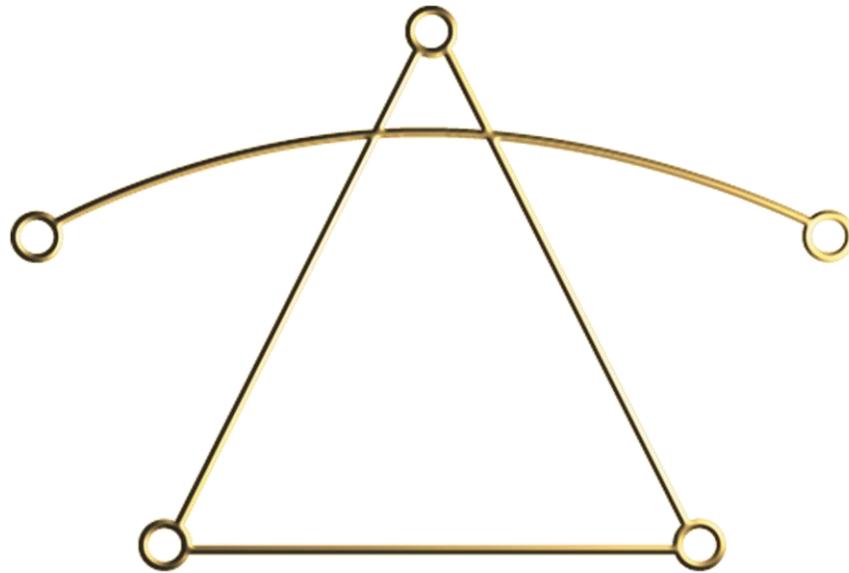


# BIRTH CHART ASTROLOGY REPORT

A Solar Writer Report for

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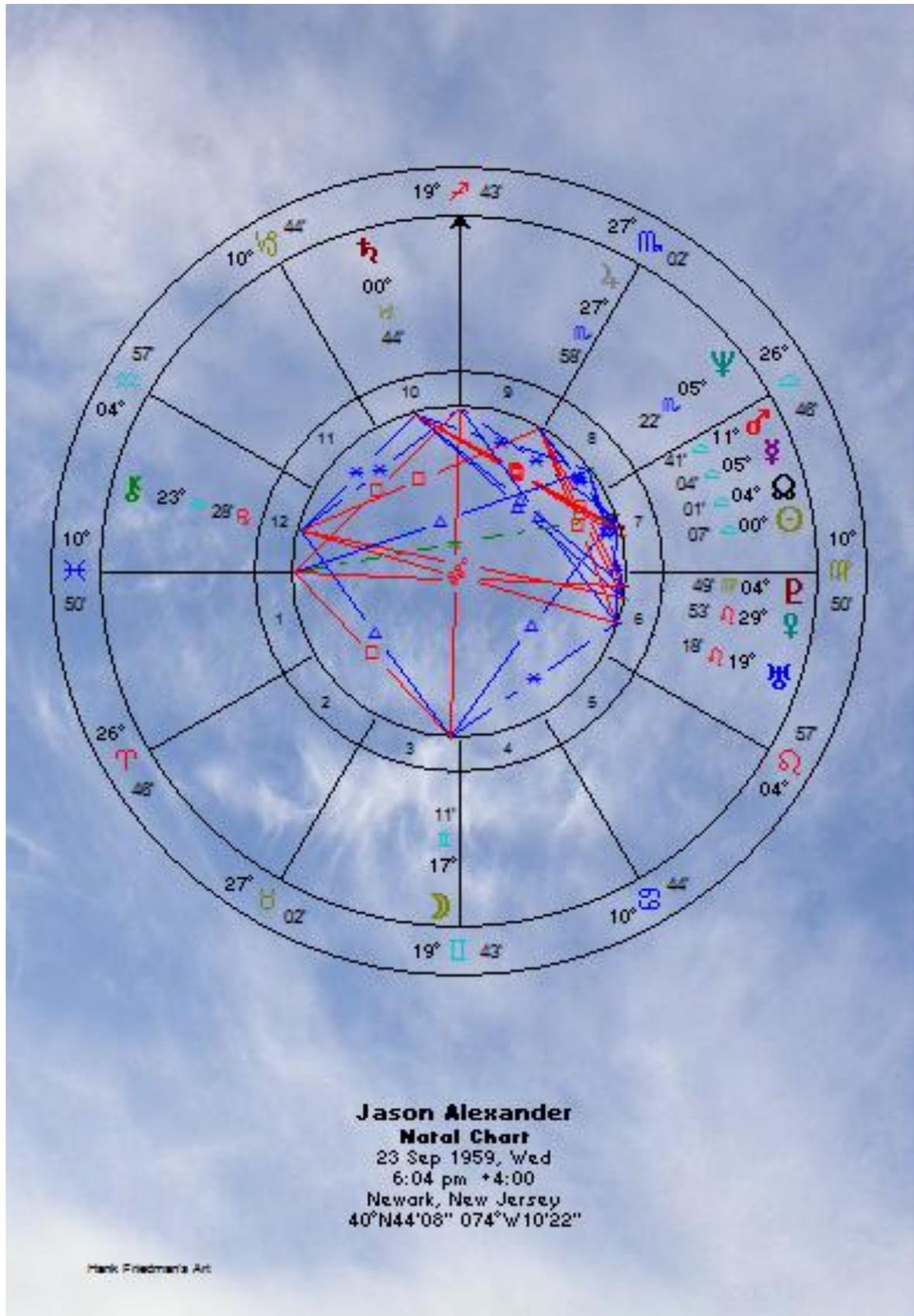
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## Astrological Summary

