; POWER-STRUGGLES; DESTRUCTION; EXTREME;
EXPLOSIVE; SECRETIVE; PROFOUND; URGE TO REMOULD
ONESELF; SURVIVAL; PSYCHOLOGICAL DEATH AND
REBIRTH; DIFFICULTIES WITH FATHER; ENIGMATIC.

Your SUN is SQUARE PLUTO, indicating that you experience a conflict between your ego and your instincts or desire for power. You approach life with intensity, having a strong urge to experience it deeply and fully. You have a strong ego and are highly ambitious, but tend to oscillate between self-assertion and creative growth on the one hand, and self-doubt and stagnation on the other. During the creative periods, you achieve a great deal, and go a long way towards manifesting your ambitions, but during the stagnant periods you are apt to spend much time looking inwards and examining your feelings, motivations and past. Sometimes this is a merely negative exercise, stirring up buried resentments or pain that might be better left alone. At other times however, such periods can allow you to let go of all that is old or outworn in your life, and to be reborn into new and more creative way of being. When using your personal power to regenerate or transform either your own life or the society of which you are a part, you are at your most effective.

You have a strong desire for power, and occasionally you are tempted to domineer or even abuse others' rights, which inevitably provokes either overt or hidden opposition. Power-struggles

are likely to be a feature of your life, and this fact may have its roots in your relationship with your father, which could have been characterised by its hostility or competitiveness. Or, your father could have been emotionally cold or physically absent during your childhood, leaving you feeling unsure about your identity or worth as a person. You can be highly secretive, and rarely encourage people to be close to you, at least not until you know them well. This leads many to see you as somewhat enigmatic and mysterious. This impression is strengthened by the fact that at times in your life you experience unfathomable 'co-incidences' that seem to point to there being a hidden pattern to your life. For instance, chance meetings with people turn out to have a profound impact on your life, or relationships may seem to have been destined, as though you have known the other person for years, or even lifetimes, even though you have only just met.

THE MOON

The Moon symbolises PROTECTIVE URGES, THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND, EMOTION, THE HOME, FEELING, REFLECTION, INSTINCTUAL RESPONSES, THE FAMILY, RHYTHM, SELF-IMAGE, HEREDITY, AND NURTURING. It represents the FEMININE PRINCIPLE, and complements the Sun. It is personified by the MOTHER, WIFE, WOMEN IN GENERAL, SUPPORTIVE FIGURES, and those who PROTECT.

In the birthchart it is the point that reveals what makes us feel most secure, and the qualities, activities or things that we need in order to feel good about ourselves and to have a more flowing response to life.

The Moon also symbolises how we experience our own mother (or most nurturing parent), and the type of home life we create. The sign and house in which it is found, together with the aspects the Moon makes to other planets, show our unconscious orientation towards life, the area of life in which we are most at home, and how our feelings are integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength or weakness of the Moon shows the extent to which we feel in touch with sources of internal or external security.

MOON IN SCORPIO

KEYWORDS: EMOTIONALLY INTENSE; CONTROLLED; EXTREME;
POSSESSIVE; POWERFUL MOTHER; SELF-DESTRUCTIVE;
PASSIONATE; HIDES FEELINGS; SURVIVAL INSTINCT;
NEEDS INTIMACY.

Your MOON is in SCORPIO, indicating that you are emotionally intense. Your feelings run deep, and your reactions to people, events and situations are often surprisingly powerful. However, perhaps because of painful early experiences you have learnt to protect your vulnerability by keeping many of your feelings private. Consequently, you rarely reveal yourself emotionally to other people unless you are certain that you can trust them. This gives you a certain aura of mystery and depth that fascinates some whilst making others wary. Be careful of a tendency to avoid confronting your own feelings by controlling other people's, as this can lead to destructive relationships that are based on fear rather than openness. Rather, cultivate an attitude of listening to, respecting, and being completely honest about what you are feeling in every situation. Doing so has the added benefit of sharpening your already acute intuitive insight into your own and other people's natures. You do not need to voice or share your feelings, though doing so with people you trust can sometimes be immensely healing for you.

As a child, your mother may have been a powerful, even dominating influence, and this may colour your close relationships in adulthood. Men with this Moon position often seek out partners who are equally powerful or who are overtly sexual. Both sexes seek an intimacy in love that satisfies their hunger for emotional release, though jealousy sometimes results from a nagging fear of betrayal. You probably demand a lot from those you love, but offer commitment and passion in return.

THE MOON IN THE SIXTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: NEEDS WORK; DEDICATED; PSYCHOSOMATIC
ILLNESSES; DAILY ROUTINE GIVES SECURITY; PRACTICAL
CARE OF OTHERS; NURSING; BUSY; SENSITIVE TO
CRITICISM.

Your MOON is in the SIXTH HOUSE of your horoscope, meaning that you bring sensitivity to your work life. Work is as much an emotional as a practical need for you, for you enjoy performing a role, function or service that is valued by other people. Unemployment or problems at work affect your self-image and have a clear effect on your emotions and close relationships, even your health. On the other hand, praise or appreciation for a job, project or task well done motivates you to do your best. You have a good relationship to your co-workers (if employed), and tend to be supportive or caring towards them, which is usually reciprocated. Work that involves caring, nurturing or playing a parent role gives you a great deal of satisfaction. You have an instinctive understanding of how to treat and get the best out of the tools, utensils, skills etc. that you use either at work or at home. You may also have inherited many of these items.

Your domestic life is likely to be orderly and smooth-running, or at least you are happiest when it is. Daily routines such as taking baths, cooking and cleaning give you a feeling of order and security in the world. Having something to take care of or to look after makes you feel needed, and this is important to you. At some stage in your life you may tend to someone who is sick or who is incapable of looking after themselves. Your health tends to fluctuate and is to some extent dependant on your feelings or moods. Prolonged worry, stress, anxiety or depression may take their toll on your body, which is particularly sensitive to tension and illness. For this reason, a caring attitude to your physical needs and to such things as diet, exercise, relaxation etc. pay dividends. If you are especially faddy about your diet, ask yourself whether you are using food as a substitute for liking and valuing yourself.

MOON SQUARE VENUS

KEYWORDS: OVER-INDULGENCE; EMOTIONAL; MOODY; SHY;
BAD TASTE; DELAYS IN MARRIAGE; SENTIMENTAL;

Your MOON is SQUARE VENUS, meaning that you experience a conflict between your emotions and your relationships. You have a great deal of affection and love to give people, and enjoy making those around you feel good. You also have a deep desire to be loved and shown affection. The approval of those you love is more important to you than you may realise, with the consequence that you often put their interests before your own.

In relationships, you may experience a conflict between your emotional needs and your need for love. For example, those you are attracted to sexually may not be the same you look to for comfort and emotional security. On the other hand, lovers may find it hard to relate to your deeper, emotional side, or to adapt to your lifestyle and your expectations of what a good parent to your children should be. Your own parents may have been, or still be, quite disapproving of them, perhaps because they sense your own conflicting feelings.

You go through phases of self-indulgence both physically and emotionally, during which you tend to give way to surface desires and end up overeating or overspending. This search for comfort may be closely linked to your feelings toward yourself and your sense of how attractive you are to other people. You may need to balance your desire for love with a healthy dose of self-love - not in the egotistical sense of thinking and behaving as if one is the best in the world, but in the sense of respecting and valuing oneself. To truly value oneself means liking who one is (you deserve love too), nurturing oneself (i.e. not doing those things that harm, upset or degrade oneself, and instead actively doing things that uplift, heal or make oneself feel good), and communicating your feelings honestly and openly. This may involve telling others that you do not like what they are doing or saying.

MOON SQUARE MIDHEAVEN

KEYWORDS: FLUCTUATING GOALS; CARING WORK; SENSITIVE TO BEING IN THE PUBLIC EYE; UNRELIABLE; VACILLATING; SENTIMENTAL; NEED FOR SECURITY; ATTACHMENT TO PAST; DISLIKE OF GROWING UP; DISSATISFIED WITH JOB OR HOME LIFE.

Your MOON is SQUARE the MIDHEAVEN, which means that you experience a conflict between your emotions and your career or public life. You may take longer than most to discover your direction in life and to accept your role in the outside world - the world of work and social responsibility. Perhaps your upbringing was rather sheltered, so that you were to some extent unprepared for the demands of the adult world. You do have goals and ambitions however, but they tend to change as you change in life, and this can make sticking to one track or career unlikely. You are best in a job or career that gives you scope to express your feelings or your caring side, or that doesn't threaten

your need for emotional security. Working at home could prove a particularly apt option, as could childcare, nursing, teaching young children, agriculture or working with food.

At times you experience a conflict between your home and family life and your work. For example, the demands of child rearing may take up all your time, leaving you frustrated at not being able to be 'out there' in the world of work, utilising your skills and talents. The opposite may be the case too, in that focusing on your goals and career may lead to family members feeling neglected, or you might be neglecting your own emotional needs in favour of chasing success. The answer lies in realising that both sides of your life are important, and that both need adequate outlets.

THE ASCENDANT

The ASCENDANT symbolises the PERSONALITY; APPEARANCE; BODY-TYPE; MASK; ENVIRONMENT; SURROUNDINGS and BIRTH CIRCUMSTANCES. It is the part of ourselves that is most readily shown to (or seen by) the outside world.

Its' sign position and the aspects it makes to the planets in the horoscope show the nature of one's personality and physical appearance, and how they are integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength or weakness of the Ascendant (and the First House) indicates the strength or otherwise of one's personality.

ASCENDANT IN GEMINI (GEMINI RISING)

KEYWORDS: TALKATIVE, FRIENDLY PERSONALITY; CHANGEABLE; HIGHLY STRUNG; LIVELY; ADAPTABLE; QUICK; VIVACIOUS; SUPERFICIAL.

BODY-TYPE AND APPEARANCE: TALL; SANGUINE; LIGHT HAIR; FLESHY HANDS; BONY; LONG-LIMBED; HAZEL EYES; GESTICULATION; EXPRESSIVE HANDS.

Your ASCENDANT is in GEMINI, indicating that you are outwardly friendly, changeable, and vivacious. As a skilled and enthusiastic communicator, you enjoy talking and exchanging ideas with people on a wide variety of levels, from the superficial delights of sharing the latest tidbits of social gossip, to the more intellectual satisfaction of writing and exploring ideas through debate and conversation. Variety, stimulation, and interchange are a natural part of your everyday life, with the consequence that your social diary is often fully booked. You enjoy change and movement, spending much of your time 'on the go', and rarely staying for long in the same place. You may be drawn to writing, teaching or working in 'the media'. Though some with Gemini Rising give the impression of being superficial and fun-loving, others appear studious or bookish. Most give the impression of being lively and intelligent. You have a ready wit and are noted for your sense of humour.

