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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Gemini	01°Ge31'	01st	01 04°Ta05'
Moon	Taurus	17°Ta18'	01st	02 06°Ge41'
Mercury	Taurus	24°Ta41'	01st	03 26°Ge25'
Venus	Gemini	09°Ge51'	02nd	04 13°Ca55'
Mars	Virgo	09°Vi16'	06th	05 04°Le07'
Jupiter	Virgo	13°Vi32'	06th	06 05°Vi01'
Saturn	Aquarius	16°Aq22'	11th	07 04°Sc05'
Uranus	Aries	25°Ar30'	12th	08 06°Sg41'
Neptune	Virgo	07°Vi24'	06th	09 26°Sg25'
Pluto	Cancer	21°Ca42'	04th	10 13°Cp55'
Midheaven	Capricorn	13°Cp55'		11 04°Aq07'
Ascendant	Taurus	04°Ta05'		12 05°Pi01'

Planet	Element	Mode	Elemental	Modal
Sun	Air	Mutable	1 Fire	3 Cardinal
Moon	Earth	Fixed	7 Earth	4 Fixed
Mercury	Earth	Fixed	3 Air	5 Mutable
Venus	Air	Mutable	1 Water	
Mars	Earth	Mutable		
Jupiter	Earth	Mutable		
Saturn	Air	Fixed		
Uranus	Fire	Cardinal		
Neptune	Earth	Mutable		
Pluto	Water	Cardinal		
Midheaven	Earth	Cardinal		
Ascendant	Earth	Fixed		

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An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Joan Collins

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

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

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

An Overall Glimpse at Your Astrological Chart

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

Your chart shows a strong predominance of earth energy, indicating that you are a "show me," kind of person. A practical, common sense approach to life feels most comfortable, and you'll most enjoy life when you have your feet on the ground. You're the earth mother type - with a natural inclination toward sensuality, practicality and conservation. In any situation, you prefer to build strength and stability and you may be oriented toward producing: at the end of the day, you're much happier if you have something to show for your efforts. But be very careful of a tendency to narrow your vision to the dimension of the physical plane. There are multiple levels of reality! The elemental balance in your astrological chart shows fire as a weak factor, which may inhibit your ability to take action some of the time. Challenges, or even the thought of them, can exhaust you, but avoiding challenges may also take some of the spirit out of your life! If you're feeling uninspired or lacking in motivation at times, and want to change it, expose yourself to situations which stimulate your sense of hope and optimism. Use fiery colors, candlelight, or even the glow of a fireplace on a winter evening to help re-focus your energy. Take time to exercise, since increasing your physical activity can also stimulate your mind and spirit. You may feel overwhelmed by others who are constantly on the go, even though your attraction to them can be immense.

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. Your strongest mode of energy is mutable, conferring a powerful sense of adaptability to your personality. Your flexibility is your strength, but your distractible nature is your weakness. Sometimes you may feel like a circus juggler with too many objects in the air at one time, and you may need to constantly remind yourself to focus on the task at hand instead of leaving something midstream. However, you also have an adequate level of fixed energy, which helps you maintain your focus and stability in the midst of change, and aids in your ability to complete your obligations.

When you view your chart as a whole, you'll notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the bottom half of your chart. This hemisphere emphasis signifies that you are most comfortable away from the glare of the public, and that you safeguard your privacy. Building stability and security are a strong focus in your life, and your career may be a means to an end in that regard. You can be uncomfortable in situations where you feel that you are put on display, and may need to cultivate your ability to speak or appear in front of groups, since this may not come easily for you.

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

Projection of Your Real Self

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

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

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Taurus. Generally Taurus rising appears to be quite calm, and you feel most confident in situations which are under your control. Your appearance is also important, but usually not to the point of vanity. Others may see you as the one who is serene in the midst of a storm, but a few will complain that you can be too stubborn when it comes to change. You may notice that your attitudes can become too rigid unless you strive to nourish open-mindedness. Venus, the planetary energy associated with your rising sign, is in Gemini in your chart. Your image may change from time to time, although your youthful quality is always easy to spot. You may have especially noticeable hands.

With Mars in supportive trine aspect to your Ascendant you can develop positive ways to assert yourself and achieve the realization of your desires. You may feel quite comfortable in competitive situations and are likely to have the ability to relate to men. Your physical vitality may be strong, and you may feel that you have a good energy reserve which can be further enhanced by staying physically fit and active. In positions of leadership you're likely to take an equally active part with those who follow your direction.

Neptune's energy in trine aspect to your Ascendant adds an imaginative and mystical quality to your personality. Your artistic nature can be expressed in many ways, and you may become quite adept in developing your talents and sensibilities. Psychic abilities often accompany this placement. You may have a special sensitivity to your environment. You'll also find that you're more comfortable in surroundings which are serene, and may

enjoy being surrounded by beautiful music.

There are many different facets of the Moon in your chart. But when it comes to your identity, your Moon speaks volumes about who you are at the deepest level: the soul of your being. Your Taurus Moon provides a quality of stability and sense of focus. Your real self residing at the core of your being is driven to attain a strong sense of security, and your resistance to letting go results from needing to maintain that security base. You are the Earth Mother, and your love for things rich in texture and form is connected to your attunement to the earth itself. Inner strength and calm allow you to face even the toughest challenges but also provide your solace when you need a break from the everyday grind.

Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self

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

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

With your Moon in Taurus, you are a woman of substance. Your deep need to feel safe and stabilized may be seen through the way you go about creating your own safe haven in the world. You may love the embrace of your favorite chair and can feel invigorated when you get your hands in the earth. Even though other people may look to you for a feeling of shelter, you are not likely to resent it since you feel much more alive when you are surrounded by the people and things you love. The undercurrent of your energy is quite feminine, and your sensuality radiates in everything you do. Taking in love, beauty and the vital essence of life is easy for you, and when you love someone or something, you are not likely to change your feelings, regardless of what happens over the passage of time. If you have children, they may sense that you will always be there, unwavering, in your support. Lovers, partners and friends can experience the same security, and you need consistent support from them, too (even though you might deny

it!). Despite the fact that much of your life is dedicated to producing growth-oriented options for yourself and others, the part of growth which means letting go is not easy for you, and dealing with change is not easy, since you hate the thought of losing anything that has become a part of your life. You may suffer great pain following separation and loss, and may feel quite diminished if love goes wrong. By using your power of perseverance to sustain you, you can accomplish the realization of many hopes and dreams, and experience healing and renewal.