### Chart Point Positions: Jason Alexander

| Planet         | Sign        | Position | House | Comment |
|----------------|-------------|----------|-------|---------|
| The Moon       | Gemini      | 17°Ge11' | 3rd   |         |
| The Sun        | Libra       | 0°Li07'  | 7th   |         |
| Mercury        | Libra       | 5°Li04'  | 7th   |         |
| Venus          | Leo         | 29°Le53' | 6th   |         |
| Mars           | Libra       | 11°Li41' | 7th   |         |
| Jupiter        | Scorpio     | 27°Sc58' | 9th   |         |
| Saturn         | Capricorn   | 0°Cp44'  | 10th  |         |
| Uranus         | Leo         | 19°Le18' | 6th   |         |
| Neptune        | Scorpio     | 5°Sc22'  | 8th   |         |
| Pluto          | Virgo       | 4°Vi49'  | 6th   |         |
| Chiron         | Aquarius    | 23°Aq28' | 12th  |         |
| The North Node | Libra       | 4°Li01'  | 7th   |         |
| The South Node | Aries       | 4°Ar01'  | 1st   |         |
| The Ascendant  | Pisces      | 10°Pi50' | 1st   |         |
| The Midheaven  | Sagittarius | 19°Sg43' | 10th  |         |

### Chart Point Aspects

| Planet   | Aspect       | Planet         | Orb   | App/Sep    |
|----------|--------------|----------------|-------|------------|
| The Moon | Trine        | Mars           | 5°30' | Separating |
| The Moon | Sextile      | Uranus         | 2°06' | Applying   |
| The Moon | Trine        | Chiron         | 6°16' | Applying   |
| The Moon | Opposition   | The Midheaven  | 2°31' | Applying   |
| The Sun  | Conjunction  | Mercury        | 4°57' | Separating |
| The Sun  | Sextile      | Jupiter        | 2°08' | Separating |
| The Sun  | Square       | Saturn         | 0°37' | Applying   |
| The Sun  | Conjunction  | The North Node | 3°53' | Applying   |
| The Sun  | Opposition   | The South Node | 3°53' | Applying   |
| Mercury  | Conjunction  | Mars           | 6°37' | Applying   |
| Mercury  | Square       | Saturn         | 4°19' | Separating |
| Mercury  | Semisquare   | Uranus         | 0°46' | Separating |
| Mercury  | Conjunction  | The North Node | 1°03' | Separating |
| Mercury  | Opposition   | The South Node | 1°03' | Separating |
| Venus    | Square       | Jupiter        | 1°54' | Applying   |
| Venus    | Trine        | Saturn         | 0°51' | Applying   |
| Venus    | Conjunction  | Pluto          | 4°55' | Applying   |
| Mars     | Semisquare   | Jupiter        | 1°17' | Applying   |
| Mars     | Quincunx     | The Ascendant  | 0°51' | Separating |
| Jupiter  | Square       | Chiron         | 4°30' | Separating |
| Jupiter  | Trine        | The South Node | 6°02' | Applying   |
| Saturn   | Trine        | Pluto          | 4°04' | Separating |
| Saturn   | Square       | The North Node | 3°16' | Applying   |
| Saturn   | Square       | The South Node | 3°16' | Applying   |
| Uranus   | Opposition   | Chiron         | 4°10' | Applying   |
| Uranus   | Semisquare   | The North Node | 0°16' | Separating |
| Uranus   | Sesquisquare | The South Node | 0°16' | Separating |

|         |            |                |       |            |
|---------|------------|----------------|-------|------------|
| Uranus  | Trine      | The Midheaven  | 0°25' | Applying   |
| Neptune | Sextile    | Pluto          | 0°33' | Separating |
| Neptune | Trine      | The Ascendant  | 5°27' | Applying   |
| Neptune | Semisquare | The Midheaven  | 0°39' | Separating |
| Pluto   | Quincunx   | The South Node | 0°48' | Separating |
| Pluto   | Opposition | The Ascendant  | 6°00' | Applying   |

## INTRODUCTION



This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on Earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and Earth; and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences, and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

## LIFE GOALS



*If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it;  
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.  
Longfellow, Elegiac Verse 1880.*

Just as the Sun is the centre of the Earth's Solar System, so does the Sun play a vital role in your life on earth. Your life goals are linked to your Sun - its zodiac sign and its position in your chart. Contrary to popular belief, the Sun isn't the only planet to be considered in a person's chart, but it is an important component. The Sun gives you an indication of how you can shine in your life. You will feel truly alive when you're living the traits indicated by your Sun. Therefore it's likely that you will spend much of your life on a journey to self discovery, aiming to incorporate these traits into your life. Understanding the energy of your Sun is a good starting point to understanding yourself and your purpose in life.