Relationships are invariably opportunities for learning, and even if they have ended when you would rather they had continued, you appreciate them for what they taught you. In a potential marriage partner, you seek someone outgoing and fun to be with, with whom you can share adventures or explore the world together. You are unlikely to be looking for someone to lean on.

In appearance, (unless other factors in your horoscope strongly suggest otherwise, you are likely to be medium to tall in stature, with medium to light hair, a pale complexion, long arms and legs, wiry build and fine, clear and expressive eyes.

ASCENDANT TRINE MARS

KEYWORDS: ENERGY; STRENGTH; COURAGE; ASSERTIVE;
FORCEFUL; FRANK; DECISIVE; DYNAMIC; LEADING;
GOOD CONSTITUTION; ACTIVE LIFE; CONFIDENT;
STRONG PERSONALITY; WILL-POWER; TEAM-WORK;
INDEPENDENT; SPORTING; ATHLETIC; ENTHUSIASTIC;
COMPETITION; HEALTHY; VITAL; SEXUAL ENERGY.

Your ASCENDANT is TRINE MARS, indicating that your personality harmonises with your ability to assert yourself. You find it natural to assert yourself in a healthy and direct way that other people respect. You are not afraid to defend yourself if attacked either physically

or intellectually, nor are you coy about asking for what you want or standing up for your own interests. You have a lot of physical energy and probably enjoy releasing it through sport, sex, energetic outdoor activities etc. You are also generally healthy, with a robust constitution. Your manner is confident, direct and open, and people tend to accept your leadership. You are independent and usually initiate activity rather than expect others to do it for you. Activity is important to you, and laziness is not something you understand. You are capable of hard work, but you are also good at giving the impression that you are working hard, even when you are not! You enjoy projecting an image of strength, dynamism or sexuality.

ASCENDANT SEXTILE SATURN

KEYWORDS: LONG-LASTING RELATIONSHIPS; RELIABLE; RESERVED; ABILITY TO APPEAR RESPONSIBLE; RESPECTED; INTEGRITY; SENSE OF JUSTICE; OLDER FRIENDS/LOVERS/PARTNERS; SERIOUS ATTITUDE TO SOCIETY; COURTEOUS; GOOD CONDUCT; METHODICAL; LEADERSHIP; RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

Your ASCENDANT is SEXTILE SATURN, which means that you have a serious attitude to relationships. You were brought up to believe that relationships entail responsibility, and that being a member of society brings with it certain duties. Casual relationships do not attract you, and both your friendships and marriage are likely to be long lasting and built on solid foundations. For instance, you may have a relatively modest circle of friends who hail from 'way back', but you have deep bonds with them. Similarly, your social life may not be the most active or exciting, but neither is it empty or frustrating, since you rarely waste time on superficial encounters or social climbing. In behaviour you can be somewhat reserved, and may be more comfortable with formal encounters than with those of a more casual nature. You get on well with older people and those in authority. People respect your maturity and your uprightness, and they see you as a reliable and responsible member of society.

ASCENDANT SQUARE PLUTO

KEYWORDS: REPULSIVE BEHAVIOUR; INJURIES; DRASTIC CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCES; FANATICAL URGE TO DOMINATE; INSATIABLE; CRUDE; RUTHLESS; DISPUTES; DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS; TRANSFORMATIONS.

Your ASCENDANT is square PLUTO, indicating that there is a dynamic tension between your will and your personality. Your personality tends to elicit strong reactions from people, either for or against you. Most people with whom you enter into a relationship, be it social, intimate or professional, are inevitably changed by their contact with you - perhaps forced to encounter aspects of themselves they would have preferred to hide. You may have a strong need for power and control over people, and needless to say this can cause upsets and difficulties in your relationships. Where this need for control comes from is difficult to say - it may have stemmed from childhood experiences of abandonment or trauma, or perhaps you were raised in a tense and manipulative atmosphere, and came to resent what you experienced as your parent's supreme power over you. Understanding how and when to use this power wisely one of your greatest life-lessons.

You are capable of achieving much in life through sheer will and determination, but are at your best when you join with others to help change social, environmental or political conditions in the world around you, or when you motivate others to do so. Since Pluto symbolises major transformations, your circumstances in life, along with your outward personality and appearance, may occasionally undergo dramatic changes. For instance, you might completely change how you look and act because of a change in your beliefs, or because of some particularly intense experience in your life.

MERCURY, VENUS AND MARS - HOW YOU RELATE TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU

The inner planets of the solar system (excluding the Earth) symbolise in astrology the way you communicate and interact with other people, be they friends, strangers or partners. Mercury represents your everyday communication style and thinking patterns, and thus rules speech, writing and the way we process information about the world. Venus and

Mars on the other hand represent the two principles of relating to other people - approval by others, and asserting one's own interests. Where Venus is the realm of social harmony, adapting to others' interests, making oneself attractive (and the qualities that one finds attractive in others), Mars is the realm of action, self-assertion, and getting what one wants. Good relationships are made easier when we are able to communicate effectively with others, and know when to give and when to take.

MERCURY

MERCURY symbolises one's INTELLECT; MIND; INTELLIGENCE; COMMUNICATION; MEDIATION; LOGIC; ADAPTABILITY; MOBILITY; REASON; ANALYSIS; DISCRIMINATION; HUMOUR; KNOWLEDGE and SPEECH Unlike the Sun and Moon, it is a NEUTRAL planet, and is personified by SIBLINGS; FRIENDS; THINKERS; WRITERS; TALKERS and those who MEDIATE.

In the horoscope it is the planet that shows how one communicates and thinks. The sign and house in which it is found, together with the aspects Mercury makes to other planets, show the manner and style in which one communicates to others, the area of life in (or about which) one is most communicative and intelligently detached, and how one's powers of speech and mind are integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength or weakness of Mercury in the horoscope shows the extent to which one uses one's reason and communicative abilities.

MERCURY IN CAPRICORN

KEYWORDS: STRUCTURED THINKING; THOROUGH; LOGICAL; CONSERVATIVE; REALISTIC; SHREWD; PLANNING; COMMON SENSE; PRAGMATIC; CONCENTRATION; PATIENCE; SERIOUS.

Your MERCURY is in CAPRICORN, indicating that you are mentally serious and practical. Your mind is disciplined, objective and exacting. You have more than the usual amount of common sense, and take a down-to-earth, pragmatic approach to life. What you

say is worth listening to since you always speak from experience and logic rather than from supposition or speculation. You are good at focusing your mind and shutting out distractions. You are able to concentrate on the task in hand whilst keeping in mind the overall aims of whatever you are involved in, which makes you efficient and organised in your approach to most things. You plan ahead carefully, and are good at marshalling the necessary resources to achieve an objective. At times your outlook and speech has a sober or morose quality, due to the depth of your thinking, as well as your tendency to dwell on problems. You are perhaps not the most relaxed or sparkling of social conversationalists. Your seriousness however gives you an air of wisdom, integrity, and authority that most people respect. Your thinking can be decidedly negative at times, and you may need to guard against the tendency to find the cloud behind every silver lining. You strive to develop your mind however, and are interested in business, commerce, science, and management. You communicate especially well in a business or corporate environment, and are well suited to work that necessitates dealing with the public in a professional manner, or that involves leading or organising a team of people.

MERCURY IN THE SEVENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: DIPLOMACY; MEDIATION; REFINED; COMMUNICATIVE; TEAMWORK; CO- OPERATIVE; PUBLIC MINDED; SOCIAL; SHARING IDEAS; STIMULATING OR YOUTHFUL PARTNER; NEGOTIATION; INTELLECTUAL PARTNERSHIP; COUNSELLING; ADVICE; CONSULTATION.

Your MERCURY is in the SEVENTH HOUSE of your horoscope, and this means that you seek mental stimulation in your relationships. You are attracted to lively, intelligent people, and actively seek social and intellectual stimulation. Consequently, you are likely to enjoy a full, even hectic, social life. You enjoy communication, and this enhances all your relationships, both personal and professional. If problems occur you are willing to discuss them or work them out calmly. Your impartiality, willingness to listen, and your genuine interest in other people make you ideally suited to such roles as counsellor, advisor or consultant. You understand people well and enjoy learning about their goals, their feelings, their hopes and dreams. You talk openly to your partner, spouse or lover, but you should be careful of your relationships becoming too cerebral and not grounded in genuine feelings or physical

reality. You may attract partners who are unreliable and uncommitted, or may yourself flit from one relationship to another without really committing yourself.

MERCURY SEXTILE MARS

KEYWORDS: ACTIVE MIND; DIRECT; FORTHRIGHT; FRANK; OWN OPINIONS; MENTAL ENERGY; DEBATE; DECISIVE; TALKATIVE; STIMULATING; PLANS; CONVINCING; DEALS; NEGOTIATIONS.

Your MERCURY is SEXTILE MARS, which means that your ability to communicate harmonises with your ability to assert yourself. Your mind is active and you seek mental stimulation through reading, discussion and conversation. You are unlikely ever to complain of being bored, since there is always something you can think of to do, somewhere to go or someone to meet. You speak openly and directly, and people rarely misunderstand what you are saying or where you stand on an issue. In negotiations you keep your wits about you and rarely give way until the deal is done or the contract signed. You enjoy lively debate and are skilled at stating your case convincingly and persuasively. If you have to present ideas to people, for example by speaking to an audience or in public, you have a knack for doing so in a way that is stimulating and dynamic, and which keeps them awake at the very least!

MERCURY SQUARE JUPITER

KEYWORDS: WELL-READ; TALKATIVE; SCATTERED; LEARNING; EXAGGERATION; SLOPPY; HAPHAZARD; INDISCREET; POOR JUDGEMENT; HASTE; OPTIMISTIC; IDEALISTIC; LOUD; VERBOSE; HOT AIR; ABSTRACT; HEAD IN THE CLOUDS; ARROGANCE; BELIEF; MUCH TRAVEL AND MOVEMENT; IDEAS; PHILOSOPHY.