The Moon and Mercury conjunct in your chart can bring a positive enhancement to your intuitive sensibilities. But when you're emotionally involved with someone or attached to a particular outcome, your emotional needs can block the clarity of your intuitive self. Your feelings about something can also get in the way of your objectivity when you need to make a rational decision, and sometimes your attempts to be purely rational can block the expression of your deeper needs. Just remember that how you feel about something might be just as important as weighing the "facts" in a situation, although you may have to set your feelings aside in some circumstances. Finding ways to remain emotionally centered can be of great benefit to you.

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

Through the energy of your Moon in trine aspect to Jupiter, you have exceptional emotional resilience which is supported by your sense of optimism and confidence. You are more likely to feel that being a woman is an asset, and may find it easier to flow with the emotional tides and cycles of change which are a normal part of your life. Generosity is natural for you, and you have an excellent ability to attract abundance. Nurturing others may flow quite readily. However, it is also easy for you to take things and people for granted, so it's a good idea to take stock of your good fortunes and remind yourself to show gratitude and grace. This can be an aspect of laziness, since positive changes of fortune may seem to occur quite naturally. But if you recognize and develop your strengths, this same energy can provide an endless reservoir of emotional and spiritual strength.

Your tendency to hang onto every emotion is underscored by the square aspect between your Moon and Saturn. You can easily become overwhelmed by your fears, and may sometimes feel so anxiety-ridden that you are paralyzed. It's easy for you to become overly dependent upon others, because you may be afraid of taking responsibility for yourself. It is important for you to feel needed, and in order to accomplish this in a

healthy way, you need to understand the true nature of control. You are a prime candidate for a co-dependent relationship in which you set the limits for others because they refuse to set limits for themselves. There is a difference between guiding, helping and teaching others and taking responsibility for them when they need to carry their own burdens. If you have children, you may find it difficult when you need to let them go during different stages in their growth. Your fears about the harm they could experience can thwart their ability to live full lives. These fears may be the result of the things you learned from your own parents, although you have the power to break this chain of family fate. If you gradually begin to create situations which allow children to develop their own ability to make good decisions and fend for themselves, you can release your protective grasp more easily. Teach your children to trust their own instincts, and learn from them the healing power this can bring. Your depression and anxiety may be related to a biochemical imbalance, and you might want to discuss your concerns with a physician or holistic health practitioner. If you are depressed, a physical condition in which serotonin levels are blocked, you may experience a miraculous shift in your attitudes and energy levels when these blocks are removed. But you can also help to facilitate a change by staying physically active, eating healthy whole foods and getting plenty of rest and relaxation.

Through the trine aspect between your Moon and Neptune, you are capable of developing an exceptional level of compassion. Your sensibilities are quite remarkable, and this awareness is likely to extend into the realm of strong psychic sensitivity. You may "feel" something long before you get the physical evidence! Your imagination and sense or artistry may be quite evident in your life, and your hypnotic qualities can be quite alluring. Since you may also be quite sensitive to the feelings of others, you may be continually drawn into situations where others pour out their hearts to you, and you have the ability to accept and support them in a special manner. Becoming aware of your emotional boundaries is important, and you may naturally do this by seeking out time alone, periods of meditation, or a comfortable quiet space to relax. You may be quite adept in caring for others, but also have developed a strong awareness of your inner self and needs. You may even find that using the changes in awareness associated with your menstrual cycle helps you enhance your strength, creativity and emotional resilience. As a mother, you may be especially sensitive to the needs and emotions of your children, and can provide a heavenly sense of comfort. Because you innately know these things, you may also tend to do too much. You cherish relationships of all types - friends, family and lovers - and you may feel that your life is incomplete without an opportunity to share the deep compassion you have for the sanctity of life. You are definitely capable of expressing the true power and energy of the Goddess: the feminine aspect of All That Is. Anyone who looks carefully can see it reflected within your eyes.

With the easy flow of energy between the Moon and Pluto indicated by their sextile aspect to one another, you can be quite adept in your understanding of human emotion. In many ways, you are a natural psychologist, since your insights into the inner workings of the psyche can be quite powerful. But that insightfulness also works to your benefit in the world of business and within your personal relationships. Whether in work or in your personal relationships, you can be highly expressive of your opinions and feelings, and appreciate the same honesty and expressivity from others. There is a healing quality

about you which may draw others into your life who are seeking support and understanding. As a mother you can be deeply connected to your children and may even find that their friends come to you for your sincere understanding and insight. In your intimate relationship with a partner, your passion can be immense, and you may experience a level of unity and bonding which completely transforms your life. Since you're not likely to do anything halfway, you usually take the time to be discriminating in your choices. Leaving yourself vulnerable is simply not your style.

Your Moon is in the Balsamic Phase of the lunation cycle, symbolizing a powerful process of distillation within your soul and spirit. You can taste the future, but may be caught in present circumstances which make it difficult to fully realize your vision. Nonetheless, your vision remains, and inspires you to hold fast in your quest for wisdom and understanding. The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of the "Wise Woman", whose intrigue and consciousness are expressed through mystical vision. This quality allows you to explore the far reaches of your inner self, including your shadowy side, without fear, because you hold the candle of illumined understanding. As a prophetess, you are a woman whose sense of what is to come may be more clear when applied to others than it is when you try to figure out your own pathways. Emotionally, it is important to discriminate between the people and situations which are part of your growth and in harmony with your needs and those who would take unnecessary advantage of you - because you can project a martyr like quality. You can also be tempted toward fanaticism if you're too emotionally attached to an ideal, belief, person or situation. Personal sacrifice does not mean that you cannot attain a sense of happiness and joy, but instead may mean that you have to let go of some of your prejudicial viewpoints or attachments in order to fully surrender to the power of your own creativity. You may be the artist or performer, caught up in the experience of your creativity so fully that you do not realize that the building has just collapsed around you. But somehow, the essence of what you create survives and sustains you.

