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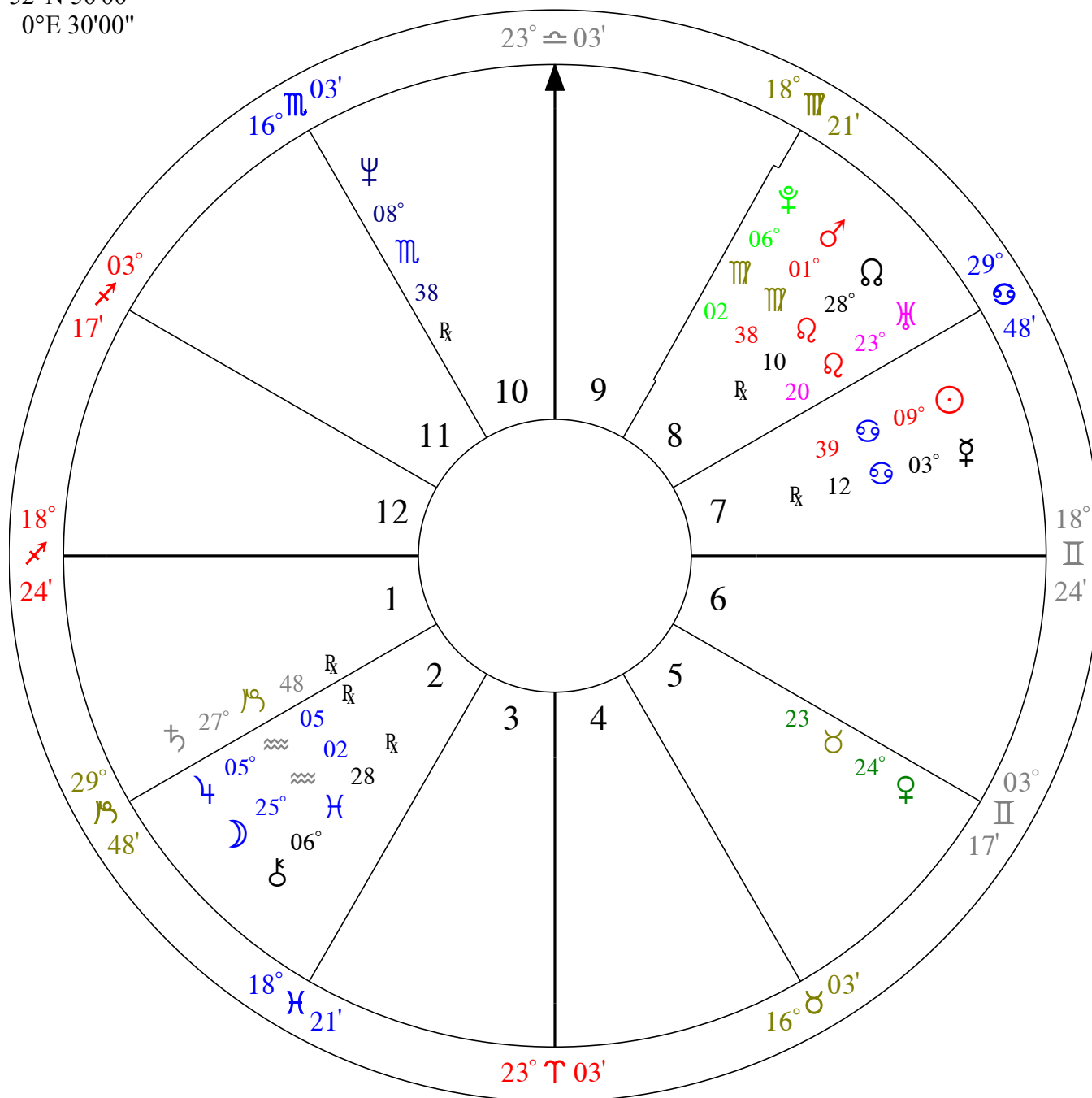
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Symbols of the Planets and Signs				
☉ = Sun	♄ = Saturn	♑ = Midheaven	♈ = Aries	♎ = Libra
♁ = Moon	♅ = Uranus	♏ = Chiron	♉ = Taurus	♏ = Scorpio
☿ = Mercury	♆ = Neptune	♎ = Retrograde	♊ = Gemini	♐ = Sagittarius
♀ = Venus	♇ = Pluto		♋ = Cancer	♑ = Capricorn
♂ = Mars	♊ = N. Node		♌ = Leo	♒ = Aquarius
♃ = Jupiter	♓ = Ascendant		♍ = Virgo	♓ = Pisces

Planetary Positions

Planet			Sign	Longitude			Declination		
☉	Sun	is in	♋ Cancer	9°	39'	46"	+23°	05'	00"
☾	Moon	is in	♒ Aquarius	25°	02'	18"	-12°	54'	00"
☿	Mercury	is in	♋ Cancer	3°	12'	05"	+18°	41'	00"
♀	Venus	is in	♉ Taurus	24°	23'	58"	+15°	58'	00"
♂	Mars	is in	♍ Virgo	1°	38'	44"	+11°	55'	00"
♃	Jupiter	is in	♒ Aquarius	5°	05'	49"	-19°	31'	00"
♄	Saturn	is in	♑ Capricorn	27°	48'	49"	-20°	43'	00"
♅	Uranus	is in	♌ Leo	23°	20'	09"	+14°	24'	00"
♆	Neptune	is in	♏ Scorpio	8°	38'	11"	-12°	40'	00"
♇	Pluto	is in	♍ Virgo	6°	02'	38"	+21°	00'	00"
♊	N. Node	is in	♌ Leo	28°	10'	18"	+12°	06'	00"
♈	Ascendant	is in	♏ Sagittarius	18°	24'	25"	-22°	56'	00"
♍	Midheaven	is in	♎ Libra	23°	03'	17"	- 8°	57'	00"
♏	Chiron	is in	♓ Pisces	6°	28'	02"	- 3°	38'	00"

Planetary Aspects

Your	Sun	is	Sesquiquadrate	Moon	The orb is	0° 23'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Mercury	The orb is	6° 28'
Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Venus	The orb is	0° 16'
Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Uranus	The orb is	1° 20'
Your	Sun	is	Trine	Neptune	The orb is	1° 02'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	3° 37'
Your	Sun	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	3° 12'
Your	Moon	is	Square	Venus	The orb is	0° 38'
Your	Moon	is	Opposite	Mars	The orb is	6° 36'
Your	Moon	is	Opposite	Uranus	The orb is	1° 42'
Your	Moon	is	Opposite	N. Node	The orb is	3° 08'
Your	Moon	is	Quintile	Ascendant	The orb is	5° 22'
Your	Moon	is	Trine	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 59'
Your	Mercury	is	Sextile	Mars	The orb is	1° 33'
Your	Mercury	is	BiQuintile	Jupiter	The orb is	4° 06'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Neptune	The orb is	5° 26'
Your	Mercury	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	2° 51'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	3° 16'
Your	Venus	is	Trine	Saturn	The orb is	3° 25'
Your	Venus	is	Square	Uranus	The orb is	1° 04'
Your	Venus	is	Square	N. Node	The orb is	3° 46'
Your	Venus	is	BiQuintile	Midheaven	The orb is	4° 39'
Your	Venus	is	Quintile	Chiron	The orb is	5° 56'
Your	Mars	is	BiQuintile	Saturn	The orb is	2° 10'
Your	Mars	is	Quintile	Neptune	The orb is	5° 01'
Your	Mars	is	Conjunct	Pluto	The orb is	4° 24'
Your	Mars	is	Conjunct	N. Node	The orb is	3° 28'
Your	Mars	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	4° 49'
Your	Jupiter	is	Square	Neptune	The orb is	3° 32'
Your	Jupiter	is	BiQuintile	Pluto	The orb is	5° 03'
Your	Jupiter	is	Semisquare	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 41'
Your	Jupiter	is	Semisextile	Chiron	The orb is	1° 22'
Your	Saturn	is	BiQuintile	Pluto	The orb is	2° 14'
Your	Saturn	is	BiQuintile	N. Node	The orb is	5° 39'
Your	Saturn	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	4° 46'
Your	Uranus	is	Quintile	Neptune	The orb is	3° 18'
Your	Uranus	is	Conjunct	N. Node	The orb is	4° 50'
Your	Uranus	is	Trine	Ascendant	The orb is	4° 56'

Your	Uranus	is	Sextile	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 17'
Your	Neptune	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	2° 36'
Your	Neptune	is	Quintile	N. Node	The orb is	1° 32'
Your	Neptune	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	2° 10'
Your	Pluto	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	0° 25'
Your	Midheaven	is	Sextile	Ascendant	The orb is	4° 39'
Your	Chiron	is	Sesquiquadrate	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 35'

Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire	: ♄ ♀ A _s	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 7
Earth	: ♀ ♂ ♄ ♀	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 9
Air	: ☽ ♄ M _c	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 10
Water	: ☾ ♀ ♄ ♂	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 10
Cardinal	: ☾ ♀ ♄ M _c	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 13
Fixed	: ☽ ♀ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄	Total = 6	Weighted Score = 13
Mutable	: ♂ ♀ A _s ♂	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 10

Weights Used Above

Sun	= 6	Moon	= 6	Mercury	= 3	Venus	= 3
Mars	= 3	Jupiter	= 2	Saturn	= 2	Uranus	= 1
Neptune	= 1	Pluto	= 1	N. Node	= 0	Ascendant	= 6
Midheaven	= 2	Chiron	= 0				

Introduction

This report presents the raw materials that you have been given for building a life. It outlines how the overall shape of your chart reflects the overall shape of your personality. It shows what your greatest challenges are likely to be, the strengths you have been given to meet these challenges, and the main arenas you are given for playing out your life's drama.

You may notice certain places where the information seems contradictory. This is to be expected, because people are complex. For example, in some situations you may be shy and in others, aggressive. When you see repeated patterns, though, take special note: these are apt to be the dominant themes in your life.

The Main Emphasis in Your Chart

Before looking at your chart in detail, let's stand back for a moment to see whether there are any overall tendencies that stand out.

A strongly Cardinal quality.