Your MERCURY is SQUARE JUPITER, indicating that you experience a conflict between communication and expansion. You have a highly active mind and love to learn, although you may have been impatient with the routine aspects of your education such as homework, exams and exercises. You absorb information readily and are likely to be literate and well read. Ideas stimulate you, and you are fond of discussing them with people. You tend to be more interested in the whys and wherefores of life than in its mundane aspects, and consequently you sometimes overlook or ignore important details, such as the small print in contracts, or the more commonplace forms of communication between people such as smalltalk. You are excited about the future and have many plans, but should regularly check to see whether you have too many projects on the go at once, or else there is the danger of never completing anything you have started. You believe strongly in truth, and can be outspoken in your beliefs and opinions, leading some to regard you as opinionated or arrogant. At times you can be tactless and overly frank, since you often say what is on your mind without thinking of the possible consequences. You love being 'on the go', and probably live at a hectic pace. Travel is likely to figure strongly in your life, and you have many foreign contacts.

MERCURY SQUARE URANUS

KEYWORDS: ERRATIC INTELLIGENCE; RADICAL OR ECCENTRIC IDEAS; BRILLIANT; ORIGINAL MIND; HASTY OR NERVOUS SPEECH; NERVOUS STRAIN; ABSTRACT; IMPRACTICAL; JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS; TACTLESS; INTELLECTUALLY ARROGANT; INSIGHTFUL; OBSTINATE; RESTLESS; INABILITY TO SLOW DOWN OR REST; EXCITABLE; IMPULSIVE; SCATTERED ENERGIES; SHOCKING; PRACTICAL JOKER; CHALLENGING; BRIGHT; ALERT; ILLOGICAL; BELLIGERENT; LACK OF COMMON SENSE; INTUITIVE; SCIENCE; RASH; SUDDEN JOURNEYS; SPEED; DOGMATIC.

Your MERCURY is SQUARE URANUS, which means that your mind and ability to communicate conflicts with your individuality and desire for freedom. You are a highly intelligent person with the capacity to absorb information and think at great speed. You love knowledge and are capable of purely abstract thought, something not everyone can achieve. You may even possess a 'photographic' memory that can retain vast chunks of detailed information. You are not afraid in

the least of thinking for yourself nor of entertaining eccentric or radical ideas, and indeed you probably love shocking people, or at least challenging their fixed or conventional standpoints. Sometimes you are apt to take this too far and end up bruising people's feelings. You can also at times come across as opinionated or intellectually arrogant, which only serves to alienate rather than persuade. Some with Mercury square Uranus have speech problems, which compounds the incomprehension that often greets their utterings. To communicate more effectively, you may need to make a deliberate effort to clarify your ideas, as well as to slow down, and if necessary 'gear down', to the level of your audience - without patronising them of course! Though highly intelligent, well read, and second to none at grasping abstract concepts, you sometimes display a remarkable lack of common sense. The details of everyday living such as remembering appointments, shopping lists or engaging in small talk may not be your forte. You have a tremendous amount of nervous energy, and to avoid 'living in your head' so much you would benefit by finding ways of using your energies physically rather than mentally, for instance by exercise, hiking or sport. Your nervous system is easily overstimulated, especially in this high-speed, high-tech age, and this can lead to exhaustion, stress, and even mental imbalance. It is therefore important that you treat your mind-body system with care and respect, and cultivate calm, equanimity, and an appreciation for the simpler things of life.

MERCURY SQUARE PLUTO

KEYWORDS: POWERFUL THINKER OR COMMUNICATOR;
CONTROVERSIAL; SECRETIVE; PENETRATING; HARSH;
PERCEPTIVE; CRITICAL; RESEARCHING; INVESTIGATIVE;
PROFOUND; DEEP-THINKING; DETECTION; CUNNING;
VERBAL AGGRESSION; INTELLECTUAL POWER-
STRUGGLES; FORCEFUL SPEAKER; DISAGREEMENTS;
STUDY; MYSTERIES; EXTREME IDEAS; INSIGHT;
SUSPICIOUS; SARCASTIC; PROPAGANDA; TABOO;
COMPULSIVE SPEECH.

Your MERCURY is SQUARE PLUTO, which shows that you experience a conflict between your mental and communication skills on the one hand, and your instincts or power needs on the other. You are highly perceptive, and rarely take things, events, or people at their face value. Indeed, your immediate reaction is often one of suspicion, which may lead to an overly cynical outlook on life. You can be

highly secretive, and certainly, you are adept at keeping information to yourself. You realise that knowledge is power, and that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing (to use a well-worn cliché), so you are judicious in your communication of it to other people. In fact, you can sometimes be quite devious when you want to be. When you communicate, you do it forcefully, even harshly, and may be known, or even feared, for your cutting remarks or biting wit. Arguments and intellectual power struggles are likely to be a fact of life for you, and it often seems as though people are threatened by what you say even - if this is not your intention. Perhaps your acute insight makes them feel uncomfortable. There is something compulsive about your thought-processes, and perhaps also with your speech. Once you start talking you may find it difficult to stop. Alternatively, it may be hard to get a word out of you at all. You can be a fascinating, moving and compelling speaker, a gift you may need to learn wisely and to constructive ends.

You are fascinated by mysteries, and not afraid to investigate or delve into areas many would consider taboo, particularly if they involve the darker or more hidden aspects of life, such as the occult, crime, sex etc. You are adept at thoroughly researching a subject, and have the knack of shutting out all distractions when you do. Be aware of your tendency towards obsessive or black-and-white thinking however, and allow other people to hold views that differ from your own.

VENUS

VENUS symbolises RELATIONSHIP; HARMONY; LOVE; ATTRACTION; ART; BEAUTY; PLEASURE; RELAXATION; FRIENDS and SEX. It is FEMININE SEXUALITY in contrast to the masculine sexuality of MARS. We thus each have a masculine and feminine side, to a greater or lesser degree. Though sexuality is a profoundly complex subject, and cannot be reduced to a mere formula, it is often the case that in a man's birthchart Venus represents an IDEAL FEMININE IMAGE. This gives rise to attraction to those who embody or evoke it, whilst in a woman's birthchart Venus often symbolises her own sexuality and attractiveness. It is personified by WOMEN and GIRLS in general, and also ARTISTS, LOVERS, MUSICIANS, DANCERS, ROMANTICS, POETS and DIPLOMATS.

In the horoscope it is the point that reveals what give one pleasure and how one relates to others. Its sign, house position, and the aspects it makes to other planets show the type and quality of

one's relationships, the area of life in which one has a sense of wellbeing and satisfaction, and how one's capacity to relate is integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength of Venus in one's chart indicates the importance or otherwise of love and friendships in one's life and the extent to which one adapts or harmonises with people.

VENUS IN AQUARIUS

KEYWORDS: FRIENDLY; SOCIABLE; INCONSTANT;
EFFERVESCENT; POPULAR; FREE LOVE;
UNCONVENTIONAL; GROUP ACTIVITIES; WOMEN'S
GROUPS; MODERN ART; SHORT RELATIONSHIPS.

Your VENUS is in AQUARIUS, showing that you relate freely, openly and unconventionally. You probably have a wide circle of acquaintances, some of whom are highly unconventional, by average standards. You want and enjoy excitement and unpredictability in your relationships, and back away from too much intensity or emotion. You need a lot of 'space' to move about in and prefer the freedom to do your own thing whilst your partner does theirs. Communication and some form of intellectual exchange is a must for you, and without it you become quickly bored. You have a love for the modern or innovative, especially in art and entertainment, and may be talented in either area, with a unique style or a gift for unusual or surprising ideas. In your relationships you seek stimulation and excitement, and having shared interests is vital for their success. You are attracted toward the unusual in both people and lovers, and someone who is out-of-the-ordinary or provocative in some way is likely to excite your interest. You express affection with lovers coolly and intellectually rather than in a cosy or romantic way. Some of your relationships only last a short time, especially if your partner does not have the individuality or uniqueness you are looking for. In order to feel good about a love relationship you may seek your friend's approval of it. You enjoy socialising and being one of 'the beautiful people' or the 'in-crowd'. Your taste in clothes may be startling or strikingly original.

VENUS IN THE NINTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: LOVE OF TRAVEL; FOREIGN FRIENDS AND CONTACTS; FREE; SCATTERED; IDEALISTIC; ROMANTIC; LONGING; PHILOSOPHY; RELIGION; HOLIDAYS; LONG JOURNEYS; EXPLORING; HIGHER EDUCATION; FRIENDSHIP; BONHOMIE; CULTURED; HIGHER EDUCATION; TEACHING; LEARNING; CULTURED; WELL-READ.

Your VENUS is in the NINTH HOUSE, which means that you enjoy travelling and broadening the mind. You are cultured and have a love of learning about life in all its variety, preferably at first hand through travel. You are interested in how other cultures live and particularly dislike nationalism or prejudiced attitudes towards foreign countries and their inhabitants. You believe in social harmony and may be involved in forging links between different races and cultures, in order to promote understanding and friendship across national borders. You travel for pleasure, and derive a great deal of enjoyment and relaxation from vacations either at home or abroad. Some of your friends, lovers and even your marriage partner(s) are likely to be foreign. You are quite romantic and idealistic, and have a love of literature, history, and art. Your philosophy of life is positive, and therefore you see the silver linings surrounding even the darkest clouds. Your image of God (if you have one) is unlikely to be harsh or cruel. You enjoy learning and may have many friends from school or higher education. You love the 'great outdoors' and may participate in sporting or other activities such as walking, hiking, camping etc for pleasure and recreation. As a teacher, you would have the ability to communicate your love of your subject. You may have much wisdom to dispense about the subject of sex and relationships, about which you are open, broad-minded and tolerant in your attitudes. You hold as an important ideal the belief that people can, if encouraged, get on with each other regardless of differences in background, religion or race.

VENUS TRINE JUPITER

KEYWORDS: MANY FRIENDS; ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE; POPULARITY; CHARM; GAIN THROUGH FRIENDS; HAPPINESS IN LOVE; EXPANSIVE RELATIONSHIPS; FUN; GOOD TIMES; GOOD

TASTE; RELAXED; ABUNDANCE; CREATIVE; CHEERFUL;
SINCERE; HAPPY MARRIAGE.

Your VENUS is TRINE JUPITER, which means that your ability to relate harmonises with your aspirations. You are highly sociable and have the gift of making friends with ease. You like having a good time, and believe in having as much fun as possible. Generous and open with your affections, you are likely to have many friends and lovers. You love spending money and can be notably self-indulgent. You have a taste for the good things of life - fine wines, good food, entertainment - and sometimes cheerfully live beyond your means. However, you seem to attract good fortune. Money, as well as opportunities, often come through friends, lovers, or your extensive network of good contacts. Your manner is confident, and you may have a somewhat larger than life charisma that draws people to you. You are a celebrity and a star, even if the only photographs of you in circulation are holiday snaps. You are socially accomplished, and can mix with all types with ease. You may be prolifically creative and accomplished at what you do. Acting, the arts, the theatre all appeal strongly.