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

Through the energy of Venus in Gemini you express a fun-loving and youthful beauty which shows in your demeanor, your personal style and your approach to relationships. Your mannerisms, gestures and voice say a lot about you. You may take great pride in your education, and might go out of your way to make sure that others understand you. Your ability to relate to people from many backgrounds gives you a cosmopolitan air. A well-developed mind is truly beautiful to you, and you may love to read and converse with others who are knowledgeable or interesting. In your desire to experience many different levels of love, you may appear somewhat fickle, since you can change your focus so easily. You do have the capacity for long-lasting relationships, but only if you're still interested in the person and stimulated by the energy of the relationship. Your career

experience may satisfy many of your desires, and can add a strong level of fulfillment to your life. Your personal style and expression of beauty may change at different times in your life, although you may always be able to wear the fashion of the time. Bright greens, blues and yellows have an enlivening effect, and may be good choices for your environment or personal attire.

The conjunction of your Sun and Venus represents a very powerful expression of your feminine creativity. You can radiate love. Your sense of personal value and self esteem is enhanced through this blending of energies, and you can be especially effective in developing your natural beauty. This aspect adds charm, grace and magnetic attraction to your list of personal attributes.

Venus and Mars in square aspect indicate an inner conflict between your desires and ability to attain or satisfy them. Part of the problem may be impatience with yourself and with others: you want it now. You may also feel some level of resentment or frustration with your inability to gain the full measure of what you feel you deserve, and this, in itself, can impede your progress! The core of this conflict can center upon a battle between your feminine and masculine inner self. It can manifest in ways such as sexual discrimination or sexual harassment, and if you stand up to these types of injustice and abuse you'll find that you feel much more powerful and at peace with yourself. But you must be attentive to the ways you give away your power, because this is the key to understanding how to resolve this conflict.

Your expectations of yourself are quite powerful. Stimulated by the square between Venus and Jupiter, you may be rather flamboyant in your manner and may not know when you've had too much of a good thing. Setting limits is difficult and frustrating, since in your heart you may believe that anything is possible. If you see yourself in unrealistic proportions, or if you expect impossible things from life, you may feel continually disappointed. You might even try to make up for the deficiencies by overindulging yourself or overspending. There's nothing wrong with optimism, but there is a difference between optimism and unrealistic expectation. Learning that lesson is one of your challenges, and if you are to have the faith in yourself that you deserve, you'll have to face it. Believing that having enough money or status will make up for a lack of personal worth can get you started on the wrong foot. Try again. You are a creative, witty and visionary woman with a lot to offer. Now, that's a good beginning.

When you're committed to something, you put your heart into it. The influence of Venus in trine aspect to Saturn indicates that you take a straightforward approach to expressing your feelings. You're willing to give yourself time to determine what you want and how you feel, and this enhances your emotional maturity. Sometimes, you may take yourself a little too seriously, but you rarely go overboard. Although you prefer to be around others who are personally responsible, you may discover that you are the one who understands the bottom line and ultimately carries through. Men may be attracted to your impeccable manner, but may appreciate you most for your helpful support. As a mother, you provide a wonderful, steady support for your children, and understand their needs for continuity and responsible tolerance. These energies are a plus in all your relationships, because you have an honest grasp on the importance of longevity and the passage of time

in developing an abiding and trusting love.

The energy of Venus in square aspect to Neptune stimulates your imagination and romantic spirit. You love delving into fantasy and can be quite dramatic. You may also be tempted to wear a mask in order to cover your feelings of vulnerability. This mask can be in the form of make-up, manner of dress, or different forms of escape. You are sensitive and have such idealism that you may feel true pain when reality slaps you in the face. The problem you may face in creating your true expression as a woman is discovering what it is you truly want and need. The vague sense that it's out there somewhere is not very convincing that you'll ultimately land on the right image or step into the magical spotlight. You need to find a way to allow romance and imagination to blend with what is truly possible. Using this energy to envision yourself as the woman you want to become, and then gradually altering your life to "test" your vision, can allow you to determine the differences between what you do and do not really need. Keeping your emotional boundaries intact is one of your greatest challenges, especially once you fall in love. But you can accomplish it by remaining mindful.

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

With Neptune in Virgo, you are part of the generation of women born from 1928 to 1943 who have understood the importance of developing and maintaining sound minds and bodies. In the perfect world envisioned by your generation, health, good education and clean environments are extremely valuable - and you have individually and collectively instilled this attitude into the developments in modern society. Your role as a woman in the world has also been influenced by a strong desire to learn and to become proficient in dealing with the world. The vision of sound health on every level held by your generation is still powerfully influential in the development of educational models, health facilities and other institutions which support the betterment of life on earth.

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

With Pluto in Cancer, you are part of a generation of women born from 1913 to 1938 who have had to learn about the importance of strong families and what it means to be tied to a particular family heritage. You have been alive through the challenge of hate mongers like Hitler who violated the very sanctity of human life. You have been part of

the powerful woman's revolution, even if you were not actively burning your bra, which has altered the very nature of families and women's roles in society. These things have had a powerful influence upon your own psyche as an individual, too. You have learned that the sanctity and power of life may rest in finding a true sense of home within yourself.

Owning Your Inner Masculine Self

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

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

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

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

The influence of your Sun in conjunction to Venus adds a glow to your self-projection, and may soften the impact of your assertiveness (the iron hand in the velvet glove). This can be a plus, and can stimulate an energy which readily endears you to others. You may be able to use your charm and good taste to your advantage, too, especially in business and personal situations which call for a touch of class. But you can also become too self-absorbed, and may tend to think that just because you like or want something that you should have it. Careful: you could develop a princess complex!