Your strength in Cardinal signs like Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn gives you an ability to initiate things, whether they be actions, relationships or projects. You do not care whether something has been done before: if it interests you, you will attempt it. Though you tend to be sullen and unhappy in the role of minion, you feel creative and fulfilled in positions of leadership. Once projects are under way, however, you tend to lose interest. It would be ideal to have someone to follow in your footsteps and complete the details.

A strongly Fixed quality.

Your strength in Fixed signs like Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius gives you the persistence to bring any project to its conclusion. You are the one who can be counted on to do whatever must be done. A preserver of old traditions and customs, you know that forward progress can occur only if there is a firm foundation to begin with. You are glad to build that foundation. Be aware, however, that others may sometimes view your noble persistence as stubbornness, cussedness or pigheadedness.

Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama

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

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

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

Your Major Challenges

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

Sun conjunct Mercury

You are known for your sharp mind, and greatly enjoy a penchant for conversation. You would rather talk than eat, and it will always be important for you to have some sort of intellectual stimulation as an outlet for your nervous energy. Be careful that you always talk about matters of consequence. Others do not necessarily want to listen to you prattle on about nothing in particular.

Moon square Venus

Your easygoing and charming manner is usually your biggest asset, but it can lead to problems. At times, your desire for life to move smoothly can cause you to compromise in situations that would have otherwise called for you to take independent action. There is such a thing as being too nice for your own good. If you choose companions and associates as loving and sincere as yourself, this will not be a problem. Otherwise, they may take advantage of your good nature.

Moon opposite Mars

Your low flash point allows you to anger easily, and you often act and react to situations so suddenly and unthinkingly that others become nervous just being around you. You take such strong stands and are so argumentative that you are likely to attract only those who are as aggressive and dogmatic as yourself. Others who have more balanced views may make themselves scarce rather than deal with your irritability and overabundant energy. Learning to harness this raw gift of energy is your lifelong task. Possible outlets include sports and other vigorous activities that are kept in check by rules. Martial arts may be a way for you to tame these energies and turn them into a real force for good.

Moon opposite Uranus

There is an ongoing tension in your life between the need to be close and comforting with your loved ones, and the need to be free, independent and detached. You are painfully aware of the problems that this causes. It manifests in sudden, inexplicable emotional outbursts at the most inappropriate times. These outbursts are very difficult for you to control, and very embarrassing to you after the fact. It will be important for those who love you to give you as much freedom as you ask for, and it will be as equally important that you respect and trust them when they do so.

Moon conjunct South Node

You have such strong emotional responses to the plight of those in need that you often put your own personal needs (and those of your family) at risk. While it's surely laudable to spend time and energy in support of such worthy causes as famine relief overseas, they surely should not be the reason for not preparing a properly nutritious meal for yourself or your own family. You need to learn proper perspective in your charitable, religious and political endeavors. Try not to get totally caught up by the bond you feel with those who are in need. You need to be quite strong and secure yourself before you can offer the support and time and energy that your heart suggests is appropriate.

Venus square Uranus

Your relationships do not seem to last very long and that bothers you. It's not that you are incapable of caring deeply, the problem is that you have a relatively short attention span. You need to feel that you can leave a relationship at the drop of a hat in order to feel comfortable. You must realize that it is unrealistic to expect others to be able to grant you this much freedom easily. You may appear to be undependable and irresponsible, but it may just be the best thing for all concerned if you do not try to hang on to relationships that have outlived their time or usefulness.

Venus square Nodes

You have a great need for close, loving relationships. In some way or other, you'll be attracted to almost everyone you meet, and will attempt to form a special bond with them. Your rather democratic approach to friendship and lovemaking, however, may make people who want an exclusive relationship with you quite nervous. Jealousy and bickering can result if you're judged to be unreliable, inconsistent or overly flirtatious. Your naivete can be your worst enemy, giving you a reputation that you may find difficult to live with. Be careful that your actions do not produce negative feelings in others.

Mars conjunct Pluto

Once you have chosen to move in a particular direction or toward a certain goal, your will is indomitable. Filled with ambition, you work even harder if the challenge is great and the obstacles are many. You exult in the power that comes as you move closer to your goal. The challenge for you is to use your newly found power and resources responsibly. If you try to attain your ends by underhanded or unethical means, you run the risk of unleashing a counterattack whose proportions might just destroy everything you have accomplished. In order to earn the respect of all, be powerful, but also be noble.

Mars conjunct North Node

You prefer the companionship of others rather than trying to go it alone. You are aggressive by nature and your competitive instinct is strong, so you should be aware that others might not always greet you in a spirit of cooperation. There will be a certain amount of bickering and quarreling in your environment, and you will probably thrive on it. If you ever feel bored or restless, it's probably time to move on to something else. Careers or hobbies that allow you to use your physical strength or courage will satisfy your nature and channel your aggressive drives.

Mars opposite Chiron

Hesitant to assert yourself and take risks, you often watched while others were rewarded for activities in which you lacked the courage to participate. Secretly, you'd like to stand up and be counted for what you really want. At times, you may overcompensate by voicing opinions even when they are not called upon. Tempering your aggression will help to develop leadership qualities. You have the capacity to become an entrepreneur, start a business, and guide others.

Jupiter square Neptune

At your best, you enjoy planning or working on large-scale projects that will benefit many people, with little thought of your own personal welfare. But, more usually, you spend your time dreaming up things that are difficult, if not impossible, to bring to realization. You need to ground your speculations in reality and practicality before others will offer you the assistance and support that you need. You must be cautioned to never, ever, gamble — your inflated expectations will inevitably lead to disillusionment and despair.

Saturn square Midheaven

You are such a perfectionist and are so self-critical that you rarely can measure up to the high standards you have set for yourself. This causes you to withdraw emotionally because you can never seem to please yourself. When you experience these feelings of inadequacy and alienation, it helps to seek the counsel of a respected friend or advisor. Once you examine the facts of the matter, you probably will see that you have much to be proud of. Try to lower your self-expectations a bit.

Uranus conjunct North Node

You love to make new acquaintances, especially with those who are unusual or even eccentric. These contacts are often short-lived, but the excitement and intellectual stimulation that they provide make them quite appealing. Finding it difficult to maintain long-standing relationships, you may be lonely at times. But, just when you least expect it, someone new and unique always seems to come into your life, and you soon forget your loneliness.

Chiron opposite Pluto

You may have faced an emotional loss that forced you to grow up at a very young age. Extremely serious and melancholy, you tend to spend many hours in deep contemplation. Fearful and obsessed with death, you may find it difficult to cope with the realities and stresses of everyday living. Therapy may help you celebrate life rather than fear death. You will then be more apt to relax, and will be able to help others as well as yourself enjoy each day.

Your Sustaining Strengths

Trines and sextiles tend to work with a natural harmony that calls for little effort on your part. They show the things that you just seem naturally good at. Usually they point to the more positive parts of your nature, and act as support that you can call on in difficult times.

Because these aspects are so comfortable, they are not likely to push you to expand your limits or cause you to change. It is actually helpful to have a balance of hard aspects (like oppositions and squares) to stimulate you to grow, and soft aspects (trines and sextiles) to ease your passage and provide places to rest.

If you are blessed with a predominance of trines and sextiles, your life may tend to be placid and your nature serene. If so, remember that the world around you is probably sorely in need of these qualities that are yours to bestow.

Sun trine Neptune

There is an airy, ethereal, dreamlike quality about you, as if your hold on consensus reality were only temporary. You have a vivid imagination and the ability to interpret the transcendental meanings behind ordinary events. Your sensitivity and compassion allow you to deny your own basic needs in favor of the needs of others. At times, your sense of discrimination is not always sharp, and you can be taken in by con artists. Therefore, be very careful when it comes to making major decisions or signing contracts. Always seek out the advice of a trusted friend or advisor.

Sun sextile Pluto

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

Sun trine Chiron

A born leader, you are highly driven and are capable of achieving everything you want in life. A touch of humility, however, may be in order before success is yours. At times, being in charge is frightening because you know that you can easily abuse power. Instead of cowering from the responsibility, take advantage of your impact on others by working and fighting for your ideals. It is your ability to command the loyalty of others enables you to achieve all that you desire.

Moon trine Midheaven

You relate well to others because you are aware of their needs and will go out of your way to be sympathetic and understanding. But the reverse is also true in that you need the approval and support of others in order to feel that you are doing the right thing. When left on your own, you tend to be fearful and full of self-doubts, although your constant socializing rarely lets this become an issue.

Mercury sextile Mars

Self-assured and decisive, you have the ability to make up your own mind about things and to defend your opinions with confidence and determination. You love to argue and debate, usually in a good-natured way. But you can be a bit of a motor-mouth, at times speaking so quickly and excitedly that people either cannot understand you or cannot get a word in edgewise. When you become overly aroused about something, remember to slow down.

Mercury trine Neptune

Your intuition can usually be trusted, and you have a gift for sensing things of which others are unaware. This is a two-edged sword. When things are of a positive nature, it is fun to “know” them in advance, but it can be upsetting and even terrifying to be able to intuit negative things in the present or future. To maintain your equilibrium, you must learn to remain personally balanced and objective in the midst of your unique manner of obtaining knowledge. You tend to be an idealist and a romantic. You may have the creative ability to share your visions with others as either a writer or an artist.

Mercury sextile Pluto

Your active intelligence delights in subjects that are deep and complicated and require vast amounts of research and investigation. The intensity in the way that you express yourself causes others to pay attention to what you say. Because you seem totally committed and totally absorbed in your present interest, you command the respect of those who are involved only casually. As such, you have the ability to shape the opinions of others.

Mercury trine Chiron

You have an affable personality, a crystal-clear speaking voice, and gentle manners. Exceptionally kind, loyal and sincere, you say what you mean without hesitation or beating around the bush. Writing and public speaking are the mediums through which you can communicate your message to the masses. Because you can win the trust of others, you are often called upon to mediate disputes. This is a feat you’ve accomplished many times with overwhelming success.

Venus trine Saturn

Restrained and cautious in giving and receiving affection, at times you are so shy that you would rather not interact at all. It is difficult for you to make a commitment to another because you are so aware of the duties and obligations that will be necessary. Try to relax more — “fun” is not a dirty word. Friendships once made will last the test of time because your loyalty will prove to be constant and true.

Uranus trine Ascendant

You are fascinated by other people, especially those who are unconventional or different in some manner. You are attracted to inventive and unusual types because they stimulate your boundless curiosity. Friendships and relationships rarely are long-lasting for you because of your strong need to be independent and your discomfort at being intimate with another. You may pick up the reputation for being unreliable or, more seriously, for getting constantly into trouble with authority figures.