VENUS SEXTILE NODE

KEYWORDS: ENJOYING ONE'S PATH IN LIFE; RELIANCE ON
OTHER PEOPLE; LAZY ABOUT DEVELOPING ONESELF.

Your VENUS is SEXTILE the MOON'S (NORTH) NODE, which means that your ability to relate to people harmonises with your ability to grow as an individual. Your skill in forming friendships and establishing social contacts frequently brings you opportunities to develop, explore or capitalise on your talents. However, this same ability may also make you lazy about developing yourself, since you could prefer to grow vicariously through others than put effort into your own growth.

VENUS TRINE URANUS

KEYWORDS: UNUSUAL LOVERS OR FRIENDS; EXCITING RELATIONSHIPS; MODERN LOVE; FREE LOVE; EXPERIMENTAL; EXOTIC; SPARKLING; ORIGINAL ART FORMS; SUDDEN ATTRACTIONS; SHORT-LIVED AFFAIRS; RHYTHM; STYLE; UN-POSSESSIVE; CREATIVE; MODERN ART; INDEPENDENCE IN LOVE; UNCOMMITTED; INTRIGUING; CONSCIOUS RELATIONSHIPS; ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE; IMPERSONAL; COOL; MAGNETIC.

Your VENUS is TRINE URANUS, indicating that you relate in an unconventional and exciting manner. You have a certain personal magnetism and style that people find fascinating and attractive. You love to socialise and in the right company you sparkle like a diamond. You seek out people, both as friends and potential lovers, who are different, unconventional or mentally stimulating. Friendships and relationships often start very quickly, or you meet in unusual circumstances. Freedom is important in all your relationships, and those who try to restrict you or who are emotionally possessive are a definite turn-off. Not that you fear commitment, it's just that you dislike the exclusivity that often seems to go with 'being a couple'. Often your relationships follow an unpredictable course, and through them you experience change, new ideas and new experiences. You believe in the idea of 'free love' and try to build freedom and openness into your relationships. You seek to relate as consciously and as intelligently as possible, and this attitude enables you to stand back and work out any problems that arise between you and your partner. You may be artistically talented, and certainly you display a great flair and imagination in almost everything you do. If artistic, your methods and ideas are likely to be unusual, experimental and innovative. You are in tune with modern forms of art and entertainment and are aware of the latest trends within them.

MARS

MARS symbolises DESIRE; AGGRESSION; WILL; ACTIVITY; IMPULSE; COMPETITION; SEX AND SEXUAL DRIVE; INITIATIVE; BATTLES; ANGER and MASCULINITY. It is MALE SEXUALITY in contrast to the feminine sexuality of VENUS. In a woman's birthchart, it often symbolises the IDEAL MALE IMAGE within the psyche that gives rise to attraction to those who embody or evoke it. In a

man's birthchart, it often symbolises his unconscious image of masculinity, and relates closely to the 'male ego'. It is personified by MEN IN GENERAL; FIGHTERS; COMPETITORS; ATHLETES; MECHANICS; THE POLICE; AGGRESSORS; ENGINEERS ETC.

In the horoscope it is the point that reveals the nature of one's desires and how one asserts oneself. Its sign, house position, and the aspects it makes to other planets show the manner in which one asserts oneself and gets what one wants, the area of life in which one is most energised and aggressive, and how one's desires and ability to assert oneself are integrated with the rest of the psyche. The relative strength or weakness of one's Mars indicates one's assertiveness or otherwise, and the extent to which one fights or competes with others.

MARS IN LIBRA

KEYWORDS: SOCIABLE; FLIRTATIOUS; ENMITY; FRANK; ARDENT;
PASSIONATE; RELATIONSHIPS; AFFAIRS; CHARMING;
REFINED; PASSIVE; WEAK; PEACEABLE;
COMPROMISING.

Your MARS is in LIBRA, indicating that you assert yourself agreeably. You are notably unassertive and avoid confrontations almost at all cost. This can make it difficult to stand up for yourself if threatened. Generally however, you get what you want by using your charm, of which you possess plenty. You probably have quite a lot of unexpressed anger towards people, but either pretend you don't or even turn it against yourself. You often push people's buttons whilst acting innocent, just to see how much they 'really' like you. You seek an exchange of energy between you and your friends or lovers, and if this means starting an argument then at least that's better than taking each for granted (at least, that's the way you see it!). You tend to jump into relationships impulsively, often with a dazzling display of passion and ardour, but this same energy can also give rise to conflict and fireworks. You enjoy socialising and feel more alive after the sun sets than during the daytime. You possess a strong social conscience and a keen sense of justice. You may be better at fighting to right wrongs than you are at defending your own interests. You have a gift for diplomacy and always present your case reasonably and calmly, rarely resorting to temper or rudeness.

MARS IN THE FIFTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: DESIRES PLEASURE; CREATIVE ENERGY; SELF-ASSURED; ARDENT; EGOTISTICAL; ENTERPRISING; SEX; PASSIONATE LOVES; ACTING; ATHLETIC; ARTISTIC EXPRESSION; COMPETITIVE SPORTS; CONTESTS; BOSSY; LEADING; DOMINANT; BRAGGADOCIO; VITALITY; SPIRITED; VITAL; GAMBLING; TOUGH OR INDEPENDENT CHILDREN; HONEST; OPEN; ENERGY; PLAY; DARING; WANTS ATTENTION.

Your MARS is in the FIFTH HOUSE of your horoscope, showing that you are passionate in your pursuit of pleasure and love. The fifth house symbolises creativity, play, self-expression, love affairs and children, and so with Mars here you put a lot of energy into these activities. You like to be a 'winner', the centre of attention, to receive applause, love, admiration or praise, and getting these gives you a feeling of power, individuality and importance. You can be quite competitive in seeking the limelight and enjoy games or activities that have a competitive element. You could well have some acting ability - if not in a formal sense then as it expresses itself naturally through your personality. You enjoy relationships and affairs, and are confident about initiating them. Often they are characterised by passion and ardour, and usually involve stormy scenes of one kind or another. Perhaps 'dramatic' would be a better way of describing them. Your approach to life is vigorous and energetic, and your level of self-confidence is generally high, unless, for instance Saturn or Neptune conjunct, square or oppose your personal planets or Ascendant. Sometimes you can be overconfident and egotistical, resorting to showing off or loudly singing your own praises in order to get attention. Your vitality lends itself well to competitive sports or athletics, which give you a good outlet for your energy. You are eager, perhaps even aggressive in your desire to demonstrate your talents or show that you are the best at what you do. Consequently you get into some pretty heavy ego-battles with people, but these tend to be open and honest rather than destructive, underhand, or even too serious - indeed you probably derive much pleasure from engaging in combat, particularly with opponents that you respect. You may be artistically or theatrically gifted, and your creative output, acting or self-expression is likely to be characterised by its directness, force and daring, and also by the vigour of its' execution.

MARS OPPOSITE SATURN

KEYWORDS: RESISTANCE; CONCENTRATED OR CONTROLLED ENERGY; DISPUTES; DESTRUCTIVE ENERGY; HARD; TESTS OF STRENGTH; HARD LABOUR; OBSTINACY; TOUGH; BRUTALITY; FIGHTS; FRUSTRATION; NEGATIVITY; TENSIONS; DIFFICULTIES WITH FATHER; CONFLICTS; PENT-UP ANGER; RESENTMENT; SELF-RESTRAINT; BLOCKED; SEETHING; CIRCUMSCRIBED ACTIVITIES; GREAT EFFORTS; EGO-CONFLICTS; ACTIVITY FOLLOWED BY INACTIVITY; UNFULFILLED DESIRES; BAD TEMPER.

Your MARS is OPPOSITE SATURN, meaning that you experience a conflict between your desire to assert yourself and your own boundaries. You may have strong inner tensions that stem from feelings of frustration or a difficulty in getting what you want in life, and these tend to build up and be expressed as irritability, needless disputes or a sense of injustice against the world in general. You tend not to release your feelings (particularly your anger) openly however; perhaps because you fear the consequences or are frightened of what you feel is the violence and intensity of your feelings. As a child, you may have been told that anger was 'bad' and that such feelings should always be controlled. Some with this aspect between Mars and Saturn had to contend with a parent who exerted a rigid, authoritarian or even abusive control over them, to such an extent that asserting themselves in any way (or even asking for what they wanted) required courage and persistence. Some with this aspect were brought up to believe that sex too is 'bad' or 'dirty' and connected with control or guilt.

Self-repression can of course (if taken too far), exert a toll on your emotions and even on your physical being, since we know that the mind and body are intimately linked. Learning how to cope creatively with stress and to constructively channel anger is strongly advised with this aspect. Learning too that it is OK to ask for what you want, to say 'no' when necessary, and to tell people openly that you don't like what they are doing or saying, are also important steps towards your own healing. Your relationship with men (and with your father in particular) may in general terms be tense, with obstacles being put in your way seemingly for no reason other than to provoke you or test your strength. Physical activity such as sport, or hard work that requires concentration and self-discipline, is a good use of Mars/Saturn energies, and would help alleviate the problems described above. Military or law enforcement careers may appeal, partly because they offer a disciplined

framework for courageous or strenuous activity. You do well in such careers because you are capable of a high degree of focus and sustained effort towards a goal. Avoid working with machinery when angry or under stress - that is when accidents can happen.

THE MIDHEAVEN, JUPITER AND SATURN - YOUR PLACE IN SOCIETY

These three points in your horoscope represent the way you interact with and adapt to the larger world of society - your public face, your ideals and ambitions. The Midheaven represents your inner aims and overall direction in life, as well as your public image. This is the way the public at large are likely to see you and to assess your life. Jupiter and Saturn on the other hand represent the two principles of establishing your place in the world - having a vision of what is possible, and knowing how to adapt to the reality. Jupiter brings expansion, optimism, good fortune, Saturn brings contraction, realism and sometimes painful, but always valuable, lessons. Successful adaptation to the outside world lies in developing one's social strengths, knowing when to take advantage of opportunity and when to strengthen the foundations of one's life.