Your Sun is in the seventh house of your birth chart meaning that relationships are a major feature of your life, both personal and business ones. You feel most warm-hearted and loving when relating to other people, in particular your primary partner. You really shine in your own life when happily married, living or working closely with someone else in partnership. It's not that you don't like time on your own, it's simply that you enjoy being in partnership with someone else. Depending on other sections of your birth chart, you're likely to benefit through your partnerships. You're popular amongst your friends and business colleagues and therefore likely to attract happy unions. A fortunate partnership is likely to help you shine in the world and achieve your goals, and success comes to you through beneficial business partnerships. Any difficulties that arise in these relationships can usually be resolved by talking through the problems, either with your partner or through a third party, a mediator. Ancient astrologers considered the Sun placed in the seventh house of a chart to be a fortunate position enabling a person to achieve their goals in life through their partnerships with other people.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Libra indicating that "moderation in all things" could become your motto, as you strive to live a life of peace and harmony. This need for balance can be seen in all areas of your life, but particularly in personal relationships which play such a strong part in your life. Justice and fairness in interpersonal relationships are all-important. You can always see both sides of the story and therefore often find yourself in a peace-making or mediating role. You're diplomatic, and therefore carry out these roles well. However, make sure that you don't lose sight of your own objectives in your efforts to help

others feel at ease. There can be a tendency to become so embroiled in the problems of others and in your efforts to make others feel at peace, that you forget about yourself. It is important to remember that you also enjoy the simple pleasures of pleasant company and beautiful surroundings, and take time out to recharge your batteries. In fact you do enjoy creating an environment of beauty and surrounding yourself with objects which inspire beautiful thoughts. Artistic appreciation, and perhaps artistic talents, will feature in your life. In astrological terms, the Sun is said to be in its fall in Libra. This emphasises the fact that you may have some difficulty juggling your needs with the wishes of others.

The combination of the Sun and the planet Mercury in your chart can vary depending on other influences in your chart. The planet Mercury is considered by astrologers to represent the trickster. Ancient astrologers also measured the beneficial or damaging influences of Mercury in terms of how close this planet was to the Sun's beams. The closer the planet to the Sun the more detrimental. Positively this combination can mean that you're likely to succeed in life through your quick wit and business acumen. You're studious, learning new subjects with ease, and are particularly adept in the scientific and mathematical fields. On the other hand you can be too fond of seeking stimulation, with the cost of failing to complete a task. You're the proverbial "Jack or Jill of all trades, master/mistress of none".

The Sun is making a favourable contact with the positive planet Jupiter in your chart meaning that you're blessed with good fortune and a happy nature. You've the ability to land on your feet no matter how difficult a situation. This is partly because you're destined to be in the right place at the right time throughout your life. It's possible that a father or grandfather figure has given you a helping hand in life, teaching you to have confidence in your own abilities. Your success is also due to the fact that your positive attitude to life attracts good fortune. Your optimism and enthusiasm are infectious. You're popular and generous, and tend to shine in the company of other people. You like to embrace life and all it has to offer. As a result your life tends to read like an adventure story, possibly including travels around the globe. You're not necessarily attracted to rugged adventure, preferring to travel in style. It would be unusual for you to go without comforts. Even a camping trip may involve the latest equipment guaranteed to ensure comfort. You also get plenty of chances to expand your mind, whether this be through the experiences of your lifetime or through study in an academic institution. You're likely to shine in your studies, eventually making an inspirational teacher if you choose this path. You may be surprised by the number of people who have been impressed by your attitude, to the extent that they have felt inspired to change their own lives. You're likely to achieve your goals whatever path is followed, and perhaps to help others achieve theirs.

The Sun is making a difficult contact with the planet Saturn in your chart indicating that you have to face some hardships before achieving your life goals. It's possible that you had a difficult childhood, experiencing either emotional or financial troubles. Perhaps your father, or a father figure, was an imposing and restrictive force in your life. As a child you may have felt imprisoned, unable to communicate your innermost thoughts and feelings. You may have been frightened to venture forth in the world. As an adult you may still have difficulty expressing yourself and at times feel that external circumstances are still somewhat onerous. You're fearful, worrying about the outcome of decisions and actions. On a positive note childhood difficulties can become the basis for adult wisdom, particularly if you're able to overcome your fears. As you grow older you learn that your natural reserve stands you in good stead, giving you the ability to stand back and assess situations. Your confidence grows enabling you to achieve your goals through attention to detail and hard work.

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you

are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is also in the ninth house of your chart signifying that international affairs hold a certain fascination, challenging your view of the world and giving endless food for thought. You're interested in international economics and politics, religions and cultures of other countries, archeological findings which uncover the ways of life of ancient civilisations, and awe-inspiring overseas natural wonders. Discoveries of other galaxies and universal phenomena also excite your mind. You like to travel overseas to experience first-hand the attractions of other countries, but you're also happy to study in a college or university. You are likely to attract good fortune on your travels. Religion and philosophy also appeal to your enquiring mind. You're full of plenty of philosophical and religious ideals of your own, but you also like to keep an open mind. You're a wise person, basically optimistic about the future of the world. It's even possible that you possess prophetic abilities.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Scorpio in your birth chart indicating that your life seems to reflect the adage that "life is meant to be lived to the full". You tackle most projects with zest making the most of resources that come your way. You're industrious, ambitious and have strong will power. These attributes stand you in good stead for the ups and downs of your life, and there are plenty of these. Life can seem a bit of a battleground at the best of times, and birth and death play key roles in your life. You're proud and don't like to admit how deeply some of your life events have affected you. This is particularly true of the deaths of loved ones, which have set you on an intense search for the truth. This quest can lead to you to delve into the mysteries of life, in particular the occult world. It also brings you into contact with people from unusual walks of life, and some of your friends could be considered quite extraordinary. You form strong bonds with other people, particularly with your spouse, and are privy to private information. It's also possible that you've been entrusted with professional secrets. You're likely to benefit from enterprises undertaken with other people.

## HOME



*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.*  
Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd is* 1868.