Uranus sextile Midheaven

Your ability to see things in a fresh light and to suggest new and unusual solutions to problems will be a great asset in your career development. However, your demand to be free to call your own shots and proceed as you see fit will probably not go well over the long haul — your career may see many changes as you move from one interesting set of challenges to another. You are naturally attracted to fields requiring the ability to understand and effectively deal with highly complex technologies.

Neptune sextile Pluto

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

Chiron trine Neptune

Optimistic, spiritual, and idealistic, you have a never-ending faith in the human spirit. Compassionate and sympathetic, you always keep your door open to those in need, including stray animals and others not as well off as you. Your naivete and sweetness endear you to whomever you meet. Since you always lend an ear and a helping hand, people enjoy being in your company. Professions that utilize your admirable qualities include being a religious leader, teacher, counselor, evangelist, or spiritual healer.

Rounding Out the Picture

Two other families of so-called “minor” aspects add yet more information about the way the planets relate to each other in your chart. Semisquares and sesquares (also known as sesquiquadrates) share the dynamic, crisis-prone nature of the square but need to be quite exact in order to be felt.

Semisextiles and quincunxes connect signs that are totally unrelated to each other. They can have an odd, unsettling quality, indicating problems or issues that it’s hard to get a grip on. They are like interesting puzzles that call for a creative solution.

Sun sesquare Moon

In certain situations you experience problems in making decisions that are balanced, appropriate and reasonable. Because you feel, at some times, that you are lacking either the ability to be rational and logical or, at other times, the ability to be compassionate and feeling, you tend to overcompensate and the result always seems to put you off center, forcing you to continually make adjustments. Be aware of this tendency and consciously try to seek a middle path in all you do.

Sun semisquare Venus

You are physically very attractive. Usually this a blessing, but at times it causes you problems. There are times when you would rather not be noticed, but this seems to be impossible and you appear to be your own worst enemy. This may cause you to feel uncomfortable and angry and insecure, and you will find it difficult to articulate your feelings because you are shy and soft-spoken by nature. Be aware that this will be a continuing problem. Learn to use it to your best advantage whenever possible and try to develop strategies so that you can maintain your privacy and peace of mind.

Sun semisquare Uranus

You hate rules and regulations or anything that attempts to bind you to structures created by others. At times, you rebel even though you basically agree with what you are rebelling against. This seemingly irrational response to certain life situations can gain you a reputation of being unpredictable and unreliable — you must then be prepared to face the consequences of your actions. You love to be free, but certain elements around you will always be trying to deny that to you unless you can make your life as unstructured and free-flowing as possible.

Jupiter semisquare Ascendant.

At your best, you bring a strong sense of moral uprightness, dignity and integrity to your dealings with others. Your opinions are valued highly and you are sought out for your advice on a wide variety of topics. At your worst, however, you are overly judgmental and dogmatic. Try to avoid a tendency to be proud, arrogant and intolerant — you do not necessarily have all the answers.

Jupiter semisextile Chiron

A consummate performer and a hard worker, you have a wonderful flair for taking charge and directing the show. Since you thrive on the approval of others, you will do whatever it takes to gain recognition. At times, however, your need to be right makes you dictatorial. When this happens, you can become extremely unpopular. Your most enviable traits are your never-ending faith and eternal optimism. These are the qualities that enable you to reach your goals. Having seen others suffer increases your sense of justice and compassion for the underdog.

Chiron sesquare Midheaven

Difficulties with parents and teachers at an early age may have laid the foundations for a rebellious nature. Try separating personal experiences from your professional outlook. If you have an employer or colleague from whom you can learn, do not let your feelings about that individual get in the way of working together productively. Take differences of opinion in your stride. Don't let fear of failure or of confrontation prevent you from taking measures that could further your career.

Houses: Bringing the Planets Down to Earth

The positions of the planets in the zodiac, and the aspects between the planets, are nearly the same for everyone born on a given day. But the houses reflect how the planets were arranged around you and you alone, at a given hour and minute, and at a given place on Earth. Houses therefore personalize the planets, showing how they relate to your own particular life.

The meanings of the twelve houses echo those of the twelve zodiacal signs, but are more specific and concrete. For example, the second sign, Taurus, is much concerned with the material world, whereas the second house deals with your actual possessions: how you feel about them, and how you acquire them.

The house delineations that follow show how the affairs of each house are flavored by the sign that lies on its cusp. Since houses are sometimes larger than signs, a house may also have one or more signs completely enclosed or “intercepted” within it, in which case you will find additional material about the intercepted signs in a house. Most important, you will learn below in what areas of life the planets — the main actors in your drama — are disposed to be most active, and how the way each planet operates is influenced by both its house and its sign.

Your Interface with the World

The first house focuses on the basic equipment that you have been given for interacting with the world: your body and your physical constitution, your face, your appearance, your personality, mannerisms and the way you present yourself. It may not be how you see yourself, but it is how others tend to perceive you, and you should be aware that it has an important effect on how you are accepted in social situations. Planets in the first house tend to be strong and “out-front,” especially when they are close to (that is, conjunct) your Ascendant.

Sagittarius on the First

Impatient with social niceties and considering them hindrances to real communication, you prefer to live your life in a straightforward and simple manner. You are known for being open, frank, outgoing and honest. At times, though, you can be blunt and quite indiscreet. Usually you do not mean any harm, so it is best if others learn not to take everything you say personally. You demand the freedom to do as you choose, and if you are not self-directed you feel trapped and anxious. You have lots and lots of energy, and tend to become restless if you feel confined. You may love the outdoors, and physical exercise can help you burn off some of your excess energy. A gregarious person who likes to socialize, you have an innate enthusiasm that livens up any gathering.

Saturn in the First

From even a very early age, you seemed more mature than your peers. You tend to see the world as a very serious place, full of duties and responsibilities and, for the most part, you take pride in your ability to carry them out. At times, though, especially when you feel that you are not getting the support and encouragement that you need from those around you, you can become very withdrawn, bitter and hostile. In spite of being very reserved and cautious, you will work long and hard at whatever interests you and probably will eventually become a success at it.

Saturn in Capricorn

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

What You Own and Value

The second house goes a step outward from your own person and has to do with resources that you possess, including money. It shows your attitude toward what you own or would like to own: what you crave and covet, what you most value, how you go about getting it, how you take care of it, and whether or not you hang on to it. By extension, it can also indicate your sense of values: not just material things but also the attitudes and ideas that you hold dear.

Capricorn on the Second

You are a high achiever and you regard material prosperity as a mark of your success in the world. You have an unreasonable fear that, if you do not surround yourself with wealth or possessions, others will regard you as a failure. As such, you have the self-discipline to put on the blinders and work without distraction for goals that are at present only dimly realizable. You are very cautious and responsible, however, and are not willing to risk everything on any sort of gamble or speculation in order to get ahead. You prefer to proceed at a steady, reasonable pace. Be careful not to get so caught up in trying to get ahead that you forget to relax and enjoy the rich variety that life has to offer.

Aquarius on the Second

You have the ability to be emotionally detached, and this is a great help to you when it comes to financial matters. When investing, you are not swayed by the emotions of the moment. Instead, you are capable of making the proper objective decisions, and you are usually correct. At your best when you can invest in something that will benefit the world at large, you will devote much of your time and personal resources to causes that you deem worthy. You also love the gadgetry of modern technology, and may surround yourself with all the latest tools and toys.

Moon in the Second

Your strong need for emotional security is often expressed by a continuing desire to acquire possessions. You especially delight in old, familiar items — those with fond memories attached to them, like antiques or keepsakes. When you are feeling insecure or threatened, you tend to become very selfish and possessive, but when you are happy and at peace, you are generous and giving. You are known for your sentimentality — you cling tenaciously to your memories of the good times you have had and love to relive them in your mind.

Moon in Aquarius

Very freedom-oriented, you must always be able to do what you wish, no matter what. You become stubborn and recalcitrant when others try to force you into a mold. You are a true democrat — you are not a follower, but you enjoy being with those who are like-minded. You appreciate emotional self-control — you practice it yourself and you look for it in others. You solve problems, including emotional ones, with your brains and intellect, not your feelings. Try to be tolerant of those who have powerful and obvious emotional responses — not everyone is as objective, cool, dispassionate and detached as you are.

Jupiter in the Second

For you, material possessions signify security and protection and you will devote much time and energy to gathering about you enough “things” to make you feel safe and comfortable. When you feel secure, you are very giving and sharing of your bounty, but, when you feel insecure or frustrated, you tend to become more and more acquisitive and selfish, collecting more “things” than anyone could ever possibly need or use. Generally, you love to spend your money in a big way — preferring large, elegant purchases.

Jupiter in Aquarius

Your personal growth occurs when you have the freedom to do things in new and interesting ways — this brings out your natural inventiveness. You are an individualist, but you are also attracted to mass movements that emphasize social betterment and you will devote much time and energy to their efforts. Very fair-minded and objective, you have extraordinary skills at organization and administration.

Chiron in the Second

Sliding between abject poverty and great wealth makes you feel that life is one great roller-coaster ride. Consumed with the need for financial security, you may resort to unscrupulous methods to achieve it, even though you are extremely capable of amassing wealth through your own ingenuity. At times, you may feel undeserving of success, or even guilty about going shopping. Be charitable and generous, but don't spend your earnings frivolously or gamble them away.

Chiron in Pisces

Intuitive and imaginative, you may have difficulty in verbal communication. This often gives the false impression that you are confused and unintelligent. You may have been teased by other children, leaving you feeling vulnerable and distrustful. Retreating into the sanctity of your own world may have filled many lonely hours. Your compassion and sensitivity can contribute to your success in the helping professions. You are a wonderful friend who is ready to answer the call when anyone needs you. Therapy is an excellent way to improve self-esteem and to view yourself as the remarkable and unique human being that you are.

Your Immediate Surroundings

Going a step further out from your own body and possessions, the third house has to do with your immediate surroundings and how you interact with them. The first “social” house, it describes brothers and sisters, neighbors and anyone who just happens to be near you on a daily basis. It also describes daily communication and transportation: letters, phone calls and emails, and routine journeys such as commuting to shopping, school or work. The first “mental” house, it governs early education and basic skills training, paving the way for higher education in the ninth house which is directly opposite it in the chart.