You may feel an undercurrent of anger which rarely loosens its grip on your psyche with your Sun in square aspect to Mars. This can be especially true if you've failed to address your needs to direct your own life. It is crucial that you come to grips with your feelings about the men in your life, including your father. You may be fighting battles which are already won and can be belligerent or hostile, which can be alienating and self-defeating. Finding positive outlets to challenge yourself, like sports or other competitive games, will make a huge difference in the quality of your life. But the critical factor is knowing that you can get what you want once you've entered a level playing field.

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

You need to know what it's like to feel a sense of strength and influence. With your Sun in semisquare to Pluto, you may attract men who have major control issues, and until you learn how to be in control of yourself more positively, you may feel abused, abandoned or wounded through your relationships with men. Your inner relationship with your psychological masculine self may be stuck in old patterns which you learned from your early childhood experiences, believing that men are somehow more powerful or that you don't really deserve to live life fully and well. You can harness the power necessary to leap beyond these old messages into a brighter sense of yourself, transforming your life, and consequently healing your relationships.

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not

"feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!

Harnessing your assertive self is rarely your first priority. With Mars in Virgo, you're usually focused on getting the job done in the best manner possible. Although your work may be meticulous and the things you produce awe-inspiring, you may have difficulty standing up for yourself and making sure you get the attention you deserve. It may be much easier for you to allow someone who seems more powerful to fight the battles while you plan the strategy.

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

Sometimes, your imagination just takes over, and you have to go with the flow! With your Mars conjunct Neptune, your key to success in any endeavor involves surrendering to the flow, instead of pushing against it. The problem with this energy bond is that your actions can leave an impression of vagueness. In your attempts to evade situations you'd just as soon avoid, you may be accused of being deceptive. You can also be the mistress of mixed messages, so try for clarity if you want to create a position of strength. One other dilemma: you can project too much onto the men in your life. If you do not want to be disappointed, don't make them more than human!

You may be fascinated by powerful people with Mars semisquare Pluto, and your desire to feel your own competence emerging is quite strong. But the way to handle power and influence correctly is not easy, since so many hidden issues come to the surface when power situations are foremost. Whether you're dealing with men who are obsessed with their own need to control everyone and everything or you find yourself driven by your own compulsions, you're struggling with defining the true nature of power. There are beneficial ways of exerting dominance, and when you experience the reward of bringing healing into your life you'll be able to direct your own need to be in control differently.

Developing Your Mind

Education and learning are lifelong processes. Your approach to developing your intellect is multifaceted, but there are special indicators in your astrological chart which help you understand the best ways to develop your mentality. Improving and strengthening communication skills is also part of developing your mind, since

connecting to others is certainly improved if you can effectively illustrate your point of view!

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

Probing into the depths is fascinating to you. With Mercury sextile Pluto, you're rarely satisfied with what you see on the surface. Consequently you are inclined to research, investigate and question. Complex ideas appeal to you, and you may enjoy subjects which challenge your mind.

The energy of your Moon also has a mental component. The Moon is the realm of thought, the process of subconscious thinking, and plays a strong role in intuitive thinking. You're a "show me" kind of woman, and learn most easily in situations which allow you to be involved. The influence of your Taurus Moon in developing your mind adds a practical sensibility to the things you're most drawn to study. If you see that you can use something to develop your stability or strengthen your long-range growth, you may study it even though you do not particularly like the subject! But when you do enjoy an area, you can be a very studious individual indeed, and you rarely forget anything.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! Your philosophical approach to life has a practical leaning influenced by your Jupiter in Virgo, and you are likely to learn easily and function best in an environment which has a sense of organization or pattern. You are naturally inclined to teach others, but need to watch for a tendency to expect others to move at your pace. Learning tolerance can be quite helpful if you are to achieve the success you desire (and that includes tolerance for yourself!).

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

Your ability to set realistic goals and reasonable limits can be hampered through the influence of Jupiter in quincunx aspect to Saturn. The continual juggling between your priorities and your desire to expand your horizons may manifest through such activities as working and going to school. Once you've accomplished your goal, you may then feel that your life is out of balance because the stress factor is lower, and it is crucial that you find a positive replacement for the stress - like enjoying the fruits of your labors!

In learning situations and in circumstances which require clear judgment, you can get into trouble when your idealism and imagination cloud your thinking. With Jupiter conjunct Neptune you visualize a life filled with peace and opportunity and may have difficulty accepting the more tragic elements of life. You must also avoid a tendency to try to "fake it" when you don't really know something. However, this aspect is helpful to actors, although there is a tendency to over dramatize!

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

Your interest in learning may be quite genuine with Saturn in Aquarius, although you might have strong opinions about the needs for educational reform. You may do quite well learning about scientific fields, although you can be rather rigid in adhering to certain theories. Abandoning old ideas may not be as easy as you would like, since you prefer the sense of security you gain from thinking that you might be able to predict a certain outcome because you're using something tried and true. But you cannot help but carve out a few new pathways, since true genius rarely repeats a worn out pattern.

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

Your insightful intelligence is influenced by Gemini's rulership of your 3rd House. Your multifaceted way of thinking is quite an asset when problems need to be solved or people need to be contacted. An exceptional negotiator, your ability to bring people together through opening lines of communication is one of your greatest assets. Mercury's rulership of your 3rd House adds a special ability to get along with others on an everyday basis, since reaching out and making contact is also self-confirming for you. You like to get to the point, and prefer to deal with factual evidence when making important decisions. Learning may be rather enjoyable for you, throughout your lifetime.

There are no planets in your 3rd House, indicating that developing your communicative capacities is not one of your highest priorities. However this does not indicate an impairment in your thinking or a lack of intellectual development. To further understand your approach to communication reflect upon the meaning of the sign on the

cusps of this house, explained above, and study the influence of Mercury in its sign and house as indicators of the best ways to develop your intellect.