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a birth chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is placed in the third house of your birth chart suggesting that you've a strong need to communicate with other people and to keep up with all of the latest news. It doesn't matter if it's the latest gossip about a celebrity or a complex and challenging subject. You have an inquisitive mind and your main aim is to keep up with all that is going on and to expose yourself to new ideas and subjects. You also have a retentive memory and the ability to converse on just about any topic, pulling bits and pieces of information from the recesses of your mind. You also like to express your own ideas to as many people as possible - the more the merrier. For this reason you could enjoy writing or public speaking. Short journeys and changes of environment also appeal giving you more food for thought and satisfying your curiosity. In some cases your thirst for new and stimulating activities may result in unfinished accomplishments, because you simply can't keep up with everything in your life. Peace of mind may not come easily to you, because you always seem to have so much on your mind. Relatives may be a help or a hindrance in this respect.

With the Moon in the sign of Gemini you enjoy nothing more than a good discussion, often taking a controversial tact simply to cross swords with others on an intellectual level. It also doesn't particularly worry you if the discussion becomes a little emotional, as you're adept at talking your way around most things. In fact talking and arguing are activities at which you excel. You may even find yourself on a debating team. Your friends may label you a chatterbox as you seem to have something to say on every subject. You're curious and seek

answers to many questions, and often have several projects on the go at once. Telephones, televisions, newspapers, computers, radios and books may all feature in your life, as you investigate the many avenues capable of providing extra information. You also love travelling in your car, or by public transport, as it gives you a feeling of going places, although you can lose your sense of direction.

The Moon is making an aspect to Mars in your chart indicating that your home life is active and boisterous, rather than a peaceful environment. Fortunately you're an impulsive and emotional person, who prefers action to becoming bored by inactivity. You're likely to feel more comfortable when faced with a challenge. For this reason you may enjoy working around the house or working from home. It's possible that your need for an active home life stems from your childhood home environment, which was busy and boisterous. Perhaps your mother, or a strong woman in your household, was vivacious and dynamic, possibly even fiery. In some cases male members of the family can display these traits. Either way at a young age you learnt how to enjoy a spirited home life, which you've carried into your adult life. You need to be wary of a lack of sensitivity to other people's feelings. Not everyone is as feisty as you. You could also try to avoid becoming embroiled in arguments with women. This could be difficult as you're impetuous, liable to act without thinking. Mostly you enjoy the challenge of new activity, but at times your vigorous nature can land you in hot water.

The Moon is making contact with the planet Uranus in your chart suggesting that your home life is never dull. You're a resourceful, inventive and independent person, who needs a stimulating household in order to feel fully alive. If your home and family don't provide a little excitement, then you're likely to find it difficult to settle in one place. As it is you're often restless, seeking adventure and change. You enjoy the unconventional side of life and need excitement, and are likely to show the wilful side of your nature if forced to conform to other people's demands. You're a unique individual with many enterprising ideas, enjoying the freedom of expressing yourself in unconventional ways and attracted to exciting and different activities in which you excel. It's possible that you're drawn to unusual houses, or to out-of-the-way locations. You may enjoy living in a commune rather than a traditional family situation. Whether you realise it or not, others may see you as a little eccentric. As long as you can accept and enjoy your individual qualities, then your loved ones are also likely to appreciate your unique contribution to family life.

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION



*There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit  
and encourage a will to learning, as is praise.*  
Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.

Our academic schooling and learning through life experience are linked to the planet Mercury. This planet stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. It tells us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.

The planet Mercury in the seventh house of your chart signifies that relationships play an important role in your educative process. As a child this could be a significant relationship with a teacher, or one of your parents playing a major role in your education. As you mature, personal and business partnerships are likely to be lively, providing you with plenty to think about. This is fortunate because you are seeking intellectual stimulation in your primary partnership. Talking and sharing ideas with your partner is important, and you are likely to choose your primary partner for his or her ability to communicate with you on an intellectual level rather than for emotional support. As a result you learn much from your intimate relationships, although life with your primary partner could be quite unsettled at times. You may meet your partner while travelling or through writing letters. It's also possible that you have to decide between two potential partners, and that you experience quite a bit of difficulty in making up your mind. You need to be wary of getting caught in the middle, and of hurting other people's feelings. Sometimes the position of Mercury in this house can mean that you are attracted to someone much younger. Business partnerships are also a highlight, with contracts and legal affairs featuring strongly in your life.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Libra indicates that you love to talk with your friends and loved ones, particularly in peaceful and pleasant settings. You're a good communicator with an ability to put others at their ease. Your listening skills are equally as good, as you enjoy hearing what your friends have to say. For this reason, friends enjoy dropping in for a chat. Professionally, you may also find yourself in roles that require good listening skills and sound judgement. As much as you enjoy pleasant conversation, you also dislike arguments. You've an ability to see all sides of a story, and therefore often find yourself in the role of peacemaker or go-between when arguments arise. However, disputes have a tendency to upset your equilibrium, even if you do manage to find a good resolution for all concerned. While you're gifted at solving other people's problems, there are often times when you find yourself sitting on the fence unable to make a decision for yourself. This can be quite

uncomfortable as you toss different options over in your mind. At times like this you can seek the counsel of friends.

The planets Mercury and Mars are making contact in your chart indicating that you've a razor-sharp mind and tongue, which you're not afraid of using. You're quick to grasp new ideas, and enjoy studying any subject that challenges your mind. You may have a keen interest in sports and military pursuits. You've good intellectual powers, and are witty, enthusiastic and ingenious. You're a forthright and powerful speaker, perhaps not realising the extent of the effect that your words have on other people. Others may react adversely to your feisty way of communicating, particularly if you fail to curb your tendency to speak first and think later. In some way your communications with other people tend to involve conflict, a battle of words requiring strategic manoeuvres. On a positive note it's also possible that others appreciate your ability to speak your mind, particularly if you're fighting for a cause. You may become an advocate for individuals or groups of people, who are unable to stand up for themselves or who need a strong spokesperson. You're the right choice because you're perceptive, enjoy a thought-provoking discussion or argument, and are agile in most negotiations.