THE MIDHEAVEN

The MIDHEAVEN (or Tenth House cusp) symbolises one's PUBLIC IMAGE; ASPIRATIONS; CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY; CONSCIOUSNESS; AIMS; DIRECTION; FUTURE and PROFESSIONAL LIFE. It is one's Public Face in contradistinction to the private one symbolised by the IMMUM COELI (or Fourth House cusp) which is always directly opposite the Midheaven.

The sign position and aspects to the planets or Ascendant show the nature of one's orientation to society and the public, and how one's goals integrate with the other elements of one's life. The relative strength or weakness of the Midheaven and the Tenth House indicate the importance or otherwise of relating to the public and of contributing to society.

MIDHEAVEN IN AQUARIUS

KEYWORDS: IDEALISTIC; HUMANITARIAN; DETACHED; FRIENDLY;
REBELLIOUS; UTOPIAN; PROGRESSIVE AIMS; MODERN;
SOCIABLE.

Your MIDHEAVEN is in AQUARIUS, indicating that you have progressive, humanitarian or utopian aims in life. You have a strong need to contribute something original and progressive to society, and want to be seen as an agent of change, at the cutting edge of thought or events. Your direction in life changes frequently as your interests change, and your ideas develop. You seek work or a career that values independence of thought, and which allows plenty of scope for variety and freedom of action. Although money is an important consideration, you would not for long be able to tolerate routine work, or work involving long periods spent alone, even if it was well remunerated. You are a keen team player, and are energised by participation, involvement and the exchange of ideas in a stimulating and fast-paced environment. You are a great networker, and are likely to have many contacts across a wide spectrum of society. Areas such as the t.v., journalism, technology, scientific research, publishing, the Internet, product development, aerospace engineering, astrophysics, astronomy, exploration, computer programming, laboratory work, architecture, the arts, education, campaigning, academia, and politics may be suitable avenues for your talents. You may change jobs frequently, and are capable of quitting if you disagree with your employer's actions or principles. You are used to living with uncertainty, and are skilled at adapting to changing conditions or new working practises.

MIDHEAVEN SEXTILE SATURN

KEYWORDS: PATIENT PURSUIT OF GOALS; FUTURE PLANS;
EXPERIENCE; STABLE FAMILY LIFE; SUSTAINED EFFORT;
GOOD FOUNDATION; SUPPORT FROM PARENTS;
TRADITION; STANDING; HARD-WORKING; ORGANISED;
PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE; GOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
AUTHORITY; SECURE; STRONG; INNER DISCIPLINE;
CONSERVATIVE; RESPONSIBLE; TRUSTED; ISOLATED;
MATURE; ESTABLISHED; HIGH STANDARDS; DUTY.

Your MIDHEAVEN is SEXTILE SATURN, which means that your ability to work with reality harmonises with your career or goals in life. You were brought up to appreciate the values of tradition and hard work and this has given you a solid foundation in life. You are able to bring to your work a professional, thorough and disciplined approach that employers (or the public, should you come into contact with them) value. You have an undoubted integrity and so are trusted by those in charge or in authority to be reliable and responsible, and this can only do your career good. You do not however neglect your responsibilities to your family or home life, for they are likely to be more important to you. You may come from a strong and established family and be expected by them to 'carry on the family traditions' or to conform to what is expected of you by them. You matured early and are somewhat conservative in your approach to life. You are suited to positions of authority and responsibility such as managerial or executive posts, working in local or central government, looking after money or other resources, administration or organisation of all kinds. You are reliable and painstaking, and usually complete a task or project once you have begun it. You take a considered, long term view of your career and pursue your goals patiently and with careful planning.

JUPITER

JUPITER symbolises EXPANSION; OPTIMISM; PHILOSOPHY; EXCESS; GENEROSITY; WISDOM; OPPORTUNITY; GROWTH; RELIGION; LEARNING; ASPIRATIONS; ENTHUSIASMS; INDULGENCE; POSITIVITY and VISION. It is the opposite of the principle of contraction symbolised by Saturn.

In the horoscope it is the point that reveals how one connects with the larger order of things beyond ones everyday frames of reference. It shows what one enjoys in life and how one expands beyond one's normal limitations. It offers opportunity and luck, and promotes trust, faith and wisdom. The sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets indicate what one enjoys, the area of life in which one grows and which naturally presents opportunities, and how one's ability to relax and enjoy life integrates with the other elements of one's life. The relative strength or weakness of Jupiter indicates the extent to which one can stand back from oneself and one's life, and appreciate them from a broader perspective.

JUPITER IN LIBRA

KEYWORDS: PHILANTHROPIC; JUST; CHARITABLE; CULTURED;
BENIGN; GOOD MARRIAGE; THE LAW; LOVE OF
SOCIAL LIFE; POPULARITY; PEOPLE.

Your JUPITER is in LIBRA, showing that you have a positive attitude towards relationships and people in general. You have a gift for relating to people, and are charming and relaxed in even the most difficult of social situations. You are popular and well liked, and enjoy an active, even hectic, social life. You have a balanced and cultured mind, and believe strongly in justice and equality. You hate bigotry and narrow social divisions such as those based on class, race or religion, and because you value harmony, you may have a reputation as a wise peacemaker. You appreciate beauty in all its forms, human, artistic or natural, and may be knowledgeable on such subjects as art and fashion. You are a skilled matchmaker and host, and enjoy bringing the right people together to create a memorable social occasion. People value your sound judgement and balanced advice, especially concerning relationships, so you could well make a fine counsellor or adviser.

JUPITER IN THE FIFTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: MANY LOVES; SELF-CONFIDENCE; LEADING;
POPULARITY; VAINGLORIOUS; DIGNIFIED; DOMINANT;
CREATIVE; PROUD; MANY CHILDREN; FORTUNATE OR
SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN; PLEASURE; WEALTH;
OSTENTATION; LUCKY IN LOVE; MAGNANIMOUS;
GAMBLING; FORTUNATE SPECULATION; ARROGANCE;
INFLATED EGO; LOVE OF GAMES, SPORT,
ENTERTAINMENTS; ACTING; THEATRE; DRAMA.

Your JUPITER is in the FIFTH HOUSE of your horoscope, which indicates that your experience of creativity, relating to children and love affairs is positive, and through them you tap into your confidence and expand your sense of your own (and life's) possibilities. You have a confident and cheerful attitude towards life and know exactly how to enjoy yourself: preferably with style, panache and daring. You are good at playing the game of life, and see yourself as a winner. Indeed,

you may have a particular fondness for game-playing of all kinds. As an innate romantic, you love to be in love, and are likely to have many love affairs throughout your life. You have the sort of energy and sense of fun that children love, and because of this you usually enjoy good relationships with them. They tend to trust you and listen to your advice or counsel. You enjoy, or will enjoy, the raising of your own children, who will benefit greatly from the confidence and self-belief you encourage in them. There is a danger however of expecting too much of them, or of expecting them to act out your own unfulfilled ambitions. The typical 'stage parent' is perhaps an example of this.

Self-expression is likely to come easily to you, and be an important part of your life. Whatever medium you choose, you are likely to express your ideas and feelings in a bold, confident, even grand manner. You have a gift for entertaining others and are something of a performer, so acting, comedy, storytelling, or simply 'being' may be things you have a special talent for. You thrive on attention and may be a clever self-publicist. Work within the arts or the media could be appropriate outlets for your skills, although there is the possibility with Jupiter here that your own creativity may be projected onto an adored 'star' who embodies for you all the Jupiterian qualities of success, confidence and talent. Finally for this house-position of Jupiter, there is a temptation to speculate and even gamble. Although Jupiter does indicate good fortune, it also indicates excess and foolish risk-taking, so be warned!

JUPITER OPPOSITE MOON'S NODE

KEYWORDS: WASTED OPPORTUNITIES; MISGUIDED RELIGIOUS IDEALS; HEDONISM; TRAVELLING; ABSTRACT.

Your JUPITER is OPPOSITE the (NORTH) NODE of the MOON, indicating that you experience a conflict between your ideals or your desire to enjoy life, and your inner potential. You may occasionally waste opportunities in life because you are busy enjoying yourself. While it's good to take pleasure in life, it would be a shame to miss opportunities that are unlikely ever to present themselves again. Another manifestation of this aspect is that you could have strong religious ideals, but that they, although you may be loathe to admit it, detract from your real path in life and from exploring your underlying potential. For instance, they might provide you with easy answers to life, but ones that ultimately do not enable you to fully grow as a human

being. Yet another manifestation of this aspect is that your need for freedom, which may be expressed as wanderlust or constantly being on the move, has a similar effect, i.e. that it is a way of avoiding developing your unique gifts.

JUPITER CONJUNCT URANUS

KEYWORDS: PROGRESSIVE; ADVENTUROUS; REFORMING; FREEDOM-LOVING; INDEPENDENT; ECLECTIC; UNORTHODOX VIEWS; RESTLESS; CHALLENGING; CAMPAIGNING; REBELLIOUS; OPTIMISTIC; GOOD IDEAS; PERCEPTIVE; INVENTIVE; MANY CHANGES; RELIGIOUS OR IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICTS; IRRESPONSIBLE; LUCKY BREAKS; FORTUNE- HUNTING; SUDDEN OPPORTUNITIES; BREAKTHROUGHS; ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT; DIVERSE; LIBERAL; KNOWLEDGEABLE; EDUCATION; BRIGHT; EXCITING; ENTHUSIASTIC; REALISATION.

Your JUPITER is CONJUNCT URANUS, indicating that you are a person who welcomes change and progress. In your early years you may have done particularly well at school due to your ability to assimilate information quickly and intelligently, but may also have been precocious or even openly rebellious. You believe in freedom of thought, speech and lifestyle, and are prepared to defend such freedom openly. You also believe that knowledge and education free one, and for this reason are likely to be involved in teaching, spreading ideas, campaigning, or raising people's awareness about issues that concern them either directly or indirectly. You have the capacity to excite people's interest, and excel at motivating them to think, act or experience for themselves. You are not afraid to take risks in life, and in fact enjoy doing so, whilst actively seeking out adventure. Travelling especially stimulates you, and if you do go abroad are unlikely to follow the usual paths that visitors tread, in your desire for a fully authentic experience.