Pisces on the Third

You have the ability to know the true motivations of others' actions, even when they do not properly articulate them. Your way of knowing is not intellectual, however you seem to know things by a “gut” reaction that you find difficult to explain. Because this manner of obtaining knowledge is so mysterious to most people, usually you do not share it with others, lest they think you “different.” You have to learn to trust your intuitions, especially when they are so frequently correct. Also, you have a vivid imagination and must learn to share its wonders with others. Because of your unique sensitivity, you often prefer a quiet, secluded lifestyle — out of the limelight. Your empathy with the plight of others can attract you to the helping professions. Here you feel that you are needed and can be effective.

No planets in the Third

Your third house is not activated by planetary activity. For the most part, how you order your daily life activities is not an issue for you. It is something that you rarely think about or have to plan consciously.

Where You Come From

Being at the very bottom of the wheel, the fourth house is both where you originate and where you come to rest. As such, it describes your parents and ancestral background, and later the home or protected space into which you retreat each day for nourishment and sleep. A deeply personal house, the fourth is concerned with security and peace of mind, the safety of loved ones, and how you care for others and yourself. The place of your roots and the earth beneath your feet, the fourth house rules the house or apartment where you live and also real estate in general. In your trajectory through life, the fourth house shows your origins and where you are coming from, just as the tenth house and Midheaven describe your career and where you aim to go.

Aries on the Fourth

You have ambivalent feelings about your home and family. On the one hand, you are quite proud of them and will exert yourself to the utmost to protect and defend them if necessary but, on the other hand, you are quite free-spirited and independent and hate to be tied down. As such, you resent the emotional bonds that exist in family ties — they force you to alter your course at times. You will not tie others to you emotionally either, but will prefer to prepare your loved ones to go out into the world on their own as soon as possible. This will give all concerned the freedom that they deserve with a minimum of stress and tension.

No planets in the Fourth

You have no planets in the fourth house. This means that home and family are not likely to be major issues for you, or demand much time and energy on your part. For further information on how you handle the issues of security and peace of mind, look to the house and aspects of your Moon.

Playtime

After being nurtured and restored in the fourth house, you are refreshed and full of energy for play and creative pursuits. Replenished by dreams, you have creative ideas. Nurtured by your parents, you are ready to have your own children. Fresh from the security of home, you are ready to trust the universe and take risks. For all these reasons, the fifth house traditionally rules the child in you and the children around you, your own personal creativity and self-expression, plays and amusements of all sorts, gambling and speculation, and courtship, love affairs and romance. This is an outgoing house, but it is still beneath the horizon, in the territory of your heart's desires.

Taurus on the Fifth

You are too cautious and conservative by nature to be attracted to speculative ventures — you prefer to stockpile your resources. You would rather save them up so that you can afford to purchase some long-planned-for, very high quality item that will let you relax in the lap of luxury. Very sensual, you like nothing better than to loll around in the overstuffed but comfortable surroundings of your home. Quite creative, you enjoy expressing yourself by using your hands — sculpture, painting, furniture manufacture and such appeal to you. Very fertile as a rule, you may be blessed with many children and you will dote on them.

Venus in the Fifth

Pleasure and amusement are very important to you. Very playful, you enjoy being entertained and you delight in receiving gifts — the more lavish and opulent, the better. Because you are very sensual, pleasing and playing with your lover provides you both with mutual delights. Your refined aesthetic sensibility requires that your surroundings be gracious, elegant and comfortable. Your tendency to think that it is your divine right to be entertained and that all things should come to you can cause you to become lazy and self-indulgent. Try not to be too selfish.

Venus in Taurus

You are known to be a warm and affectionate person, and you tend to form long-lasting attachments. The reverse of this is that you can also be quite possessive once you have made a commitment. The beauty, luxury and comfort of your surroundings are important to you and you will devote much time and energy to making your home just right. Beware of your tendency toward self-indulgence, especially with respect to eating incorrectly. You also need outside stimuli to get you in gear. When things come too easily for you, you can be lazy and indolent.

Taking Care of Business

After the candle-lit dinner comes the credit-card bill. Courtship is followed by the nitty-gritty of married life: babies, diapers and saving up for college. After your creative impulse comes the need to learn the technique of actually making something. And if you overexpend your energy, you get health problems. The sixth house rules taking care of business on an everyday level. This includes your job, paying bills and keeping the house clean. It also includes maintaining your body with medical checkups and a daily regimen of nutrition and exercise. In the old books it ruled servants, and it can by extension rule the way you offer service to others. It also ruled useful animals, particularly small ones like cats, dogs, chickens and pigs. Today this usually means small pets, which exist in the personal, intimate part of your life that is signified by houses that lie below the horizon.

Gemini on the Sixth

You are an adaptable and versatile person who needs the continual challenge of a job that can provide mental stimulation, as well as a livelihood. Variety is an absolute necessity because your inherently restless nature and short attention span do not allow you the self-discipline to be effective at one long, complex or boring task. You have so much mental energy that you may even be able to handle more than one job at a time successfully. Desk work is not your forte, though — you must be able to move around, to contact lots of different people during the day. Your health should be fine if you get the proper exercise and take the time to eat correctly. Remember to rest for a while when your batteries run down.

No planets in the Sixth

Your sixth house is not activated by planetary activity. Health and work-related issues are not usually paramount concerns for you. Of course, outside influences can temporarily upset this balance, causing you to devote more time and energy to these parts of your life, at least on a temporary basis.

Relating One-to-One

If you courted in the fifth house and woke up in the sixth yoked to another in a daily routine, the seventh house gives you a chance to hammer out a relationship of true equals. The goal is wedded bliss and a true sense of relatedness, but along the way there may be fights as you each define your individuality and establish your own territory. Not only is the seventh the traditional house of marriage, it is also the house of open enemies, your sparring partners in life. In general, since the first house is you yourself, the seventh house, directly opposite, is the other person in a variety of situations. Besides signifying a marriage or sparring partner, the seventh house rules business partners, or those on the other side of a desk, such as consultants, lawyers, therapists or astrologers.

Gemini on the Seventh

Your relationship needs are many and varied and only rarely can be fulfilled by any one person. This may lead you either to having more than one relationship ongoing at any given time or to moving in and out of relationships rather quickly. The worst thing that can happen to you is to have your partner try to settle down and build a permanent daily living algorithm. This causes you to feel very restless, and you soon find an excuse to move on. The most successful and long-lasting business or personal relationships for you are ones that have as their common root a shared intellectual interest. This allows you to continually bounce ideas off each other and to receive the mutual mental stimuli that you both need.

Sun in the Seventh

You function best when you have a partner (either in a business or a personal relationship) and you are comfortable in social situations in general. Very nervous about being alone, at times you tend to make too many compromises in order to maintain relationships. This can produce the opposite result of what you intend by making your partner more disrespectful of you, thus weakening the bonds between you. But, when you are comfortable and secure in the strength and propriety of a relationship, you can be quite feisty and argumentative in one-on-one encounters. Because you love to have something (or someone) to push against, you make a worthy opponent or competitor in any confrontation.

Sun in Cancer

Very emotional and sensitive, you have an intuitive understanding of the “vibes” around you. You tend to be quite generous, giving, loving and caring, but only when your own needs for emotional support, love and security have been met. If they are not met, you tend to withdraw into yourself and become very insecure and selfish. Your home and family (especially your mother or the person who played that role for you early on) represent security for you and thus assume a larger-than-life importance. Very sentimental, you have vivid and long-enduring memories of the past. No matter how well adjusted you are, you will always need a secret quiet place of your own in order to feel at peace. Feeding others can give you great pleasure you would enjoy being part of a large family.

Mercury in the Seventh

Both in the business world and in personal relationships, you are attracted to lively, intelligent and alert people. You love to talk and share ideas with others. You can be a bit argumentative, since debating with others and engaging in battles of wits helps you to learn and grow. Try not to be too belligerent, or others will avoid you. You tend to be good at cooperating with your associates, because you can usually understand their underlying reasons and motivations.

Mercury in Cancer

You have an excellent memory, especially about things to which you have formed an emotional bond. The beliefs and traditions of your family and culture are very important to you. You prefer ideas that are known and familiar, and therefore tend to dislike fads or radical ideas. Your emotions tend to rule your thought processes, making it difficult to see life objectively. Especially when you are emotionally shaken, your thinking becomes unclear. Therefore, try not to make major decisions when you are upset.

Merging into Something Larger

Having achieved a relationship of equals in the seventh house, you are ready to give up your separateness in the eighth, merging in sexual union and becoming one on a deep emotional level. If the second house was about grasping and possessing, the eighth is about sharing and letting go. While the second rules your own money, the eighth rules how you deal with other people's money and how you pool resources. On a mundane level the eighth rules taxes, but on a fundamental level it can rule giving up anything you value, including your ego and even your body. In relaxing your grasp on what you find most dear, you may find that you are really not as dependent on it as you thought. In relinquishing, you achieve a new level of freedom, and feel lighter, renewed and more alive. Related to all this, the eighth signifies mysteries such as death and resurrection, magic and the occult, and the deep parts of the psyche that are beyond our conscious grasp.

Cancer on the Eighth

You tend to be cautious and careful when it comes to investing your resources. You have such strong feelings and are so emotionally attached to what you own that you do not want to let go of it unless you can also be assured that you will be closely and intimately involved with the process of investing. As such, you never do really ever let go all the way. You have a similar attitude toward sexual matters — you only really can relax with someone who is as totally committed as you are to the relationship. When you feel the least hesitancy on your partner's part, you immediately pull back and withdraw into your own non-threatening, private world. But when you do feel secure, you are warm, open, giving and caring.

Leo on the Eighth

You are dashing and proud (and sometimes vain) when it comes to sexual matters. Setting and mood are important to you — you can be very dramatic and romantic in your attempts to build things up to “the big moment.” You delight in the adoration and admiration of your partner and will try even harder to please him or her the more that you are flattered and made much of. Also, you are not interested in any liaisons that are not open and honest and full of integrity. You have a similar attitude about investments and are unafraid to take risks where they seem warranted. Just make sure that those with whom you deal are as honest as you think they are or you will become quite disillusioned with the whole process.