The planet Mercury is making unfavourable contact with the planet Saturn in your birth chart meaning that you experience delays and obstacles in your education and communication at some stage of your life. This could be problems with teachers in early childhood education, or a change of school which proves unsatisfactory, or possibly early-learning difficulties. This is likely to have been a problem when you were a child. Perhaps a teacher or a parent was critical of your ideas, or you were shy. Perhaps circumstances, such as financial loss or death, troubled your mind or prevented you from completing your education. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that you continue to be exposed to disappointments as you grow older. You seem to be subject to criticism and opposition, hindering your plans and communications with other people. These delays are most likely to occur in connection to your studies, contracts, books, and negotiations with other people. You also need to be wary of unnecessary gloomy thoughts. At times you may sympathise with the misery of the donkey Eeyore in A. A. Milne's *Winnie the Pooh*. You would do well to remember that it's possible that you've become overly sensitive to criticism as a result of your childhood experiences. You may be reacting to perceived sleights, which were not intended. It's also possible that you've become set in your ideas and find it difficult to change your mind. Your rigidity may be preventing you from understanding the true meaning of other's words and actions. Although you've difficulty in communicating your thoughts to others and overcoming the obstacles in your education, you do have strong will power. Your strength of mind and persistence can be put to good use. You may be particularly interested in science, medicine, or politics, although you're more likely to adhere to traditional approaches. You've the ability to become a voice of authority in your field of expertise, particularly a field which requires concentration and persistence. In other words you're capable of achieving whatever you set your mind to despite the obstacles.

The planets Mercury and Uranus are making unfavourable contact in your birth chart indicating that your education and communications with other people are fraught with difficulty. Although you've an active and intelligent mind, you've so many original thoughts and ideas that you find it difficult to express them. This is true for your verbal and written communications. You also have trouble concentrating for long periods of time, needing the stimulation of constant change and new topics of interest. For these reasons you're likely to encounter problems in your early childhood education, particularly if you attend a school that has a traditional approach to education. You're more likely to shine in an education system which encourages independent and free thinking. At any age you're likely to react to

authority figures, showing a defiant and audacious attitude. Perhaps you don't realise that you've a tendency to thrust your own radical thoughts and ideas onto other people, without listening to their own opinions. You wilfully defend your right to have different views and can fail to appreciate other people's points of view. You need to learn to respect all forms of communication and thinking. You don't mean to be thoughtless, it's simply that you're so often restless in your search for stimulation. One of your major struggles in life is with discontentment. In fact you may be ahead of your time in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. With a little patience and tolerance, you'll be successful in helping others understand your unique and innovative ideas. Writing, publishing, advertising, science, astrology and electrical affairs may all be of interest, although any unusual subject will catch your attention.

## RELATIONSHIPS



*Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments. Love isn't love  
Which alters when it alteration finds.  
Shakespeare Sonnet 116.*

The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

When the planet Venus is placed in the sixth house of your birth chart, relationships with your co-workers are important. Usually you enjoy a peaceful daily work environment, and feel that your life is richly rewarded through your relationships with your co-workers. You appreciate the small comforts of life, anything which contributes to the smooth and pleasant running of daily life. Depending on the other influences in your chart, you enjoy good health and appreciate the freedom of being able to eat and drink what you like. Daily exercise is a source of pleasure, whether it be taking a walk in a nearby park or visiting a gymnasium. In some cases the planet Venus may be a negative influence resulting in health and diet restrictions. If this is the case in your chart, you may suffer ill-health, particularly in your childhood. As a result you may have to adhere to a strict health regime in order to overcome your health difficulties. Whether you're healthy or not, you have to be careful not to overindulge when eating and drinking. A little common sense goes a long way. Health is likely to be a general topic of interest, perhaps to the extent that you take up a job in orthodox or alternative medicine or hygiene-related professions. Your job may also be linked to your enjoyment of animals, although it's more likely that you simply delight in owning pets.

With Venus in the sign of Leo you're affectionate and passionate in your primary relationship, enjoying a sense of play and romance. You're likely to ardently pursue your partner basking in the delights and pleasures of love, particularly in the first romantic stage. Your partner is likely to benefit from your generous and thoughtful nature, enjoying being the recipient of your spontaneous gestures. However, you do like your loved one to show an appropriate amount of appreciation, and your enthusiasm for the relationship is also likely to wane if your loved one doesn't return your affections in full, also showering you with gifts and attention.

With the right person you'll take great pride in the relationship, eager to share your happiness with your friends. You enjoy attending social outings where you can take real pleasure in the company of other people. Anything that provides entertainment and fun will suffice, although you may prefer attending arts activities, such as dance, theatre and art galleries. Depending on other aspects in your birth chart, you may be extraverted or introverted in your relationships. Either way it's difficult for others to resist your joyful approach to relationships, and as a result you're likely to benefit through your relationships with other people, in particular through people holding high places in society. You need to make sure that you don't fritter away the gifts that you receive from others, as you're generous by nature, and also have a tendency to be extravagant.