You have great enthusiasm for life and are optimistic about the future, where you spend much of your time. You have many exiting plans and ideas and are drawn to such subjects as science fiction or the more far-out fringes of science and thinking. You get on best with people of a similarly progressive or freewheeling temperament and dislike those who seek to curb your freedom in any way. Many of

your ideas seem to others to be unorthodox or even eccentric, though perhaps they are simply ahead of their time, for you enjoy being at the cutting edge. Your views on religion, philosophy and society are radically different from most people's, giving rise to suspicion (or possibly amusement) from more conservative types. You may even be openly rebellious against the established order, whether in word or deed, to the extent of being regarded as an outspoken troublemaker. You take life as it comes, which is lucky, since your fortunes often seem to change quickly and unexpectedly. Opportunities tend to come 'out of the blue', and sometimes just as suddenly disappear. Your financial situation tends to fluctuate in a similar manner. You are highly independent, and are confident about expressing your individuality, unless the conjunction is opposed or squared by Neptune, Pluto or Saturn, or is in the twelfth house of your birthchart.

You are not unduly concerned with achieving security or aiming for traditional goals in life - you prefer to be free to follow your own paths wherever they may lead. In terms of work and career you are likely to try many different outlets for your talents, and are unlikely to be comfortable in a traditional corporate structure or conventional employer/employee relationship. In many ways you are a maverick, and do things differently to other people. Your creativity and entrepreneurial spirit are suited to work demanding independence of thought and in which one has to achieve goals without supervision. Self-employment is thus in many ways an ideal choice. You experiment with new methods and can be highly inventive, with the ability to think on your feet and grasp opportunities quickly, though you cannot always be relied on to finish what you have started. As a leader, your ingenuity and independence can inspire loyalty. Education, training, marketing, the Internet, scientific research, campaigning, publishing, broadcasting and journalism are all areas you could do well in.

JUPITER SEXTILE NEPTUNE

KEYWORDS: IDEALISTIC; SPIRITUAL OR RELIGIOUS IDEAS; GOOD IMAGINATION; OPPORTUNITIES; MUSIC/ART ETC; HUMANE; SPECULATION; CHARITABLE; OPTIMISTIC; ALTRUISTIC; RELAXED; FRIENDLY.

Your JUPITER is SEXTILE NEPTUNE, which means that you experience a harmony between your ideals and your imagination. You are able to accept life as it is, and are fundamentally at peace with the world. You may be interested in religious, spiritual or philosophical ideas that help explain the universe, and are likely to have many intuitive insights of your own. You are generally humane and tolerant of peoples' weaknesses and differences, and dislike people or ideas that are socially divisive. You have imagination, and are thus able to appreciate music and the arts. You enjoy gambling, though this is by no means likely to become a problem, since it is something you indulge in only occasionally.

SATURN

SATURN symbolises RESTRICTION; LIMITATION; DUTY; WORK; CRYSTALLISATION; CONCENTRATION; INHIBITION; DISCIPLINE; FOCUS; INHIBITION, FORM and WISDOM. It is the CONTRACTIVE PRINCIPLE in contra-distinction to the EXPANSION represented by JUPITER. It is personified by THE ELDERLY; SERIOUS PEOPLE; BUSINESS-PEOPLE; THE SICK; WORKERS and JUDGES.

In the horoscope it is the point that reveals the nature of the limitations (either within or without) that one has to face and work with in one's life. It's sign, house position, and the aspects it makes to other planets show the nature of one's limitations, the area of life in which one is tested and in which one has to face one's limitations; and how one's capacity for taking responsibility is integrated with the other elements of one's life. The relative strength or weakness of Saturn shows the degree to which one can achieve enduring stability, both materially and psychologically.

SATURN IN ARIES

KEYWORDS: INHIBITIONS; LONELY; STRONG CHARACTER; DEFIANT; ESTEEM; SELF-DISCIPLINED; HIDDEN STRENGTH; RESPONSIBILITY; AUTOCRATIC; STRONG-WILLED.

Your SATURN is in ARIES, indicating that you learn lessons in life about will-power, self-assertion and personality. Aries, the sign of energy and impulse is not exactly happy with the heavy weight of Saturn lumbering through it. Imagine a sprinter at the starting blocks, only he has lead weights attached to his heels. Does that picture feel familiar? How often have you felt eager to achieve something, and yet at the same time were constantly frustrated or held back?

With Saturn in this sign, life has had a way of forcing you back upon yourself, making you realise the necessity for cultivating self-reliance, initiative, a strong will and self-determination. You understand that to get what you want from life, you have to 'go it alone', even if this means going against what others expect of you. Although at times a tough path, it is at least an authentic one. Some people may regard you as ruthless, self-centred or sternly authoritarian, and indeed, diplomacy may not be your strong point. However, during childhood certain basic and primary drives, such as the need for attention and whole-hearted approval, may have been ignored or frowned upon. Restrictions could have been put on you, or hostility may have even been directed at your attempts to assert your own identity or express your infantile sexuality. Consequently, you perhaps grew up with a fear of following your impulses, or even of just being yourself. You may even not know what 'yourself' is, and thus suffer a great deal of anxiety as to how to 'be', as well as how to live and enjoy life. You may oscillate between fearful self-control and over-identification with the 'masks' of persona and social role on the one hand, and aggressive attempts at having your own way, asserting your will or 'living it up' on the other. Both poles of behaviour are however expressing the same feeling of unlovability, powerlessness, anger and lack of any real experience of your own centre. Learning to love and accept yourself as you are, whilst taking the time to 'discover yourself', is a good way of remedying the situation. This means finding out exactly what your talents, loves, ideas and feelings are, and gradually identifying more with this richer and fuller part of yourself than with your external 'image', role or surface persona.

SATURN IN THE ELEVENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: ESTABLISHED FRIENDSHIPS; OLDER OR WISER FRIENDS; SOCIAL INHIBITIONS; ALIENATION; HUMANE; ISOLATED; AFFABLE BUT DETACHED; DISLIKE OF GROUPS; WORKING OR COMMITTED GROUPS;

COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES; OUTSIDER; RIGID IDEALS;
REALISATION OF IDEALS; PLANNING.

Your SATURN is in the ELEVENTH HOUSE of your horoscope, indicating that the qualities symbolised by Saturn and its sign operate in the sphere of friendships and ideals. As such, you tend to feel rather inhibited amongst groups of people, unless they are friends who you know well or unless the group exists for a specific purpose, its members sharing common ideas or a common vision. Even amongst friends however you can sometimes find it difficult to relax and be yourself for fear of censure or disapproval. You dislike superficial friendships, and your most successful ones are usually ones that have stood the test of time. You get on well with older, more serious or established people with whom you can relate deeply and honestly. You are, if you were to admit it, a little bit of a loner who finds it difficult to relate to people (especially on a 'party - party' level) but you nonetheless take your responsibilities as a member of society - or rather, as a member of the human race, seriously. Although you possibly spend a lot of time alone, you do not necessarily dislike the fact, since you enjoy the freedom that such aloneness bestows. Obviously if this is taken to an extreme the situation becomes different, but you differ from most others in that you are not afraid of your own company, and this gives you a real independence of character. You are committed to a vision of how society could be and are willing to work patiently and practically towards actualising it. You gain a great deal out of such involvement, especially if it is with others of like mind, as it enables you to shed your feeling of detachment and 'differentness' or even alienation, and begin to participate in the life of the group.

SATURN RETROGRADE

Your SATURN is RETROGRADE, meaning that it appeared to be going backwards when you were born. This can make for a morbid sensitivity, a cramped seriousness, and a strong sense of guilt for falling short of your own standards, or alternatively to an inner strength, integrity and wisdom gained possibly over many lifetimes. You are a thoughtful, reflective person who seeks to live by a clear set of standards based on your understanding of right and wrong. Whether these fit in with other people's socially conditioned morality and rules is of less concern to you than that you are true to your own. You are capable of thinking very much in the long term, and may shun outward success or status in order to seek achievements that are of more lasting personal

worth. Some with Saturn retrograde need a period of rest and reflection each day in order to ponder their experiences and the deeper issues of life.

THE MOON'S NODES

The NORTH NODE OF THE MOON (DRAGON'S HEAD) symbolises GROWTH; DEVELOPMENT; INDIVIDUALITY; POTENTIAL; KARMA; THE FUTURE; PROVIDENCE; MEANING and THE PATH. The SOUTH NODE (DRAGON'S TAIL) (which is always directly opposite the North Node) symbolises THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE; STAGNATION; THE PAST; REPETITION; HABIT and LOSS OF SELF. One has to learn to balance the urges represented by the Moon's Nodes, overcoming the pull towards habit and the past symbolised by the South Node, whilst using the lessons learned in order to develop the potential symbolised by the North Node. By doing so one will experience the joy of inner fulfilment and the certainty that one is treading one's destined path in life.

In the horoscope the North Node's sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets indicate one's potentials, the area of life in which one is called to grow and fulfil one's destiny, and how one's ability to grow is integrated with the other elements of one's life. The relative strength or weakness of one's North Node indicates the degree to which one can become what ultimately one is meant to be.

MOON'S NODE IN ARIES

KEYWORDS: RELATIONSHIPS VS INDEPENDENCE; SELF-EFFACEMENT VS SELF-ASSERTION; INDECISION VS POSITIVE ACTION; LOSS OF SELF VS SELF-DISCOVERY; HEART VS HEAD; STATUS QUO VS CREATIVITY; SENSITIVITY TO OTHERS VS SENSITIVITY TO SELF; RELIANCE ON OTHERS VS SELF-RELIANCE; FOLLOWING VS LEADING; LOGIC VS SPONTANEITY; ACCEPTANCE BY OTHERS VS SELF-ACCEPTANCE; OTHER PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS VS YOUR OWN.

Your MOON'S (NORTH) NODE is in ARIES, indicating that you grow as a person through discovering your own identity and developing your own will. Potentially you are a strong, self-motivated and courageous person capable of living life fully and in your own way. You have a great need for people in your life however and may fear the thought of being alone. This, together with the feeling, perhaps instilled by your upbringing or education, that you are somehow 'incomplete' without other people/a partner/a spouse/a lover or a full social life, may tempt you to be in a relationship at almost any cost. With relationships of all kinds (including familial), you do your best to please or to be what you think others want you to be. They may also be used as a way of avoiding coming to terms with your own needs, wishes and challenges in life. Needless to say, this can give rise to a 'loss of self' and feelings of frustration, powerlessness and even resentment. Relationships can of course bring great happiness, but we should not expect partners to live our lives for us.