Mars in the Eighth

Everything you do you do with great intensity. You drive yourself very hard physically, so don't expect everyone else to be able to keep up with you. When you have decided to pursue something, you go all-out, becoming obsessed with the project at hand. Problems can occur when your strong and powerful personal desires lead you into conflicts with others. If you do not learn to compromise a bit, there will be roaring battles ahead, because you tend to attract others who are just as intractable as you.

Mars in Virgo

Very careful and systematic, you pay great attention to details. You seek perfection and sometimes get bogged down searching for the ultimate when adequacy would have been sufficient. You dislike abstractions, preferring whatever is practical, useful and demonstrable. You have a strong and enduring sense of personal responsibility, and you demand that others be as responsible and upright as you are. Very critical of yourself and others, sometimes you carry this too far and become intolerant of others and their right to choose their own lifestyles.

Uranus in the Eighth

The changes that come into your life usually occur suddenly and unexpectedly, and you prefer it that way. Slow, evolutionary growth patterns make you impatient and restless. You will go out of your way to put yourself into new and unique situations so that your life will be constantly renewed and refreshed you are unwilling merely to let nature take its course. Be very careful — your tendency toward rash behavior makes you very accident-prone.

Uranus in Leo

You are part of an age group that demands complete and total freedom of self-expression. You and your peers want to make your mark in the world according to your own lights and will brook no interference from traditional authority figures, especially if they attempt to mold or shape you in any way. You are honest and forthright, but a bit offbeat and eccentric. The lack of self-discipline may hinder you from reaching your goals as quickly as you would like.

Pluto in the Eighth

You like to be able to fully marshal all of your available resources for whatever you want to do. As such, you do not particularly like to share what you have with others. You have a deep and continuing interest in understanding the mysteries of such things as birth and death (and rebirth). You like to push life to its limits, enjoying being able to live always at the cutting edge, with its associated dangers. As such, your life tends to proceed through many intense and cathartic changes.

Pluto in Virgo

Your entire generation was born at a time that saw profound changes in society's attitude toward work, duty and responsibility. There were also fundamental changes in attitudes toward personal health and nutrition.

North Node in the Eighth

You're usually not really interested in forming many casual relationships with others. You're much more comfortable when you can deal with an extremely small, close-knit group of like-minded friends and acquaintances. But once you've made a commitment to someone or to some group, it's total and forever. You delight in sharing ideas and experiences with those you know — and you usually do so with an intensity that those who know you only casually would find surprising. It takes a while to gain your trust, but once given, you reveal the true depths of your inner nature. If involved in a group effort, you'll work tirelessly to attain its goals, and you probably don't care who assumes the leadership role.

North Node in Leo

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

Expanding Your Conscious Awareness

Approaching the highest point in the sky, the ninth house wafts you up and out of your rut, giving you a broad and lofty view of the terrain beneath. Whereas the third ruled basic schooling and short trips, the ninth rules higher education and long-distance travel. It removes you from your everyday routine so you can see the overall pattern, the overlooked connections between things. It rules all-embracing concepts (such as your philosophy of life) and institutions (like religion and law) that stand over society and keep it bound together. It can also signify your teachers and mentors, your library, and all else that broadens your outlook.

Virgo on the Ninth

You tend to have a very practical and utilitarian philosophy of life. You are very critical of any system of thought that does not immediately enhance your lifestyle by providing you with practical regimens for self-improvement. Abstract speculations hold no interest for you. You do seek perfection as an ideal, but you are more than willing to perform any number of specific rituals to attain it. Thus, you will devote a great deal of attention to your diet and daily habit patterns, trying to eliminate any hint of negligence or purposelessness from your life. You are extremely self-critical and critical of others as well. Be careful not to become too intolerant or dogmatic in your thinking patterns or you will be denying yourself the richness and variety of human self-expression.

No planets in the Ninth

Your ninth house is not activated by planetary activity. The extent and depth of your life philosophy and the intensity of your higher educational experiences are not major issues for you. Look to the house and aspects of Jupiter in your horoscope to get further information on how you deal with these issues.

Your Public Self

If the fourth house showed your roots and where you came from, the tenth shows what you are ultimately aiming at in life. Whereas the sixth shows your daily job and how you make a living, the tenth signifies your career, your personal contribution, your reputation and what you become known for. Some astrologers also believe that the fourth house signifies one parent, and the tenth signifies the other. The tenth-house parent is most likely the one who prepares you for the world. The closer a planet is to the Midheaven, the more likely that planet is to be the major significator of your life's direction.

Libra on the Tenth

You will tend to advance your position in life only if you are heavily involved with others — either by having a strongly supportive mate or partner, or by currying the favor and sponsorship of significant others along the way. Your sociable behavior and ability to adapt yourself harmoniously to the needs of your peers assists your rise to the top. Beware of a strong temptation to exploit others for your own benefit, and avoid the tendency to be pleasant but insincere. And also try to avoid being frivolous and vain.

Neptune in the Tenth

Choosing a life path can be a difficult and confusing process for you, especially if the parent that you idealized as a child turned out not to meet with your expectations. You will feel full of self-doubts and will be afraid to make similar mistakes or will worry that you have similar fatal flaws and weaknesses. You must realize that your life goals are your own and that you, as a unique individual, represent a fresh start. If you can do this, then you will be able to get yourself motivated. You have high hopes for yourself and for others and will be willing to make considerable personal sacrifices to reach your goals. You have some rather excellent qualifications for being involved in the helping professions (nursing, religion, medicine).

Neptune in Scorpio

You, and your entire generation, are extremely interested in anything deep and mysterious. You will explore and idealize the benefits that can accrue from the study of the occult, healing and psychology. You are willing to experiment with substances like drugs in order to push your understanding of your inner being to the extreme.

Your Circle of Acquaintances

The eleventh is the last house of relationships: not brothers, sisters and neighbors who just happen to be around you, not one-to-one partners, but the circle of friends and associates whom you actively choose. It shows the way you make and keep friendships, the organizations you join, the networking you do, and the general way you interact with groups. After you have established yourself as an individual and learned to form personal relationships with others, you are ready to think about the common good. This is why the eleventh often signifies groups dedicated to social or other sorts of collective improvement.

Scorpio on the Eleventh

You tend to become intensely and obsessively involved with your friends. You are not interested in any casual or superficial associations. Indeed, you are not interested at all unless those with whom you associate are willing to give up everything else for the sake of their relationship with you. The intensity that is demanded in a relationship like this will naturally produce much stress and strain — for you, commitment is total and all-absorbing. Beware of becoming overly manipulative of your friends — no one likes to have his or her actions motivated by guilt. You also tend to become emotionally attached to whatever groups to which you belong. You treat them and their goals as if they were a part of your extended family. Any threat to them is regarded as a threat to yourself and dealt with accordingly.

No planets in the Eleventh

The eleventh house of your horoscope contains no planets. This does not mean that you will never have friends or associates or that you will never be active in groups that express your philosophy of life. It simply indicates that these are not paramount issues for you. From time to time, influences from outside you may cause you to become more active in these areas, but this will be temporary rather than life-long.

The Hidden You

The twelfth house is where planets go just after they have risen. Here planets are still wet behind the ears, blinking in the sunlight and unsteady on their feet. Feeling completely vulnerable, planets in the twelfth tend to hide. Their energies can become repressed and secretive, and sometimes they lurk as complexes in the subconscious. This is why the twelfth is associated with self-sabotage, with hidden enemies, and with prison and whatever else makes you feel confined. The traditional association with hospitals and prisons suggest that constructive ways of dealing with twelfth-house problems include helping others who are similarly repressed or confined. Also, some with a strong twelfth-house emphasis become successful as undercover workers or as the power behind the throne.

Sagittarius on the Twelfth

You are usually comfortable with your no-nonsense, practical approach to life. That is why you tend to get confused by the intensity and enthusiasm that you want to show in support of certain causes about which you are deeply concerned. The very zealotry and far-reaching implications of these stands seem to give the lie to your usual attitude about only caring for that which will advance you materially. You are also concerned that these idealistic causes will distract you from the carefully laid out plans that you have made for yourself. Try to relax and realize that it is perfectly acceptable for someone to be both practical and concerned about the important issues of the day. Test your planning abilities by allowing time for both in your life.

No planets in the Twelfth

Your twelfth house is not activated by planetary activity. This does not mean that you will never have to deal with energies in your life that are difficult to understand, although most people would consider this a blessing. It merely means that these will not be paramount concerns for you. Occasionally, due to influences that come from outside of yourself, you will find yourself in situations that prove to be temporarily uncomfortable or even mysterious, but these incidents should not dominate your life as they do for some others.

A Mirror of Your Uniqueness

As you've seen, this report has been based on the position of the Sun, Moon and planets at the moment of your birth, as viewed from the place on Earth where you were born. This relationship of planets, stars and Earth is unique and never will be repeated. Like the genes that determine your body and temperament, your astrological chart is made up of the same basic parts that other humans have. However, as with your genes, the arrangement of these parts applies only to you.

Like the unique patterning of your DNA, your birth chart symbolizes the raw materials you've been given from which to fashion your life -- in other words, the deck you've been dealt. Now that you're more conscious of what you have to work with, the way you play your cards is up to you.

Nobody is perfect. As well as being given our special strengths and beauties, everyone born is presented with special problems to solve and special lessons to learn. Knowing what you have to work with, you will be better able fill in (or at least understand and accept) what you lack. Then you can appreciate and develop your special gifts, and grow in the life directions that are right for you and you alone.

Astrology's special message is that there is no universal norm for everyone. Life is not about measuring up to some one-size-fits-all standard. What it is about is growing more fully into the unique person you were meant to be. Hopefully, this report has given you some clues about who that person is. Hopefully, it will help you better to fill the role that you have been given in this lifetime, and to enrich the world with the gifts that only you can bestow.