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

The influence of Sagittarius on the cusp of your 9th House stimulates a strong desire to open your mind and find the truth. Your quest may lead you to travel, study, converse, write, read and explore. Nature is fascinating to you, as is human nature. You may enjoy the experience of competition at the philosophical level: something like the Olympics is quite appealing to you, where people from all parts of the world come together to strive for excellence. Jupiter's rulership of this house stimulates a prophetic and visionary ability and encourages you to reach beyond your current limitations toward horizons which are yet undiscovered.

There are no planets in your 9th House, indicating that extended education in a formal setting may not be your highest priority. Although you may be quite philosophical or approach life itself as a learning experience, you may have interruptions in formal education or may find that you learn in different ways than those found in more academic settings. To further understand your approach to education study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of the 9th House explained above, and reflect on the energy of Jupiter and its sign and house placement as indicators of the development of your higher mind.

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

A strong factor in your spirit of adventure is related to the influence of Aquarius on the cusp of your 11th House. Sometimes you can lose track of your goals or aims because you project too far into the future; but you are a "futurist," you like to think about the possibilities for change. You may also feel good about the idea of forging into untried territory, or trying different approaches. As long as the possibilities seem somewhat logical, you may give them a shot! The energy of Uranus, which rules this house, adds a fascinating dimension to your personal objectives. You need to be different from the rest of the crowd, and your personal aims may be centered around employing and improving your special talents and gifts.

You operate best when you have a plan with Saturn in your 11th House. Setting realistic goals and working toward making them a reality gives you a way to focus your energy and forms the basic structure of your life. You may appreciate an approach toward education which provides ample opportunities to achieve excellence, and in your profession, you will look for a career which allows you to achieve greater influence over the passage of time. If you're involved in political or community activities, you're likely to take on roles of leadership and responsibility, since just sitting back and watching may be a bit uncomfortable for you. In your work you need to experience respect and will prefer recognition which arises from your job well done.

Your Special Edge

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

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

Your connection to your soul may be centered in your sense of being rooted to your family with Cancer on the cusp of your 4th House. You may feel an urge to explore family history or genealogy, and in the process, may discover some exceptional information about yourself which seems to ring a very deep chord. You have a very compelling sense of knowing when things are right, which is more like a "feeling" than a thought. With your Moon influencing this house through its connection to the sign of Cancer, your need to establish the right home environment may go deeper than just wanting to live in the right neighborhood. You need a place where you feel connected at the most profound levels.

The influence of Pluto in your 4th House stimulates a powerful drive to uncover the mysteries of your soul. In the process, you may discover old shame, fear or resentments lurking beneath the surface which undermine your ability to listen and respond to your intuitive voice. If you are to break away from the forces which seem to have an uncontrollable hold over your life and free yourself from these old wounds, you need to find their origins. Then you must allow yourself to release your attachment to the wounds themselves, surrender to the Healing Woman within your soul, and open your consciousness. Free of the guilt which has tortured your inner being for so long, your penetrating awareness can concentrate upon creating true transformation.

The 8th House brings you into your deepest emotional attachments, and is the space where you are alchemically transformed. This is the seat of your magical power: your

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

Through the influence of Sagittarius on the cusp of your 8th House, you may have always been curious about what lies beneath the surface. Although you may have accepted explanations like, "That's just the way it is, " when you were a young girl, you were rarely satisfied with such surface level truths. You want to know the answers to the big questions. However, your approach to delving into hidden territory is often cavalier, and you may not always be aware of what you've jumped into until you're struggling to tread water! Your yearning to know the mysteries will always have a high priority, and you are almost driven, as though on a quest, to find the answers to the ultimate questions. Metaphysical or spiritual studies can offer a pathway. You may also learn a great deal from observing and experiencing nature. With Jupiter's energy ruling this house you have a powerful sense of the future, and may possess clairvoyance about future events. Your visions can have a prophetic quality.

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

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

Your inner sensitivity and compassion for others may be quite powerful with Pisces' influence of your 12th House, but you may not openly show it to the rest of the world. Your sensibilities may be so intense that you cannot watch the horrible circumstances presented by the nightly news. You are concerned about human suffering, and feel the pain which radiates through the collective spirit. You may need outlets which allow you to make a difference, defending those who cannot stand in defense of themselves. With Neptune influencing this house you also need to allow yourself time to rejuvenate and fully recuperate from the stress of the day. Your dreams may show you the way, but it is through your life experience that you make a difference.

Your intuitive self can be highly stimulated with Uranus in your 12th House. You may have flashes of insight which vanish as quickly as they come, and may need to develop some manner of focusing your mind in order to take advantage of your sense of knowingness. Your meditations can be freeing, but you may have trouble just sitting quietly. An active form of meditation, such as hatha yoga, tai chi, chi gong or even dancing can be both inspiring and clearing for you.

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

Your sensual awareness is part of your intuitive insight which operates through your Taurus Moon. Your kinesthetic sensibilities can be quite amazing, and you may be able to pick up valuable information from touching someone or something. For this reason you're usually rather picky about the things you want to have around you. If it doesn't feel right, you are not usually drawn to it. But if something does draw your energy, you may have trouble removing your focus until it is yours.

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

Spiritual development may be high on your priority list since you have your North Node in Pisces. Surrendering yourself to the will of your higher self allows you to experience truly divine compassion, and may prompt you to follow a path of service to humanity. The influence of your South Node in Virgo adds a critical nature which sometimes gets in the way of your need to move beyond judgment and into tolerance and acceptance. You can change this by becoming more open to your inner voice and by trusting and devoting yourself to a life of true peace.

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

The influence of Uranus in your 12th House has been explained earlier in this section of your report.

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

Your physical body may be highly sensitive with Neptune in your 6th House. You may feel things in different parts of your body as a means of picking up impressions about other people or your environment. When you're around others who are ill, upset or

negative, you can easily absorb their energy on a vibrational level, and it can affect your own sense of well-being. It is imperative that you develop strong emotional boundaries and powerful energy filters or methods to release energy you may have picked up during the day. Long showers in which you visualize yourself being cleared from head to toe, within and without, can be quite effective. You should also seek out natural healing methodologies as frequently as possible, since you may be highly sensitive to drugs. Alcohol or drug use is a major no-no for you. You're just too sensitive.