Your challenge in life is to empower yourself - to take charge of your own life, to judge yourself by your own standards and to actualise your own dreams rather than other people's. Learning assertiveness can make a big impact on your life, giving you the tools and the confidence to ask for what you want from other people, and the courage to state your feelings openly. Some people imagine that assertiveness training is about turning mild-mannered people into bolshie, demanding and aggressive loudmouths - but in this is mistaken. In reality, it is about finding (and practising) confidence, and learning how to value yourself properly. For example, imagine somebody says something hurtful to you. Instead of suffering in silence, feeling very angry toward them, or worse, towards yourself for not standing up to them, simply tell them that you feel hurt by what they said, and that you would prefer that they said it differently next time. This lets the other person know that you value yourself, and importantly is giving them the space to change their behaviour in future. Of course, it can sometimes be scary to change - how will people close to you react? Will they encourage you? Will they need to make changes themselves? By making this vital leap into selfhood, and by affirming the value of your own selfhood, you discover that you are far freer and far stronger than you ever realised, and that all along it was you yourself, not others, who had kept you from this realisation.

THE MOON'S NODE IN THE ELEVENTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: GROWTH THROUGH FRIENDSHIP/FREEDOM/IDEAS;
NEED FOR DETACHMENT/OBJECTIVITY; NAIVETE;
INSTRUMENT OF CHANGE; PLEASURE-SEEKING;
COMMUNES; DEPENDANT ON PRAISE; PART OF THE
WHOLE; CAUSES.

Your MOON'S (NORTH) NODE is in the ELEVENTH HOUSE of your horoscope, indicating that you experience fulfilment in life through friendship and through cultivating your mental abilities. The South Node in the fifth house shows you to be strongly romantic, and just a little naive in your relationships with people. You have a strong desire for love, and for this reason are often involved in liaisons of one sort or another. You gain greater happiness in your life however when you explore your latent idealism, and focus less on your personal life than on the collective life of which you are a part. The experience of participating in social change, living by your own rules or exploiting your intellectual talents brings you a deeper and more lasting fulfilment, as does the experience of friendship and of linking up with your fellow man or woman. This is not to suggest that you are somehow 'unlucky in love', but that this area of your life is paradoxically more fulfilling when less importance is placed on it.

The South Node in the fifth house also tempts you to be highly self-willed or possibly even egotistical - but again, greater happiness is to be found when you define yourself as a part of a larger whole (for instance society, or Humanity) than just as an island to yourself. However, this does not necessarily mean that you are happiest being 'the perfect citizen' - indeed you may feel called to live a life beyond the bounds of what society defines as normal and worthy, perhaps one that could best be described as bohemian or experimental.

MOON'S NODE OPPOSITE URANUS

KEYWORDS: DESIRE FOR FREEDOM VS GROWTH;
TECHNOLOGY VS GROWTH; OVER-STIMULATED;
CRAVING FOR THRILLS; UNTHINKING RADICALISM;

CONTRARY; RESTLESS; DIFFICULTY FINISHING
ANYTHING; HEADSTRONG; FLIGHTY; DISRUPTIONS.

Your MOON'S (NORTH) NODE is OPPOSITE URANUS, which means that your desire for freedom or for excitement in life conflicts with your ability to grow and develop your potential. You have a strong need for change, variety, and stimulation, and without it you tend to lose interest quickly and move on. You may be a thrill-seeker, valuing only the immediate 'hit' that an experience or a relationship gives you rather than being prepared to look beneath the surface. For this reason, valuable opportunities to grow as a human being may be lost because they do not offer immediate rewards. You value your freedom strongly, but sometimes confuse it with mere caprice or self-will.

Another possibility with this aspect is that technology, or 'progress', can get in the way of developing your own talents. For example, someone who can draw well may be excited by learning how to use computers in art, but in doing so they lose the originality or flair that made their work unique in the first place.

URANUS, NEPTUNE AND PLUTO - BEYOND THE CONFINES OF EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE

Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are the farthest-out planets in the solar system, and in astrology, what they represent is similarly 'far out.' Because these three planets move slowly around the zodiac, they remain in particular signs for many years. This means that their influence is more readily seen in the generation (or seven-year 'mini-generation' in the case of Uranus) in which we were born, than in the individual. We are likely to experience their effects as individuals however if we have aspects to them from the Sun, Moon and Ascendant or the three inner planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars.

Uranus symbolises that part of ourselves that is free from, or that desires freedom from, the social rules and norms symbolised by Saturn. Through Uranus we experience the exaltation of liberation, or the chaos of anarchy. If we are too attached to our own freedom or individuality however, we become disruptive, eccentric or alienated, whilst if we try to cling on to the safety of that represented by Saturn in our lives, we can

become narrow, rigid, and dogmatic, our lives becoming mechanical and stale. The middle way is to value freedom and individuality whilst recognising the need for boundaries and social structures.

Neptune is the realm of the imagination, soul and unconscious mind. Through it we transcend the confines of our limited ego and experience the sacred, the unbounded or the divine. The desire to merge with something greater than the self can lead us to heaven or to hell - and to a whole host of illusions and self-deceptions in between. Experiences of disillusionment, loss, beauty, confusion or suffering can all be the catalysts that prompt us to search for the Neptunian realm, be it through drink, drugs, creativity or spirituality. In its highest form, Neptune shows us that we are an integral part of an infinite and ultimately mysterious whole.

The furthest planet in the solar system is Pluto - the god of the underworld. His is the realm of Life and Death, of the deepest and most fundamental forces around us and within us. Pluto brings destruction, breakdown, and tests of survival, but it also brings renewal, regeneration, and new life. Through traumatic experiences, we discover our deepest strengths and our deepest fears, and if we are lucky, we learn how to cope with events or experiences that are beyond our control. With Pluto we also discover that beneath the surface of life there are powerful forces for good and ill. Though we cannot control them, and like all dictators are inevitably destroyed if we do, we can ally ourselves to them in order to bring fundamental changes to the world around us.

URANUS

URANUS symbolises SHOCK; CHANGE; INDEPENDENCE; THE NEW; INVENTION; REBELLION; INDIVIDUALITY; EXCITEMENT; ORIGINALITY; ECCENTRICITY; INSPIRATION; UNORTHODOXY and REFORM. It is personified by TECHNICIANS; REBELS; ALIENS; INDIVIDUALS; ECCENTRICS; ASTROLOGERS; REVOLUTIONARIES; REFORMERS, and those who are unusual or different in some way.

It is the principle of freedom and the breaking away from the rigid structures that Saturn represents. In the horoscope Uranus reveals how one expresses one's uniqueness and individuality. It's sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets show the nature of one's difference from the norm, the area of life in which one

has to be free to go one's own way, and how one's desire for freedom is integrated with the other elements of one's life. Uranus is the first of the three 'higher octave planets', along with Neptune and Pluto, whose effects are less noticeable in the individual than in the collective, unless one is highly attuned to it by way of aspects to the inner planets or to the Ascendant. The relative strength or weakness of Uranus in the chart shows the extent to which one can free oneself of conditioning and the extent to which one needs and values freedom.

URANUS IN LIBRA

KEYWORDS: INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDE TO LOVE; RAVES; UNUSUAL RELATIONSHIPS; SOCIAL REFORM; FREE LOVE; SHORT-LIVED RELATIONSHIPS; MAGNETIC; ARTISTIC; IMAGINATIVE; STYLISH; SUDDEN ATTACHMENTS; AFFAIRS; UNCONVENTIONAL ART; UNCOMMITTED; SOCIAL INNOVATION; ECCENTRIC FRIENDS AND LOVERS; ENMITIES; HEDONISTIC.

Your URANUS is in LIBRA, which means that you are a member of a mini-generation (born between 1969 and 1975) who have an experimental attitude towards relationships and towards society. As a group, you are characterised by your lack of ties to social convention, friendships and partnerships. You have many friends, and enjoy a hectic social whirl amongst those who share your desire for excitement and new experiences. The people you relate to best are unusual, highly individualistic or even eccentric in some way, and this applies both to your friends and to your lovers. Your generation tends to form sudden attachments, and your relationships may often be short-lived, though rarely dull. If you marry (you are unlikely to feel any particular duty to do so however), it may be for unusual reasons, or may be based on a 'whirlwind romance'. You have modern and highly individual tastes in art and music, and your sense of style and fashion are particularly developed.

URANUS IN THE FIFTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: EGOMANIACAL; CREATIVE; ORIGINAL; DRAMATIC;
STRANGE LOVES; SPECULATION; INDIVIDUAL SELF-
EXPRESSION; ARTY; UNPREDICTABLE LOVER; INDIVIDUAL
LOVE; UNUSUAL ART OR ENTERTAINMENTS; INSPIRED;
SUDDEN ROMANCE; SHORT-LIVED AFFAIRS;
PROGRESSIVE CHILD-REARING; UNIVERSAL ART FORMS;
WIDE APPEAL; CREATIVE GENIUS; LEADING; ECCENTRIC
LOVERS; BOHEMIAN; GAMBLING; PECULIAR CHILDREN;
AVANT- GARDE.

Your URANUS is in the FIFTH HOUSE of your horoscope, which means that your individuality manifests itself in the area of self-expression and love. You are a highly independent person and you value the freedom to be yourself very highly indeed. You are probably creative (though this need not necessarily mean artistic), and display an inventive and original approach to most things you come across. If artistic, and this is quite likely with Uranus in the Fifth, then your working methods and finished products are likely to be unusual, modern or even shocking to less liberated types. You may rely a great deal on inspiration or intuition in preferences to traditional ideas or methods, unless as a means of conveying your often radical ideas. What you create is likely to have a certain universality that goes beyond social convention or norms, and the results are usually far better when you tap into this higher level of reality than when you merely react against tradition or self-consciously attempt to be 'different'. Your lifestyle may be unusual in some way and you may court public attention for the sheer excitement that this provides. You believe in free love and abide by your own rules in this area rather than stick to conventional roles. You fall in love suddenly, but can just as suddenly fall out of it again, particularly if the relationship falls into routine, or your partner turns out to be less interesting than you at first thought. In love, you seek to maintain your freedom, and this can obviously create difficulties - from insisting on having your own personal 'space' to sharing your love amongst more than one person. You enjoy playing games, particularly if they are exciting or unusual, and you are drawn to speculation and possibly even gambling. Your luck however in these matters is likely to fluctuate wildly. Your attitude to rearing children is unorthodox, and any children of your own may display the Uranian qualities of uniqueness, brilliance or disruptiveness. You dislike following other people, and prefer to live life on your own terms, believing strongly in the primacy of individuality, of which you yourself are a pretty good example.