The planets Venus and Saturn have combined in your chart indicating that you're seeking commitment and security in your primary relationship. Positively speaking this can be a rewarding, long-term relationship with someone trustworthy and reliable. You're faithful and loyal, a dependable, stable and dutiful partner. You value a long-lasting relationship, and are willing to take your time in establishing a permanent partnership. As a young adult you may favour a traditional marital relationship, complete with a formal ceremony and traditional wedding vows. This could change later in adulthood, when you're more likely to consider commitment in other forms. You're likely to achieve your objective of a worthwhile, long-term relationship after careful consideration and planning. On the other hand if you're not careful you may become involved with someone who tries to control your movements and behaviour. Depending on other influences in your chart you may be shy and inhibited in your personal relationships, and be fearful of standing up for your rights. One of your parents may have been too strict, eroding your confidence and ability to make your own way in the world. Consequently you fear expressing yourself, particularly in intimate relationships, and harbour feelings of being unattractive. While your personal relationships may prove difficult you've the ability to form good business partnerships. This is probably because business partners don't require intimacy or emotional vulnerability, which you find frightening. It's also possible that you're attracted to someone much older or perhaps your primary partner is also your business partner. The good news is that once you overcome your feelings of inadequacy you've the ability to form secure and long-lasting relationships based on firm foundations. As your confidence grows you may also enjoy organising social occasions.

The combination of the planets Venus and Pluto in your chart indicate that you enjoy commitment and challenge in your personal relationships. Unlike many other people, you're not afraid to make the necessary changes demanded within close relationships. In fact you prefer change, especially if the alternative is a staid and steady relationship. You like to be consumed with love and passion, and are happiest when with a partner who feels the same way. You can be disappointed when others fail to soar to great emotional heights and plummet the emotional depths by your side. You want intensity, perhaps even a little drama, in your primary relationship. You're fiercely loyal and committed, and expect as much from your partner. Problems can arise when you don't feel a strong bond with your partner, or if that bond is threatened, particularly by another person. You're a jealous person, and quite capable of seeking revenge when wronged. You need to be careful to choose the right person as your primary partner - someone who reciprocates your love and passion. Otherwise you can waste a lot of time and energy trying to make a doomed relationship work. You may also benefit from directing some of your energy into an all-consuming project, such as fighting for human rights or an intensely creative pursuit.

The planets Venus and Jupiter are combining unfavourably in your chart suggesting that you are somewhat fickle in relationships. It's not that you don't love your partner, but rather that the grass appears greener in other fields. Of course your ability to form a long-lasting

relationship depends on other influences in your chart, but this combination suggests that you can be somewhat self-centred. When the going gets tough you lose interest and wander off for greener pastures. The good news is that you're likely to benefit through your partner, despite this inconsistent side of your nature. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre and optimistic plans for the future, which are likely to be successful. You're also likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your horizons. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals.

## MOTIVATION



*Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.*  
*To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.*  
Horace, *Epistles* 65- 68BC.

Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

With Mars placed in the seventh house of your birth chart you're motivated through your partnerships. A successful marriage is one of your ambitions in life, and you're eager to find the right partner as quickly as possible. This means that you can marry quite early in life, rushing into a partnership which seems right at the time. However, you're destined to have a feisty marriage and need maturity to ensure that both of you can find the right balance between independence and togetherness. Otherwise quarrels and trouble are rife as the two of you struggle for the right balance. Sometimes it can result in a battle for supremacy, which lasts long after the relationship has broken down. Depending on other influences in your chart, fights with your spouse may not be a problem, rather adding spice to the relationship. After all you do have a strong sex drive and could enjoy the fun of making up after an argument. However, it's also likely that disputes are troubling, and that you could finally separate from your partner. The key to avoiding marital troubles is to find a lively and stimulating partner, who shares your ambitions of freedom and independence within a relationship. You could also experience problems in business partnerships and would do well to avoid law suits.

The planet Mars in the sign of Libra indicates that you have a strong desire for diplomacy and justice, and these can be major themes in your life. You strive for harmonious relationships and justice in your own life, and yet they often seem elusive. Perhaps this is because you're so sensitive to the injustices of the world that they take on larger proportions than they need, or perhaps it's simply that it's your role to notice and fight against wrongdoings. Either way you're often asked to take on the role of mediator and diplomat even though you may prefer to be pursuing your own creative pursuits rather than solving other people's problems. There are always plenty of people surrounding you, because you pursue friendships with many different people. On the whole you're a courteous person, but

you do have a passionate side to your nature which can erupt in bursts of anger. You have a strong creative urge, which may be channelled into artistic or creative activities such as art, theatre, design, writing or dance. You have refined tastes, and seek to share these with other people. Astrologically speaking the planet Mars is considered to be in difficulty when in the sign of Libra which probably explains why you experience some problems in your relationships with others.

The planets Mars and Jupiter are combining in your chart indicating that your hasty judgement can sometimes land you in hot water. You've plenty of motivation to achieve your goals, but lack proper judgement and discernment so that you miscalculate the amount of time and energy needed. You're careless and impulsive, and need to be careful of accidents which are a result of you rushing around and trying to achieve too much. The motto "you're your own worst enemy" could be one for you to reflect upon. Depending on other aspects in your chart you're also excessive in your generosity. You need to develop self discipline as your impulsiveness may be an impediment to reaching your goals. On a more positive note you're a lively and resourceful person, who delights in good health and keeping busy. Any course of action is entered into with confidence and determination to succeed, which you're likely to do despite the obstacles. You certainly know how to get yourself and other people motivated, and can make a good leader or manager. You may be particularly keen to travel, enjoying the stimulation of visiting other venues. You could direct your energy to achievement in sports, politics or travel. Once you have learnt to manage your resources you can achieve many of your goals.