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

The influence of Pluto in your 4th House has been explored earlier in this section of your report.

Nurturing and Creating a Home

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

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

Your Taurus Moon is hungry for stability and continuity. You can nourish that need by creating a safe haven for yourself, and when you're nurturing others, feel that it's important that they are safe and secure as well. Your protective nature is quite prominent, and you feel good when you provide emotional (and physical) shelter for a child, lover or

husband. Sometimes, you may feel that you need to hold on to everything and everyone, and can project all your energy into protecting your assets. Learning to trust is nurturing for you, and that means allowing some things and some people to leave your care. You feel most nurtured when you are close to the beauty and harmony of Mother Nature. Gardening and farming may feel good, or you might even enjoy building things, including houses or furniture. When you're feeling low, sitting under your favorite tree with your feet in the grass can be rejuvenating. Or you might prefer the pleasures of a massage. Indulging your sensual needs helps to fill your soul so that you have energy in your own storehouse to give to others. Just remember that the balance between giving and receiving is difficult to maintain.

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

Your need to be around other people is stimulated by a penetrating sense of feeling alone. With Saturn in Aquarius you may realize, more than others, that becoming a functional part of the social system is a key to humanity's survival. Your hope may be that, through cooperation and hard work, the world can become a better place. Therefore, you may become involved in community activities, special interests or other situations which involve working toward an ideal in order to make a difference. If you begin to feel hopeless, you can just as readily withdraw but will not feel satisfied. Developing a special and close friendship is a key to your survival as a woman, even if you may have periods of separation or live miles apart.

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

The qualities of Cancer radiate through your 4th House, adding a need for comfort, warmth and coziness in your home space. You may love being surrounded by things which have sentimental value and may have an affinity for antiques or vintage furniture. Your kitchen needs to be state of the art, since you may enjoy fine cuisine and will appreciate an excellent place to create it. Hosting family gatherings and providing a safe place for those you love adds special memories and a wonderful at home quality to your personal environment. A garden can be both beautiful and practical for you, since tending to things that are growing suits many of your needs. The influence of the energy of the Moon, which rules this house, brings a feeling of nurturance to this space which is the natural place to experience caring and comfort.

With Pluto in your 4th House, you prefer a home space that shields you from the intensity of the world and protects you from prying eyes. You may have a special desire to restore an older or vintage home. If you're so inclined and have the knack of taking a place that may appear worn down, shabby or in a state of disrepair into a new life. This talent also extends to your ability to re-establish your sense of security if you've experienced a major change or crisis. Even if your life has taken turns which have left you feeling spent, you can regenerate and begin anew. Your relationship to your family of origin may have its hidden side, but you are the only one who can heal your hurts from the past. One of your tasks may be to transform the old patterns of your "family fate" and to take the soul of your family onto a different course. But watch the temptation to compulsively repeat bad habits you learned at home. Some of them may not serve you particularly well now!

Meeting the World on Your Terms

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

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

You may have very strong personal ambitions with Capricorn on your Midheaven. Your determination can be one of your greatest assets on your path to success. If you are not pursuing a career path, you still have ambitions, and these may be in the form of family position and influence or through the roles you take in your community. You're not a woman who is waiting for life to pass you by: you like having a few challenges and prefer to have a focus and life direction. Your life path may seem to be filled with struggle or conflict, although you may actually be responsible for creating some of those struggles. You're actually proving yourself, and life is your proving ground! In career endeavors, you'll be most comfortable with positions which garner respect, and may aim for professional success instead of just working for a living. In the field of education, you may be either teacher or administrator, and in business, you're quite the executive. You prefer to be in charge, and if you're working in business, government or industry, will

probably aim for the top, or for those positions which allow you to be in control. Responsibility and control are key influences in your ability to achieve a true sense of fulfillment. The manner in which you do this is determined by the way you use the energy of Saturn, which is tied to your Midheaven.

With Saturn in Aquarius you may have lofty goals for your career. You need a life path which integrates old and new - a place to bring innovation and change into existing circumstances. You may choose a career which is out of the ordinary, and may prefer working alone, although you can probably deal with hierarchies if you must. Scientific fields, industry, invention, writing, broadcasting, meteorology - all may be fulfilling. You may also "invent" your job. In fact, it's probably better if you do!

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

Virgo's influence on your 6th House brings your eye for detail into your work. You may enjoy working in technical or mechanical areas, including scientific or medical research, and can be very helpful to your coworkers as long as they're pulling their own weight. Your work environment needs to be orderly, clean and well-organized, although you probably have a drawer somewhere that is full of all the miscellaneous stuff you throw into it when you're in a hurry. Work in the health care field, service industries or education may be rewarding. Mercury's influence in this area adds a need for a job which is interesting and mentally challenging and which will employ your analytical abilities. Through this energy, you may also be especially adept working with your hands.

You're happiest when you're putting a lot of energy into your work. Mars in your 6th House adds a powerful stimulus to your need to be active on the job. Fields which require some type of action will be most rewarding. If you're in business, you'll do best if you're on the go or if you're dealing with some forms of competition to provide a challenge. In industry, you'll enjoy a job that keeps you busy, and may like working around metals. You might also be drawn to work as a physical therapist, gym teacher, aerobics instructor, coach, massage therapist or chiropractor. If you're a physician, you might prefer surgery to the merely diagnostic forms of medicine. As a counselor, you will be most drawn to therapies which utilize movement to open energy. In music you would be happiest as a percussionist. Action, energy and assertiveness are ingredients which will help you feel most satisfied with your work.

Work which provides an opportunity to travel, enhance your mind and feed your spirit is most appealing and satisfying. Jupiter's energy in your 6th House brings a high level of confidence and good humor which is always appreciated on the job. You may be perfectly suited for work in academia, whether in the roles of teacher or professor, administrator, or board member. Work in diplomatic relations, sales, promotion, fund-raising and fields which are related to religion, publishing and travel are all excellent

choices. Environmental and nature-related fields may also be good choices, and you may have a special affinity for animals which can be translated into your job. Whatever your choices, you need to feel that there's ample room for growth, expansion and a positive future.