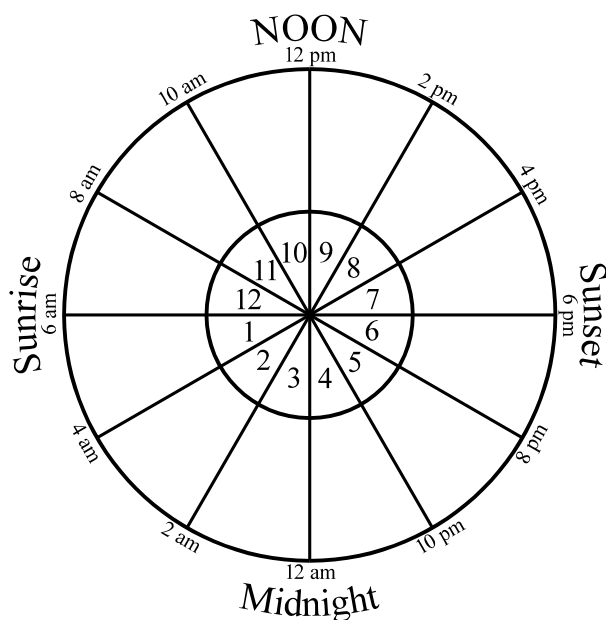
Your birth moment is a precious seed that contains the potential for how you will unfold. Nurture it lovingly, observe how it develops, then supply the light, moisture and nutrients that its special nature calls for -- and it will burst into flower and bear nourishing fruit that you and the world can enjoy.

Getting the Most from Your Professional Natal Report

If you want to know more about your report, here is a brief outline of how horoscopes work, concise meanings of each part of the horoscope and, scattered throughout, tips on how to put these parts together to get further information from your birth chart.

Deciphering Your Horoscope Wheel

The horoscope wheel in your report is a complete, accurately calculated chart such as a professional astrologer would draw up. This wheel is actually a diagram showing how the planets and signs were arranged around you at the moment of your birth.



Think of yourself, just being born, as being at the center. The two horizontal spokes are the horizon of the place where you were born. Above this line are the planets that were up in the sky. Below it are the planets that were hidden below the horizon. The sky is shown as if you were facing south. As the Earth turns on its axis each day, the Sun would rise to your left in the east, culminate or reach its highest point around noon, set to your right, and anticulminate or reach its lowest point about midnight before rising the next day.

Were you born during the day or at night? If you look at your own horoscope wheel, you should see your Sun (☉) either above or below the horizon, reflecting the time of day when you were born. The diagram above shows approximately where the Sun would be at various times during a 24-hour period. The planets, too, make this entire trip clockwise around the horoscope wheel each day, but each rises and sets at a different time.

The twelve spokes of the horoscope wheel are the borders, or cusps, of the twelve *houses*. You can think of the house cusps as partitions that are attached to the Earth and radiate out into space. Each day as the Earth turns on its axis, each of the house cusps sweeps through every degree of the zodiac. Most wheel styles available in *Professional Natal Report* show the degree, sign and minute of the zodiac that was on each house cusp at the moment you were born. Inside the houses are the *planets*, shown with the degree, sign and minute of their zodiacal position.

The Planets

The planets are the main actors in the drama. To astrologers, planets are bodies that appear from Earth to *move* through the zodiac. For this reason, they include the Sun and Moon as well as the other bodies (like Jupiter, Venus and Mars) that orbit the Sun. The Moon appears to go once around the zodiac in a month; the Sun, Venus and Mercury take about a year; Mars takes about 2 years; Jupiter about 12; Saturn about 30; Uranus about 84; Neptune about 164; and Pluto about 245 years.

What the Planets Symbolize

Astrology recognizes that people really cannot be adequately described in simplistic terms like good or bad, energetic or lazy, loving or cold. Perhaps the richest of all languages for describing human complexity, astrology sees people as a composite of at least ten different internal characters. Like the inhabitants of a royal court, each character has an official function (king, queen, jester, minstrel, gardener, cook, etc.) that is the same for everyone. The personality of each functionary and its relationship to all the other characters, however, is unique for each individual. Therefore, though the number of actors is the same, the drama can vary hugely from person to person.

These ten characters are, of course, the *planets*. The *sign* each planet is in determines its personality. For example, is the king (the Sun) in a naturally regal sign (Leo), in a sign that is shy and retiring (Pisces), or in one that is all business (Capricorn)? The *house* a planet is associated with shows the area of life where the planet will tend to express itself. For the king, will it be mainly through pomp and celebrations (5th house), secret diplomacy (12th house), or repairing the roads and making the trains run on time (6th house)? And finally, his relations with the others in the realm are shown by the *aspects* he makes with them. Does he work smoothly with his ministers and generals (trines and sextiles), is he in open conflict with them (oppositions and squares), or is he in poor communication with them or even being secretly undermined (quincunxes and semisextiles)?

We will get to all these factors further on. Right now, the first step in understanding this complex drama is understanding each courtier's basic role. The basic functions of the planets are as follows.

☉ **The Sun** Just as its target-shaped symbol or glyph suggests, the Sun represents your center: the center from which all your energies radiate, the center from which you view the universe, and also the physical center that is your body. Its position by sign, house and aspect shows how and where you radiate your energies into the world. The Sun is the basic life-initiating or father principle. You could think of the Sun as the king.

☾ **The Moon** Whether you see this symbol as a crescent Moon, bowl, or radar dish, the idea is the same. The Moon receives, contains, and gives form to the abstract energy represented by the Sun. If the Sun is the basic you, the Moon is what gives you your particular personality – your genetic heritage, earliest training, and habit patterns. The symbol can also be seen as a cradle or enfolding arms; the Moon is the basic life-sustaining, nurturing or mother principle. Most obviously, the Moon is the queen, but she is also the land and the people.

☿ **Mercury** This glyph suggests the messenger of the gods with his winged helmet. Fittingly, this planet represents how you think, communicate and move about. Mercury appears from Earth to shuttle back and forth near the Sun – like the nerve impulses in your body or the transportation systems of our society. It is a link, a bridge, a translator, putting abstract energies into symbols so they can be manipulated within your mind or communicated to others. Mercury has many guises, including the scribe, the ambassador, the merchant, the bell cord that goes from banquet hall to pantry, and the air itself, which carries the sound waves of speech. Mercury is also the nimble juggler, and the child who skips through the hallways and plays pranks.

♀ **Venus** This glyph is traditionally the mirror of the goddess, but it is even more like a flower, whose function is to attract pollination so the plant can bear fruit. Venus symbolizes your powers of attraction, of bringing people, objects or ideas together to create harmonious wholes. It shows how you project and appreciate beauty, how and what you love, what gives you pleasure, the areas of your creativity, your tact and social skills. Venus could be the royal mistress, the hostess, or the artisan who makes the castle beautiful.

♂ **Mars** The shield and spear of the war-god Mars are also like the Sun glyph with an arrow showing energy emerging from it. Whereas the Sun is your basic energy center, Mars, centerless but with an arrow, shows how you apply this energy to get things done. And, if the Sun is your basic self or ego, Mars is how you assert yourself and defend your ego. It is anger and aggression, but it is also the energy that enables you to fight for survival. Mars is the "muscle" of society as well as your body: the workers, the soldiers, the knights who defend the helpless, and the police who enforce Saturn's law.

♃ **Jupiter** The glyphs for Jupiter and Saturn are almost the reverse of each other, just as the planets in many ways symbolize opposite energies. Jupiter is like arms raised and flung out to take in all the goodness of the world. It signifies that part of you that wants to reach out, overcome limitations, and take in everything to make it your own. (Appropriately, Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.) It gives expansiveness, optimism, generosity, magnanimity and a love of freedom and new experiences, but it can also bring acquisitiveness, wastefulness, insensitivity to others' needs, and lack of attention to detail. Jupiter can be the chancellor who helps the king rule, a minister of far-reaching vision who sees the big picture and lays plans for the future prosperity and well-being of the state. He can also be the lawgiver who maps out the basic code that holds society together; or the archbishop, who calls on a higher power and unites the realm under the banner of faith.

♄ **Saturn** To make a bad pun, the glyph for "Sat-on" looks like a seat-or maybe a candle-snuffer. When carried to excess, Saturn can keep life down or even snuff it out, but when applied in moderation it is the necessary force that defines limits and keeps Jupiterian expansion from getting out of hand. It signifies obstacles and frustration, but also discipline and order. Saturn could be the minister of finance or the royal housekeeper who keeps a tight hand on the purse-strings, the conservative advisor who champions traditional values and stems the tide of change, the severe judge who puts a stop to crime (and sometimes people's lives as well), or the wise old counselor who guards against excess.

Saturn is the furthest planet in the solar system to be seen by the naked eye. Beyond lie planets not ordinarily visible; these enable you to transcend the everyday reality of Saturn and explore worlds outside ordinary common sense.

♄ **Uranus** The glyph for Uranus was made up to suggest the initial of its discoverer, Herschel, but it could also be seen as the head of a baby emerging from the birth canal. It represents the first breakthrough into the universe beyond Saturn, a sudden disruption and cracking-open of Saturn's confining shell. It brings upset, surprise and insecurity but also originality, a love of the new, creativity and freedom. Uranus is the court jester who turns reality on its head, the rebel who shakes up the status quo, or the traveler from a remote kingdom who stands out from all others at court with his outlandish manners and dress.

♆ **Neptune** The trident of the Roman sea-god suggests the oceanic quality of Neptune. Whereas Uranus cracked open the rigid shell of Saturn, Neptune furthers the process by dissolving the shell entirely. Neptune is the urge within you to go beyond all the boundaries and limitations that make you a particular human being and return into the vast and formless ocean of oneness with the universe. When people are insufficiently grounded, Neptune can bring weakness, dishonesty, illusion, addiction and an inability to cope with everyday life. But once their egos are fully developed, Neptune can bring empathy, selfless service to others, and transcendent knowledge and bliss. Neptune is the soothsayer, who brings knowledge from the world of dreams; or the religious hermit, who bypasses the archbishop's church and is in direct contact with God.

♇ **Pluto** Pluto is often represented as "♇," but many astrologers prefer a glyph like Mercury's with the crescent in a different place. Whereas Mercury translated information from one form to another, Pluto transforms – people, situations, whatever it touches. Another way of seeing the Pluto glyph is as a dying plant releasing a seed. The disruption and dissolution begun by Uranus and Neptune is completed by Pluto in death and the rebirth that follows. Pluto shows up in everyday life as change, development, transformation, regeneration. People with a strong Pluto can lead lives with many upheavals and "rebirths" or can be forceful and persuasive in bringing about change in others. Pluto could be the magician, who works in the secret realms to bring about change. He is also the invisible tide of change itself, which brings an end to whatever is outworn, so that life can periodically be renewed.