NEPTUNE

NEPTUNE symbolises SPIRITUALITY; SENSITIVITY; THE AURA; MEDITATION; CONTEMPLATION; DIFFUSION; MERGING; COMPASSION IMAGINATION; TRANSCENDENCE; INSPIRATION; UNIVERSALITY; ILLUSION AND DISILLUSION; UTOPIA; IDEALISM; THE DIVINE; DREAMS; E.S.P.; DRUGS; HALLUCINATIONS; THE OCCULT; SELF-SACRIFICE; THE UNCONSCIOUS AND THE COLLECTIVE UNCONSCIOUS; MYTH; BLISS; PSYCHOSIS; WEAKNESS and DELUSION. It represents loss, transcendence or escape from one's time-bound and finite ego and absorption in something vaster and more unbounded.

Neptune is the second of the three 'higher octave planets', along with Uranus and Pluto, whose effects are less noticeable in the individual than in the collective, unless one is particularly attuned to it by way of aspects to the inner planets or the Ascendant. Its sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets show the nature of what one's generation is particularly sensitive to, the area of life that one is individually sensitive to, and how one's capacity to lose one's boundaries is integrated with the other elements of one's life. Its strength or weakness shows the extent to which one is able to transcend everyday reality.

NEPTUNE IN SCORPIO

KEYWORDS: DEEPLY SEARCHING; LIFELESS; MYSTERY; HIDDEN; SECRETIVE; SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATIONS; THE OCCULT; SOUL-SICKNESS; DEPRAVITY; THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND.

Your NEPTUNE is in SCORPIO, indicating that you are a member of a generation that is especially sensitive to the darker and hidden side of life, such as death, sex, the occult, and the Unconscious mind. As a generation, those born with this position of Neptune are characterised by their secretiveness, mysteriousness and heightened sensitivity, as well as their fascination with all things taboo or hidden. There is great potential with this position of Neptune. Scorpio symbolises humankind's deepest desires and motivations - and as such is connected with power, sex, survival and death, whilst Neptune symbolises spiritu-

ality, transcendence, illusion/disillusion, and escape from everyday existence. The combination of the two suggests, at its' highest, the possibility of experiencing a deep inner transformation, resulting from having the courage to look beneath the surface of life and human nature. You have the potential to go on an intensely personal inner voyage into the unconscious mind, and perhaps even further, into the realms of what the eminent psychologist Carl Jung termed the 'Collective Unconscious'. This could be described as a realm of the mind common to all people, and which contains symbols, images, and memories from way back in our collective, evolutionary past. Such a journey, should you undergo it, would have a profound impact on your values, ideas, and aims in life, and would give you great insight into life's ultimate mysteries. On a more immediate level you are keenly aware of suffering in the world and may seek to help alleviate it, through charity, campaigning against poverty or perhaps in more direct ways. Neptune in Scorpio is also connected with drugs, alcohol and sexual confusion or over-indulgence. The desire to transcend life's normal limitations and break through to a richer, more intense and more emotionally fulfilling realm may give rise to escapist or self-destructive behaviour, and the ultimately futile search for newer and better 'highs'. Alternatively, the same impulse can ultimately lead to consciously treading some form of path towards self-transformation, such as meditation, yoga, shamanism, psychoanalysis etc.

NEPTUNE IN THE SIXTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: SERVICE; HUMILITY; SYMPATHY; HEALING POWERS;
SECLUSION; DISCRETION; PHYSICAL SENSITIVITY;
IDEALISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK;
PSYCHOSOMATIC DISORDERS; GENTILITY;
HYPOCHONDRIA.

Your NEPTUNE is in the SIXTH HOUSE of your horoscope, which means that you have a spiritual attitude towards service, work and health. This house position of Neptune can indicate a highly sensitive mind and body, confusion surrounding matters of work and health, illnesses stemming from mental attitudes (or from unknown causes), the ability to heal, or a detachment from the mundane realities of life such as paying bills etc. You can be susceptible to outside forces such as germs etc, and also to other people's, since your ability to maintain your own boundaries is sometimes not as good as it could be. Eating a healthy, balanced diet, whilst avoiding excesses of nicotine, alcohol or other drugs is important, since your immune system is susceptible to

stress. Gentle physical exercise such as yoga, t'ai chi etc, is also highly beneficial. You need frequent rest, and should cultivate the ability to 'listen' to what your body is telling you on all matters. Illness, or illnesses, may have played an important part in the shaping of your attitude towards life, and through them you may have experienced some form of spiritual awakening or realisation of the value and inter-connectedness of existence.

There may be confusion and possibly even deception surrounding work and co-workers, or on the other hand your work may demand specialised skills of sensitivity and compassion. You can sometimes put yourself out too much for other people or make yourself overly vulnerable to their demands for help. You would be ideally suited to working in a helping profession such as nursing, counselling or social work. Your work might also involve you with chemicals, drugs, alcohol, films, or the sea. You may see domestic chores either as something to be avoided at all costs, or at the other end of the scale as a form of personal redemption - 'cleanliness is next to Godliness'.

PLUTO

PLUTO symbolises SEXUAL ENERGY; THE ORGASM; DEATH; TRANSFORMATION; DESTRUCTION; REBIRTH; POWER; EVOLUTION; THE MASSES; REGENERATION; THE WILL; REVOLUTION; THE UNDERGROUND AND UNDERWORLD; THE UNCONSCIOUS; WAR; ATOMIC POWER; BIOLOGY; SURVIVAL; PRO-CREATION and CONCEPTION. It represents the process of destruction of old forms and the release of the energy inherent in them in order to create new life.

Pluto is the third and last of the 'higher octave' planets, along with Uranus and Neptune, whose effects are less noticeable in the individual than in the collective (since they move so slowly through the signs). That is, unless one is particularly attuned to it by way of aspects to the inner planets or the Ascendant. Its sign, house position and the aspects it makes to other planets show the nature of one's generation's primary orientation to life, the area of life in which one is likely to experience major transformations, and how ones' power and will integrate with the other elements of one's life. Its relative strength or weakness shows the extent to which one can regenerate and transform oneself, ones life or surroundings.

PLUTO IN VIRGO

KEYWORDS: ANALYTICAL; HYPER-CRITICAL; INCISIVE;
ACCUMULATED DETAIL; SCIENTIFIC; PROBING;
TRANSFORMATION OF WORK; DRY; ACID; ASCERBIC;
CEREBRAL; PROFOUND; IMPOSSIBLE.

Your PLUTO is in VIRGO, indicating that you are part of a generation that will deeply transform attitudes towards work and health. In comparison with the previous Pluto in Leo generation, who were extrovertedly self-expressive, and responsible for the youth explosion of the 1960s, yours is more reserved, more serious and more practical. Like Uranus in Virgo, the first of those born with Pluto in Virgo began to reach employable age during the mid nineteen- seventies, when unemployment began to be a major problem in western countries, for the first time since the 1930s. Pluto symbolises death, collective tensions, change, and revolution. Virgo symbolises work, health, and analysis, and the two together have given rise to mass unemployment and a transformation in attitudes to work. This transformation occurred during the 1980s, with the Thatcher/Reagan-inspired moves to a global market economy, in which individual countries, companies, and workers had to adapt to global economic forces, or perish. Reflecting the fact that Virgo is an Earth sign, your generation has been the first to show a mass concern with humankind's use of the Earth's resources, ecology, pollution, and nuclear power (Pluto 'rules' atomic energy). If Pluto is strong in your chart (depending on whether it aspects the inner planets or the Ascendant) you are likely to be intelligent, acutely discriminating, and have many specialised skills, together with excellent powers of recuperation. You can be penetratingly critical of the world as you see it.

PLUTO IN THE FIFTH HOUSE

KEYWORDS: DEPTH OF EXPRESSION; POWERFUL EGO;
CREATIVE; RULING; PROMINENT; DYNAMIC; SELF-
AWARE; STRONG-WILLED; DRAMATIC; BOISTEROUS;
AUTHORITY; SPECULATION; PASSIONATE AFFAIRS;
DOMINATING; DIFFICULTIES WITH CHILDREN; INTENSE
LOVE; TRANSFORMATION OF SELF; ICONOCLASM;
SERIOUS OR DANGEROUS GAMES, ENTERTAINMENTS
OR RECREATIONS; WINNING; COMPETITIVE; DISCOVERY

OF IDENTITY; SELF-IMPORTANT; ARROGANT; FEAR OF REJECTION; FASCINATING; HEDONISTIC; EXAGGERATED SELF-IMAGE; DEMANDING LOVER; FATED RELATIONSHIPS; POWER STRUGGLES; ART; THEATRE; NEED FOR ATTENTION; RISK-TAKING; RUTHLESS.

Your PLUTO is in the FIFTH HOUSE of your horoscope, indicating that you have a strong desire to be loved - not only to be loved, but also to BE somebody - to be important and to be seen and appreciated for what you are. You take life very seriously, and for you it is a game you must win. And perhaps you won't really participate fully in life and realise the talents you possess until you are certain that you will. You are very much your own person - nobody can tell you who you are, because you already know. You have a powerful ego and can be very dominating (although you may be quite unaware of the fact), and this frequently results in power struggles or even separations with people. At times you can act despotically or tyrannically. Love in particular tends to bring out this side of you, and most of your affairs tend to be characterised by their intensity and the strength of feeling that they somehow call up. They are unlikely ever to be uncomplicated, but they are all memorable. Some people find you fascinating and magnetic, and are irresistibly drawn by your combination of charm and the suggestion of hidden depths. Related to your desire for love and for intensity of experience is your desire to create. You understand the creative process deeply and may have an almost compulsive urge to exteriorise what is inside you in order to make something of significance and power. You bring creativity to most things that you do, not least to your own personality, which you may regard as a dramatic vehicle in itself. If artistic, which is quite likely with Pluto here, then what you create is characterised by the intensity of its conception and often the depth and power of its imagery or meaning. You want to somehow transform those who are exposed to your art, to truly reach them and communicate with them. Superficial or conventional art or entertainment does not interest you at all, and you may even shock some people by the revolutionary nature of your ideas. To you, convention, whether it be artistic, social, or intellectual, is of little value if it is meaningless or lifeless and you would rather break with it or replace it with something better if possible.

Your own progeny are themselves in a way 'creations' born of love, and are likely to have an important effect on your life in some way or other, perhaps through teaching you about yourself or about life itself. Finally for this house position of Pluto, there may be difficulties in your relationship to your father - he may have been a remote or even absent member of the family whose love you desperately needed but lacked.