Neptune's energy in your 6th House provides a need to use your imagination in your work. You may also feel more satisfied when you're working in a field which allows you to reach out and make a difference in the lives of others. In many respects, your best approach to work may be as a "rescuer", although rescuing in the healthiest possible manner is important if you are to avoid becoming a martyr! Work in charitable or nonprofit organizations may be quite suitable. You may also have a special feeling for animals or the environment, and may enjoy working on their behalf. This influence can undermine strong ambition, but what you lose in ambitious desires, you gain in compassionate understanding. There may be other factors in your chart which strengthen ambition, however.

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

Leo's influence on your 5th House adds a powerful drive to experience as much fun from life as possible. You need lots of room and time to play, and ample opportunities to exercise your flair for the dramatic. Whether you're watching or starring in a performance, you love entertainment. From theater to sports, you enjoy activities which allow the human spirit to triumph. Your own creative self-expression may take many forms, and you may need occasional recognition for your efforts. Standing in the spotlight has its own rewards, and one of them is the inspiration it brings for future creative efforts! Your Sun is also connected to this house, and by understanding your ego drives, you'll gain insight into your best creative avenues.

Just because there are no planetary energies in your 5th House, do not despair. This does not indicate that you are somehow lacking in creativity. As you see from the sign on the cusp of your 5th House, your creative inclinations are driven by particular qualities and needs. Explore the different dimensions of the planet associated with your 5th House to gain insight into your creativity. By following these you'll find that you easily unlock your creative potential.

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

To experience a real feeling of success, you may feel that you have to learn something from the experience. You are multi-talented with your Sun in Gemini, and may even change your career direction in order to experience a new range of possibilities.

Sometimes, it may seem that you're living at least two lifetimes at once. Or you may find that you're living a dual life, juggling a mixed list of priorities in your many roles. Although this may keep things interesting, you've probably found that you are happier when the juggling act involves keeping fewer things in the air at once.

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

With Uranus in Aries you may be a trendsetter, breaking into new territory in the world. Since this influence lasted from 1928 to 1935, many of the things which have been important to you as an individual have also been important to those born during this period. Your shared vision as a collective has been connected to a need to bring women into a true experience of autonomy and personal power. The areas where you have broken ground for your own personal autonomy are shown by the house where Uranus resides in your chart.

The energy of Uranus in your 12th House indicates that you may not always show your unique talents to everyone. However, you can be quite effective in bringing innovative changes even in such situations as institutions, and may be rather adept at working within a system to bring about alterations or modifications. You may also be a natural psychologist, whether you work in that field or not!

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

You have Chiron in Taurus, signifying a need to discover the profound importance and effects of love. Your life purpose is centered around your needs for creating a world where you feel stable, and where your efforts create a haven of comfort. Consistency and resourcefulness can be your keys to achieving your personal aims. You may also feel that it is crucial to life to be in harmony with the earth, and will be much more satisfied with yourself and your life if you are making the best use of all your resources and not wasting or abusing them.

With Chiron in your 1st House you need to be especially aware of the way you present yourself to the world, since your manner and attitudes can make all the difference in the opportunities you experience for growth or advancement. Self-awareness is crucial to your personal development; selfishness can be wounding.

Opening Your Heart

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

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

Love is one of the purest forms of delight for you. Through the energy of Venus in Gemini you may feel like the eternal child of wonder when your heart is filled with love. Love gives you the faith in yourself which allows you to pursue new directions, and your ability to express your feelings and talking about your needs can help to sustain love in your life. You like to demonstrate your love by keeping the connection strong, and one of the best ways is to keep the lines of communication open. When you feel that contact from the mind to the heart is strong and powerful, you trust love. Sometimes something as simple as a card or phone call is enough to ignite the flames of love. But when that sense of connection is broken, you may not trust that the love is still there. It is important that you build relationships which nourish open communication, and which help you develop a real understanding. A partner who shares your love of ideas, travel or social contact will be most enjoyable. Your heart will stay open more fully when you are in an environment which allows you to express yourself, and where you can pursue your own interests without fear of undermining the relationship.

With your Sun and Venus conjunct you can love warmly and openly. However, you be a little self-involved when it comes to matters of the heart, and may feel that just because you feel strongly about someone that they must, in turn, feel the same way about you. You're probably charismatic enough to have a powerful influence on the feelings and opinions of others, but you really do want a love which is based upon honest sharing between both partners. To have this, you have to be just as attentive to the needs of the other as you are to your own.

Conflicts in relationships may be more the norm for you than peace and harmony with Venus and Mars in square aspect to one another. You enjoy a relationship which is filled with passion and excitement, but it may take a while before you learn to discriminate between painful and positive forms of conflict. Beneath the surface you may

feel a bit competitive with the men in your life. If you can find some manner of open competition with your lover or husband, whether through sports or games, it will help to diffuse some of the potential disagreements you may encounter in your relationships. Dealing with your own feelings of anger is also crucial, or you may find that you continually attract angry or violent men into your life. Once you learn that you do not really need to suffer in order to prove your worthiness for love, the entire nature of your relationships will change.

Not that you are only interested in a man for his money, but it's definitely a consideration since you have Venus square Jupiter. But just looking for Mr. Right who has the bucks is never quite enough, and you know it. So, you love wonderful things and have expensive tastes, but if money becomes the real drive, you may have all the stuff and little of the real satisfaction. However, if you fail to take finances into account when making a commitment in your relationships, you'll do yourself a disservice. Just knowing where to put money on the priority list is the problem! Being honest with yourself is where you start, and taking that honesty into your relationship is the next step.

You can be quite reliable in your love relationships with Venus in trine aspect to Saturn. You believe in a love which endures and will grow best in relationships which provide an opportunity for mutual trust and support. Patience with your own mere humanity adds a sense of practical humility, and reflects in your attitudes of helpful acceptance toward others. You're willing to put effort into your relationships instead of just expecting that they arrive ready-made. Opening your heart is easy when you trust yourself, and developing that sense of self-acceptance is one of the key ingredients for experiencing the kind of relationship that can stand the test of time. For you, love is the great teacher, and you are the willing student.