Additional Points

Some astrologers consider additional bodies such as various asteroids and Chiron, a small comet-like object that orbits between Saturn and Uranus and goes around the zodiac in just under 51 years. Many also use the lunar Nodes, mathematical points that travel *backwards* around the zodiac in about 19 years.

♄ **Chiron** The key-like glyph that astrologers have settled upon since Chiron's discovery in 1977 suggests the opening of a door, possibly one through the wall erected by Saturn, leading to a new realm of innovation and freedom represented by Uranus. Half-horse, half-man, Chiron arose from the savage race of centaurs to teach civilized values and technologies for improving human life. Most memorably, he himself suffered a painful wound that would not heal, yet taught the healing arts to the young Aesculapius. Epitomizing the wounded healer, Chiron is thought by many astrologers to signify the hurt places within us, and the ways they can enable us to heal and improve the lives of others.

♏ North Node The glyph suggests the Dragon's Head, the old name for this point. Directly opposite it in the zodiac is the **South Node** or Dragon's Tail (♋), which is often omitted from the chart wheel because it is always 180 degrees from the North Node. The Nodes are the two places in the zodiac where the the Moon's orbital plane connects with the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun. Some astrologers read both Nodes as connections, particularly to relatives or groups. Others see the South Node as old skills, relationships and attitudes that you have thoroughly mastered and now must leave behind, and the North Node as new areas that you need to advance toward for your continuing evolution.

Which Planets Are Most Important in Your Chart?

In general, the Sun and Moon – the "luminaries" or "lights" – are the solar-system bodies to which astrologers would pay the most attention. While the other planets supply the details, these great lights in the sky symbolize the two fundamental poles of your being, the basic yang/yin, radiating-outward/enfolding-inward sides of your nature. Contemplating the aspects, signs and perhaps also the houses of the Sun and Moon can reveal volumes about the most profound parts of your self.

Next in personal significance are the inner planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Following this are the outer, or slow-moving, planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

This basic order of importance is reflected in your report, where aspects from the Sun, Moon and inner planets are always listed before aspects from the outer planets. Also, whenever planets are tallied in signs, houses or other categories, the luminaries and inner planets are given more weighting points.

Each individual chart also has its own *individual* pattern of planetary strength that distinguishes it from other people's charts. Which planet or planets happen to be speaking the loudest in *your* chart? Here are some things to look for, in order of their importance.

1. Turning back to the chart wheel or aspect listing at the beginning of this report, do you find any planets very near the Ascendant, Midheaven, Descendant or Imum Coeli of your chart? (The way charts are most often cast, these are at the beginning of the First, Tenth, Seventh or Fourth houses.) Having a planet within seven degrees of a conjunction to any of these four points is almost guaranteed to make that planet one of the most obvious and strong components in your character. The closer a planet is to one of these points, the stronger it is.
2. A close aspect to the Sun or Moon (say, within a 5-degree orb) can also confer great importance on one of the other planets.
3. A planet can also become very important if it is in some other aspect than the conjunction to the Ascendant or Midheaven. Here, you would consider aspects within an orb of about 5 degrees.

Aspects between the Planets

Since each planet travels around the zodiac at its own speed, the angles between the planets constantly change. When the angle between two planets approaches an even division of the circle (such as 1/2 or 180 degrees, 1/3 or 120 degrees, 1/4 or 90 degrees, etc.) astrologers find that the symbolism of those planets becomes linked in your personality. These significant angles are called *aspects*. Aspects come in families, each of which is based on number, and each of which has its own characteristic feeling.

The Strongest Aspect The **conjunction** (0 degrees, symbol ♂) is in a family by itself. Whether it is easy or difficult depends almost completely on the two planets involved. It is usually considered along with the "hard" aspects below simply because it is so intense.

The "Hard" Aspects Aspects that arise from dividing the circle by 2 (the **opposition**, 180 degrees, symbol ♂) and 4 (the **square**, 90 degrees, symbol □) are called "hard" because they tend to precipitate crises and usually call for effort on your part. For the same reasons, they can also be dynamic and productive. This report discusses the conjunction and hard aspects first, because these are the aspects that usually concern people the most, and which bring them to consult their astrologers.

The "Soft" Aspects These arise from dividing the circle by 3 (the **trine**, 120 degrees, symbol Δ) and 6 (the **sextile**, 60 degrees, symbol ✱). Planets linked by trines or sextiles tend to work easily together, aiding and abetting each other. Trines and sextiles show the parts of your nature that tend to run along smoothly and effortlessly.

The Minor Aspects The **semisquare** (45 degrees, symbol ∟) is 1/8 of the circle, and the **sesquiquadrate** or **sesquare** (135 degrees, symbol ◡) is 3/8. Coming from a smaller subdivision of the square, the semisquare and sesquare have a similar dynamic and stressful feeling but are not quite as strong.

The **semisextile** (30 degrees, symbol ♁) is 1/12 of the circle and the **quincunx** (150 degrees, symbol ⚡) is 5/12. These aspects connect signs that have no relation to each other, being neither of the same element nor of the same mode. They have a problematic quality, like two characters who have to deal with each other, but just don't seem to speak the same language.

The "Orb" of an Aspect

It's rare for the angle between two planets to be *exactly* 60 degrees or 90 degrees, or whatever. How far an aspect can be from exact and still have an effect is called the aspect's allowable *orb*. For example, for a conjunction between the Sun and Moon many astrologers would set an orb of 10 degrees. This means that if the Sun and Moon were 9 degrees, 30 minutes apart, it would be considered a conjunction; but if they were 10 degrees, 5 minutes apart, the aspect would be ignored.

Most astrologers give wider orbs to aspects that involve the Sun or Moon, and narrower orbs to aspects that do not involve these two luminaries. Also, major aspects like squares and trines usually get larger orbs than minor aspects like semisquares and semisextiles.

Which Aspects Are Most Important in Your Chart?

The aspect table at the beginning of this report summarizes the aspects that exist in your chart. In the "The orb is" column you will see the number of degrees and minutes that each of your aspects is from being exact. Aspects having an orb of less than 1 degree are likely to be main keynotes in your personality, particularly if they are a major aspect such as a conjunction, opposition, trine or square. You might want to make a list of the five closest aspects in your chart, and then pay special attention to those interpretations in your report.

The Signs of the Zodiac

As the planets orbit the Sun, they appear from Earth to travel through a narrow belt of fixed stars. This we call the *zodiac*. Most astrologers in the West use the *tropical zodiac*, which puts its starting point (0 degrees Aries) at where the Sun is on the first day of spring in the Earth's Northern Hemisphere. The tropical zodiac describes the cycle of the seasons, a cycle of beginning, growth, and preparation for new beginning. Each of the twelve signs represents a stage in that cycle, and gives its own characteristic coloration to the planets and houses that lie within it.

♈ **Aries** The pointed face and horns of the ram – or a young plant springing from seed. As befits the beginning of spring, the idea is one of arising out of nothing into life, from non-being into being. Aries gives a fresh, sharp, young, eager quality, full of starting energy not yet disciplined or refined. It is adventurous, impatient, self-expressive, open, direct, and not always sensitive to others' feelings.

♉ **Taurus** The bull's head and horns – or a pot of earth to contain the Aries seedling. Taurus gives Aries energy a material, earthy base of operations. It is symbolized by the plant taking root, and by the baby discovering the physical world: seeing, tasting, touching. It is much concerned with the body, with comfort and sensual pleasure, with good quality in material things. It is practical, steady, persistent, and tends to do things more slowly than other signs.

♊ **Gemini** The twins – or the Roman numeral two, or a swing. The idea is of shuttling back and forth. It is the young plant putting forth its feathery branches in all directions, and of the baby learning to walk and name things, to move about the world, to communicate and interact with others. This sign has a light, youthful quality. It is sociable without getting deeply involved, interested and curious, talkative, restless and in constant motion.

♋ **Cancer** The crab – or cradling arms. This is the sign of the family unit, a protected space from which one can grow. The plant is now lush and green, pulling water up from deep levels of the soil so it can provide nourishment and shade. Cancer has to do with shelter, food, mother love, nurturing, taking care of. It gives a sensitive, emotional quality, a tie to one's heritage and the past, a concern with home and security, and a desire to foster, protect and to be attached to someone or something.

♌ **Leo** A lion's tasseled tail – or the proscenium arch of a stage. The plant is now in full flower, at the apex of its development, yet already it is showing signs of dryness. In Leo the child revels in its own energy, in pleasure, in being alive and having a self; and it proudly presents itself to the world. Leo is a star performer, radiating life energy to others and desiring in turn to be admired and appreciated. It runs the risk of egotism and bombast, but on the plus side is self-expressive, open and generous, as well as proud, dignified, fond of ceremony, and persistent.

♍ **Virgo** Coils of energy walled off and contained – or a symbol with its legs tightly crossed! This is a time of toil, when the plant bears fruit that needs picking, and the grain is ready to be gathered and stored for the lean part of the year. The energy realized in Leo is contained and put to work in Virgo. Pleasure is now deferred in order to master life's practical details, develop one's skills, learn to do and make. One learns not just to be an individual as in Leo, but to function as one, to be self-sufficient. Virgo gives a consciousness of duty, practicality, craftsmanship, pride in accomplishment, discrimination and attention to detail.

♎ **Libra** Balance-type scales, a bridge, or the setting Sun. This is a time of pause after the harvest, a point of equilibrium, of Indian summer when there is a final burst of flowering before the cold. Being self-sufficient, one is now ready to reach out for a partner and settle down. If Aries was a sign of a single being springing up vertically into life, Libra, its opposite, is one of reaching out horizontally. Aries went from stillness into motion; Libra seeks balance – in a relationship to another, in judgments and opinions, in manners and esthetic matters. In order to achieve balance, scores must sometimes be settled, so Libra may court contests and confrontations on the way to establishing a relationship of equals. Libra sees the world in terms of relationships; is sociable; is concerned with harmony, beauty, decorum and justice.

♏ **Scorpio** The scorpion with its barbed tail – or a coil accumulating and releasing energy. This is the time when the first frost congeals water, putting a decisive end to that which is green. In the old Celtic calendar it is the point of death, a break in the chain of the year, when the plant kingdom goes dormant and soul separates from body before a new cycle begins. In Scorpio, the energy harnessed for practical uses in Virgo is gathered more intensely and released to effect profound transformations. Having linked with another at a social level in Libra, one is ready for a deeper merging in Scorpio. Taurus had a simple sensuality; for its opposite sign, Scorpio, sex is the ego-death and merging of two individuals. Scorpio has a sustained emotional intensity, an interest in what is below the surface, a probing quality, an air of hidden power.