## CAREER AND AMBITIONS



*The road up and the road down are one and the same*  
Heraclitus, *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker* c540-480BC.

The planet Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets. This planet is also linked with our ambitions, and how we approach the practical side of life. This planet often represents the professional side of our lives.

The placement of the planet Saturn in the tenth house is an important statement in a birth chart, and one that can be a positive influence or have dire effects, depending on other aspects in a chart. On the one hand with positive aspects, you're hard-working with an ability to overcome early adversity in your life and earn the respect of other people. As a result you gain a respectable position in society and achieve your ambitions. You've the ability to rise above adversity through a willingness to shoulder responsibility and persevere where others would lapse behind. On the other hand with negative influences, you could experience delays and setbacks in your career, either through your own lack of integrity or through no fault of your own. If this is the case then you're likely to face financial ruin in any business enterprise, obstacles and disappointments in your professional life, or dishonour in public office. In some astrology schools, the planet Saturn is considered the lord of Karma, meaning that this planet forces us to reap the consequences of past actions whether in this life or in a previous one. It's possible that through living your life with the utmost integrity you may be able to avoid any adverse effects of this placement, but it's also possible that you can't avoid your destiny. Acceptance and a willingness to live with some adversity can be of great benefit.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Capricorn signifies that conservative values play a strong role in your life, although you're able to embrace new ideas when practicable. You strive to have a fair balance because you're pragmatic. You're quiet and, reserved, although by no means a pushover. In fact you've a strong, ambitious side to your nature, and in your own quiet way you work towards achieving your goals. Astrologically the planet Saturn is considered to be favourably placed in the sign of Capricorn, which means that you're likely to achieve your life's ambitions through quiet persistence. You're serious and cautious by nature and can experience moments of anxiety, but you're likely to overcome these worrisome traits, particularly later in your life. You possess tact and diplomacy. This, coupled

with your tenacity, will result in success. You've a tendency to work alone rather than depend on other people. This could be a sign of your reserved nature, or it could be that you've been let down by co-workers and acquaintances in the past. On the whole you're wise to rely on your own resources, because acquaintances could prove a disappointment from time to time.

The planets Venus and Saturn are combining favourably in your chart indicating that you've an appreciation of the artistic side of life, perhaps even an ability to work in an artistic field. You've a good eye for beauty and structure, which may be reflected in your ability to create a beautiful home environment, or which could be reflected in your career choice. The arts, interior decorating, hairdressing, beauty therapy, architecture or creative design may appeal. Whatever your choice of career, it's likely to reflect your ability to successfully combine work and creativity.

The combination of the planets Saturn and Pluto in your chart suggests that you're an ambitious, insightful and powerful person. You're likely to make a powerful impact on your friends, family, colleagues and loved ones, both as a child and an adult. At times you might be surprised by the extent of other people's reactions to your presence and opinions. You may even surprise yourself by your own reactions to some circumstances. Authority is likely to be a continuing source of difficulty in your life, as you attempt to find the right balance between your own individual rights, and those of the community. Of course there are many instances when these two rights coincide, but you're more likely to find yourself involved in the clashes, perhaps as a mediator. It's possible that you could become involved in someone's power struggles, in which your role may or may not be central to the outcome. It's true that you've the ability to be a powerful leader, perhaps in the government or armed forces, or as an executive or politician. You can be a powerful leader, but first you must learn to use your unique insights for positive purposes. The 19th Century author John Stuart Mill said in his work *On Liberty* (1859) that: "Everyone who desires power, desires it most over those who are nearest to him, with whom his life is passed, with whom he has most concerns in common, and in whom any independence of his authority is oftenest likely to interfere with his individual preferences". Herein lies a key to your chart. You've the ability to succeed in your ambitions, but first you must learn how to deal with the balance of power in your life, respecting both your own and other people's rights to succeed.

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a birth chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

With a Midheaven in the sign of Sagittarius and ruled by the planet Jupiter, you've an enthusiastic approach to your chosen profession, and are likely to achieve success. It's also likely that your career reflects your personal philosophy on life, driving you to achieve certain goals. Although you'll probably succeed in any career, you could be attracted to teaching, public relations, academia, travel consultancy, philosophy, or religion. You like to be noticed publicly, and you may travel or have foreign connections in your career. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include USA actor and film director Robert Redford, Communist philosopher Karl Marx, USA actress Whoopi Goldberg, and Australian actor Guy Pearce.

## CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY



*The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; one must sense him everywhere but never see him.*  
Gustav Flaubert, *Correspondence* 1857-64.

The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

The planet Uranus is in the sixth house of your birth chart suggesting that your daily life is full of unexpected surprises, both pleasant and unpleasant. On one hand you may be prone to unusual illnesses which disrupt your life, your employment prospects and baffle the conventional medical world. If this is the case then you may find that alternative medical treatment provides some unexpected answers. You're sensitive to the environment, and need to be wary of unusual allergies and of over-stressing your physical strength. Although you prefer a busy and stimulating schedule, you can't keep going indefinitely. If you're not careful you may suffer from nervous disorders, perhaps even neuroses. On a more positive note you may enjoy unexpected opportunities in connection with your job, or pleasant surprises that put a sparkle in an otherwise dull day. You could also enjoy unusual pets.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Leo from 1956 - 1962. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Leo indicates that you belong to a generation which seeks freedom of individual expression. Positively this means that your generation recognises that true individual creativity is important, particularly through culture and the arts. However, negatively this can be the selfishness of a generation that is focussed on individual rights rather than communal co-operation.

Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being

selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

The planet Neptune placed in the eighth house of your chart means that you become knowledgeable through your own experiences, rather than relying on other people's advice. You benefit most when following your own intuition. This intuition tells you that you're likely to benefit more from pursuing the spiritual, rather than the material side of life, and you would be wise to follow these feelings. You're likely to suffer financial loss through personal and business partnerships, as a result of external circumstances, fraudulent activities or carelessness on behalf of your partner. Depending on other influences in your chart, you're also unlikely to gain through inheritance. On the other hand you're gifted in psychic and metaphysical matters, and may be keen to pursue this side of life. You may experience strange dreams, or dream-like states, which urge you to explore the deeper meaning of life.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Scorpio from 1955 - 1970. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Scorpio indicates that you belong to a generation which has the ability to passionately pursue spiritual values. You face a battle between your material desires and the desire for a spiritual way of life. You know the value of regeneration rather than stagnation, and may play a role in changing the world.

The planets Neptune and Pluto both move slowly through the zodiac, and therefore any connection between the two planets affects birth charts for a short period of time. You were born in such a time. This combination in your chart means that you're interested in opportunities to bring about fundamental change to human values. You are aware of injustices in society and, depending on other influences in your chart, may prefer to fight against them rather than sit back and accept the ills of society. Your creative urges may be linked to politics, or expressing your political views through the arts or spiritual or charitable organisations.

## CHALLENGES IN LIFE



*The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.*  
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

The planet Pluto is in the sixth house of your birth chart indicating that your health can be a major challenge in your life. During the course of your life you may experience dramatic changes in your health, or it could be that a single bout of ill-health has had a powerful effect on the rest of your life. Perhaps you suffer from a chronic illness that resurfaces dramatically at times. It's possible that your health problems affect your ability to live a regular routine. Fortunately it's likely that you prefer to change your routine, rather than adhere to a strict schedule. One of your challenges is to do as much as you can to take control of your own health care and hygiene. It's possible that you could play an important role in regaining your health through physical fitness, diet, relaxation, and hygiene, or by following the advice of conventional or alternative medical advisors.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Virgo from 1957 - 1972. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Virgo suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global health and environment. Your generation possesses the ability to transform the way the world sees health. Medical research, world-wide diseases, medical discoveries, and the links between mind and body are focuses for this generation.

## PURPOSE AND JOY



*He who binds to himself a joy  
Doth the winged life destroy  
But he who kisses the joy as it flies  
Lives in Eternity's sunrise  
William Blake, MS Note-book.*

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

Your North Node is in the seventh house and your South Node is in the first house of your birth chart indicating that you are destined to learn as much as you possibly can about relationships. This could be a challenging path, or it could be easy. Either way you benefit greatly through your relationship experiences, both personal and distant associations. You may also experience a sense that many unions formed in your life are pre-ordained. You fare best when you learn to let go of ego-centred actions and become more focused on service to other people. You also benefit from choosing your marriage partner wisely, taking your time to consider the union.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Libra and the South Node in the sign of Aries denoting that you're destined to learn co-operation. You may have had a tendency to want your own way and to force your opinions onto others. From an early age your experiences

will challenge this tendency. Perhaps you're born into a large family, where you learn the joy of giving and taking, or perhaps your schooling teaches you these values. Whatever the means, life events will teach you how to develop selflessness, the ability to share and a sensitivity to the needs of other people. It's also possible that your destiny is linked with pursuing creative projects with other people.

The North Node and the Sun are combining in your chart to suggest that you need to overcome any inhibitions which stand in the way of you achieving your purpose. You'll feel most joyful when you're fully expressing yourself. It's possible that events will force you to come to terms with your identity in order that you learn to express your fullest potential.

The North Node and the planet Mercury are combining to indicate that you're being urged to develop your communication skills. Your destiny in this life may be linked to some form of teaching or communication, with individuals or groups.

The South Node and the planet Jupiter are combining to suggest that you'll strike problems if you take part in grandiose schemes which are not based on solid groundwork. You're being challenged to develop your expansive ideas in a practical manner. Your quest is to work in a realistic and down-to-earth manner towards your goals.

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Pisces is considered to be "feminine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're not a risk-taker, but more likely to wait until you feel comfortable before pursuing your purpose. You're also likely to depend on other people to take the initiative. Pisces is also a Mutable sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety.

You're sensitive, impressionable, romantic, sentimental, imaginative, affectionate, kind, helpful and misunderstood. Your sensitivity to other people and your environment is both physical and emotional, possibly to the extent that you possess psychic or mediumistic gifts. This sensitivity can be a blessing and a curse. On the one hand you're able to sympathise with other people, lending an understanding ear to their troubles and soothing their problems. Your purpose may be linked with physical or emotional healing work. On the other hand you're sometimes unable to detach yourself from other people's problems and reactions. This can lead to misunderstandings, and feelings of persecution and isolation. As a result you need to be wary of turning to negative methods of escaping from your own and other people's troubles. In particular you should avoid alcohol and drugs. You would do better to commune with nature, listen to inspirational music or find another positive, uplifting pastime in which to immerse yourself in order to forget your troubles. You've a vivid imagination, and could enjoy developing the artistic side of your nature through the arts, or writing. There are times when you feel that you're not the master or mistress of your own fate, but rather that some force is compelling you to act positively or negatively. Your challenge is to use your willpower to direct your energies into a positive outlet.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Pisces is linked with compassion, spiritual responsibility, and the ability to be a saviour of others. Your purpose is connected to gaining a deep understanding of the spiritual nature of humanity and sharing this understanding with other people.

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