♐ **Sagittarius** The arrow and bowstring of the archer – or the Scorpio arrow of energy breaking through the surface. Deciduous plants are dormant, and so we celebrate the evergreen to remind ourselves that life continues. As the world of nature retreats, we enter the conceptual world of philosophy and religion. In Sagittarius the coiled-up energy of Scorpio is released into the air and it soars toward freedom. Sagittarius symbolizes wide-ranging energy, either physical as in travel and sports, or mental as in far-reaching intellectual interests. In both motion and thought, it covers much more ground than Gemini, its opposite sign. Whereas Libra and Scorpio perfected personal relationships, Sagittarius now attempts to comprehend relationship to society and the world as a whole. Sagittarius is fast-moving, energetic, idealistic, philosophical, and dislikes details.

♑ **Capricorn** The face and curling horn of the goat – or the winding path to a mountain peak. Capricorn marks the turning point when the year reaches its darkest day, and the daylight begins to increase once more. Cold and dry, it symbolizes a maximum of separateness and solidity. Capricorn slows down the energy released in Sagittarius so it can be *used* in the world to make *things*. It puts Sagittarian insights to work, implementing the details. Its eye fixed on the peak, it plods onward and upward, aspiring toward the pinnacle of personal achievement. It is firmly embedded in the social structure, conscious of everyone's place on the ladder. It still sees itself as an individual in society; only in the next sign will a true group consciousness be attained. Capricorn is conscious of authority, practical, serious, and wants to achieve something concrete and significant in the eyes of the world.

♒ **Aquarius** Streams of water from the waterbearer's jug – or a row of seats in a theater. Aquarius marks the time of year when the life processes that ended in Scorpio have new, barely perceptible beginnings. Looking closely, you will see buds forming. Humans, however, are still indoors and focused on their social world. If Leo is the star performer, concerned with personal identity, Aquarius, the sign opposite, is the audience, the collective participant in the drama of life. Instead of the one-to-one relationships of Libra, Aquarius signifies one-among-many relationships. Capricorn carried the idea of personal achievement to the utmost; Aquarius begins the theme of being part of a group. Aquarius identifies with friends and organizations, wants to perfect society, wants freedom for groups of people, is detached and fair-minded though fixed in opinions, does not cling to the past, is idealistic and wants the good of all.

✂ **Pisces** Two fishes bound together – or an image reflected in water so you cannot tell the image from the reflection. The remains of last year's plants have reached their final dissolution, and the moisture gathers to provide a medium for new growth in Aries. In Pisces everything is dissolved in the same ocean, image and reflection are the same, and you cannot tell the player from the audience. Whereas Aries began the zodiac with the first assertion of individuality, and Aquarius transmuted this into group identity, Pisces ends the cycle with the individual's letting go of the structure that peaked in Capricorn. The most fluid of the water signs, Pisces functions by loosening up and simply allowing flow, change and living processes to take place. The Pisces dissolving of structures and blurring of boundaries can come out in ordinary life as dreaminess and vagueness, but also as selflessness, sensitivity, and a deep sense of unity and empathy with others.

Which Signs Are Most Important in Your Chart?

Obviously, the more planets you have in a sign, the more significance that sign is likely to have for you personally. Otherwise, the most important signs in your chart tend to be those of the so-called "personal points": the Sun, Moon, Ascendant and Midheaven. Next in importance will be the signs of the faster-moving planets like Mercury, Venus, and Mars. But Jupiter stays in a sign for about a year, Saturn for about two and a half years, Uranus for about seven, Neptune for about fourteen and Pluto for an average of twenty years, so that the signs of these planets usually have more to do with the generation you were born in than with your personal characteristics.

The Elements and Modes

In the above descriptions of the signs, you may sense that there is more to the signs than just seasonal symbolism, and you are right. The twelve signs also derive their meaning from each being a unique combination of one of the four *elements* and one of the three qualities, or *modes*.

Fire, Earth, Air and Water

The four elements are also called the triplicities because there are three signs formed from each element, and these signs are related by a trine aspect. Elements get their characteristics from being a unique combination of hot (high-energy and active), cold (low-energy and passive), wet (blending or making connections between things) and dry (separating things into distinct parts).

The Fire signs (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius) are hot and dry, meaning that they are high-energy and have a hard-edge, high-definition approach to life. Among the signs, they tend to be the most active and decisive. Fire signs are concerned with process and action, and with making one's personal mark on the world. A strongly placed Sun or Mars can make people seem more fiery; a strong Moon or Neptune, less so.

The Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) are cold and dry, meaning that they also see things as distinct entities, but are lower in energy so that they do things more slowly. Earth signs are deeply concerned with tangible reality, with things. A strong Saturn can make people seem more earthy; a strong Mercury or Uranus, less so.

The Air signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) are hot and wet, meaning that they are high-energy, active, outgoing and eager to make connections. Known for their sociability and impulse to talk, the air signs are associated with social and intellectual relationships. A strong Mercury or Uranus can make people seem more airy; a strong Saturn, Moon or Neptune, less so.

The Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) are cold and wet, meaning that they also like to make connections, but are more inward, passive and still. These are the signs most concerned with emotional relationships. A strong Moon or Neptune can make people seem more watery; a strong Sun, Mars or Saturn, less so.

Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable

The three modes or qualities are also called the quadruplicities because there are four signs in each mode, and signs in the same mode are related by a square or opposition aspect. The modes mark the three stages of each season.

The Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn) begin a new season and symbolize starting energy. If you have a high score in Cardinal signs, you may be specially gifted at initiating new projects. A strong Sun, Mars or Uranus could make you seem more Cardinal; a strong Moon, Venus or Neptune, less so.

The Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius) are points of equilibrium in the middle of a season. With a high score in Fixed signs, you would tend to keep whatever has been started going, polishing it and bringing it to perfection. Fixed people are noted for stability, constancy, and, on occasion, stubbornness, qualities that can also be imparted by a strong Saturn. A strong Mercury or Moon can make you seem less Fixed.

The Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces) symbolize times of transition to the next season and are noted for their adaptability. If you have a high score in Mutable signs, you tend to change, adapt and transform what has already been started and sustained. A prominent Mercury or Moon can make you seem more Mutable; a strong Saturn, less so.

To get the overall feel of your horoscope, astrologers often note which signs your planets are in and tally up the elements and modes that are occupied. The system works best if the scoring is weighted, with the Sun and Moon receiving the most points and the slow-moving planets receiving the fewest. You can see your element/mode scores at the beginning of this report.

The Houses

The signs measured the motion caused by the planets' going around in their orbits. But there is another important motion in astrology, the motion of the Earth's daily spinning on its axis. This is measured by the twelve houses of the horoscope. Because they move so fast (all around the zodiac in 24 hours, averaging one degree in every four minutes of time), the house cusps can be completely different for two people born on the same day. While the sign positions and aspects of the planets show your basic structure, the way the planets fall in the houses show the particular ways in which the planets are apt to work in your life.

The Structure of the Houses

The houses are based on the four most important points in a planet's daily cycle: when it rises, culminates, sets and anti-culminates. These points are known as the Ascendant (or rising degree); the Midheaven or M.C. (for Medium Coeli, "middle heaven" in Latin); the Descendant; and the I.C. (for Imum Coeli, "lowest heaven"). There are dozens of mathematical systems for defining the twelve houses, but most of these systems use these four points as the basic framework and differ only in the way that they subdivide the intervening space. These four points are grouped into two basic axes, as follows.

The Midheaven-I.C. Axis You can think of the Midheaven-I.C. axis in your chart as you, standing up. Your feet and roots (I.C. and fourth house) are planted at the farthest possible point below the horizon, symbolizing your past, genetic heritage, and earliest training – your foundation and all that you have to build on. The Midheaven and tenth house are the farthest possible point a planet can travel above the horizon, and so are like your head. They symbolize the highest you aspire to grow or build, what you are aiming for, and the most public and visible parts of you, such as your career and reputation. The axis as a whole describes who you perceive yourself to be.

The Ascendant-Descendant Axis The Ascendant-Descendant axis is like your arms reaching out horizontally to the world around you. Not surprisingly, it symbolizes how you relate to other people and your environment. The Ascendant (and, directly opposite it, the Descendant), mark the points where the zodiac intersects the horizon. The line of the horizon is where the inner you (what is hidden from view below the horizon) meets the outer world (what is above the horizon). Therefore it symbolizes the way you put yourself out into the world (the Ascendant and the first house) and the way you draw the world, especially other people, into your innermost being (the Descendant and seventh house).

Like the Sun and Moon, the Ascendant and Midheaven are considered "personal points" whose sign and aspects are given primary significance. Any planet within a few degrees of one of these four chart "angles" leaps to the foreground of your chart. It is as if these are points of emergence, where the energies of a planet are able to come out the strongest.

Which Houses Are Most Important in Your Chart?

Planets move quickly through the houses, with each staying in a house for an average of only two hours each day. Except for the first, fourth, seventh and tenth houses, the borders of houses are not clear-cut, so that houses tend to shade into one another. If you have a planet within five degrees of the end of a house, you may very well find that the next house affects that planet. Similarly, if a house cusp is within five degrees of the end of a sign, you may want to think about how the next sign would affect that house.

The most important houses for you will probably be those that contain your Sun and Moon and those that contain more than a single planet.

Beyond Sun Signs

Most people today know what "sign" they are, or have glanced at their horoscope as it appears in newspaper and magazine columns. However, you have most likely realized that you are a much more complex and varied person than your Sun sign, by itself, suggests. As you can see, there is much more to astrology than this. For example, when you are told you are an Aries, Leo, or any other sign, it simply means that you were born at the time of the year when the Sun was in that particular part of the zodiac. While the Sun indicates a person's essence or basic character, in each person's chart there are actually nine other planets and all twelve signs. All of these play a part in making you who you are and all you can be. Your *Professional Natal Report* report aims to correct these misconceptions and demonstrate that astrology can give you easily understood information that can enable you to obtain insight about yourself and your life.