The thrill of loving is pure elixir of life for you with Venus in semisquare aspect to Uranus. You may be a little experimental in your attitudes toward relationships, and love more readily when you feel unrestrained. Sometimes, you're difficult to reach on an emotional level, especially if you're on one of your independent jags. They surface occasionally, and can be disruptive in a relationship which demands the same thing all of the time. If you are to have a successful relationship, you need lots of room to be yourself, to explore your options in the world, and to feel unfettered. The problem is that you may feel this means you cannot tie yourself to one person, at least for very long. After all, what would happen if you missed something?! You may need to review your attitudes toward commitment, and consider the possibility of loving freely without conditions and expectations. That's a commitment in itself, and requires great diligence to accomplish successfully.

In square aspect to Neptune, your Venusian expression takes on an other-worldly quality. Your yearning may be for that perfect lover whose spirituality, passion, purity of spirit and drive all stem from the highest possible level. Loving in such a manner would seem to remove you from the bondage of ordinary life and transport you into true bliss. Although this seems possible in fairy tales or movies, it's really difficult to find those elements in another human being. You may also operate under the illusion that you must first sacrifice yourself before you are worthy of love. It's all too easy to project unrealistic

feelings onto your lover, and it is just as tempting to try to alter yourself to please a man so that he will love you. Whether those alterations are in your behavior, your appearance or your attitudes, if you submerge your real self beneath the illusions of what you feel will make you more lovable, you're selling out. If you want to experience the ecstasy you dream about, you'll surrender to a love which honors your real needs and learn to avoid situations where you become addicted, co-dependent, victimized or abused. Forgiving the shortcomings of the man you love is one thing; allowing him to deceive or victimize you is another! Know when and how to give help, but be careful of emotional rescue ventures!

Loving is not always easy for you with Venus in semisquare aspect to Pluto. Your own insecurities which stem from previous disappointments or hurts can block your ability to open your heart. Reasonable caution makes sense, but closing your heart hurts you on many different levels. You are capable of rising above these old wounds, and may discover that the process has made you stronger. Learning to trust your own ability to love strengthens your lovability! Instead of always feeling hungry for love, allow yourself to create a feast by plowing through those barriers, finding the key to your heart, and opening the door. Love is an ever-changing experience; it does not stay the same and the same is true of you.

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Virgo, you are working toward a sense of spiritual perfection. This influences every aspect of your life, especially your relationships, and those relationships which distort your sense of divine harmony may be especially difficult for you to tolerate. But you may also have a kind of addiction to perfection which makes it almost impossible to feel that you really deserve the love you need. When you realize that everything is perfect, including you, loving gets easier, since self-acceptance is easier. This is especially critical at this time in your life when you are facing the process of aging. After all, you've had a kind of fascination with youthful vitality. You can still radiate that energy regardless of your chronological age, and may finally be willing to deal directly with the perfection of each stage of your life. In your relationships you will be challenged to release dysfunctionality and face your real needs. These include a life of truly simple pleasures, unencumbered by external pressures which get in the way of just enjoying the company of those you love.

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

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

If you stay stuck in the same old dependencies, then your life will be more like a nightmare than a wonderful dream.

With your Mars and Neptune in conjunction you may project a powerful illusion about the nature of your perfect man. You may think you want a man who embodies all the traits you dream about, but may discover, instead, that you attract men who are never what they seemed to be in the beginning. The problem may be in what you project onto the men who capture your heart. If you see only the illusion of perfection, you are already in trouble, since if anyone is still in human form, chances are that they are not perfect! You may be a very sensitive woman who desires a sensitive man, and that's wonderful as long as the sensitivity does not extend to behaviors which are deceptive or abusive. If you've felt victimized, it's crucial that you discover your own role in the victimization so that you can change your patterns. Learn to say "No."

Jupiter and Neptune conjunct signify your need for intimate relationships based upon high principles. You need a partner whose values and morals echo your own, and will feel uncomfortable in any relationship which would compromise your own sense of what is right.

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

You would risk everything on love with Leo ruling your 5th House. When your heart opens to love, you invest yourself fully in the process. There's no halfway - not enough power and intensity for you! You expect loyalty from those you love, and even if a love affair ends, will be deeply wounded if you feel that your lover has said or done anything damaging toward you (although a part of you will want to know every detail). When your attention is focused on the man you love, you can be quite enticing, and will enjoy demonstrating your affections in very dramatic ways. However, if you do not receive the same in return, you may lose interest in the relationship. Since the Sun rules your 5th House, your ego needs a bit of stroking for your heart to stay open. It's just as simple as that. You simply cannot give all of yourself to anybody, so you avoid some of the traps of codependency. You may have to safeguard against becoming too selfish or self-centered in love relationships. Then, your heart is not really open - you just want attention!

You have no planetary energy in your 5th House. There is no need to be alarmed, because this does not indicate that you will be without love in your life. As you've seen above, you have definite inclinations in love relationships. To further understand what you need from a lover and how you can become more adept at giving love, study the planet associated with this house.

The 7th House of your chart illustrates what you're seeking from a partner. More importantly, this part of your chart also tells a story about the kind of partner you really want to become. This is also the realm of social contact, and provides information about

your approach to socialization. Although marriage agreements are shown through the 7th House, planets here (or a lack of planets here) do not "promise" marriage or its lack. But if your 7th House is highly activated, you may be more motivated to find a partner.

Your 7th House is ruled by the sign Scorpio, indicating that you have strong emotions about marriage and partnership. Wading in the shallows of commitment is not for you: you want to know how it feels to immerse deeply and completely. The intensity of your approach can be rather daunting for others who shun the possibility of committed relationships. You may also be faced with lessons about control in relationship. Whether you or your partner have control issues, it is crucial that you approach the essence of control honestly. With Pluto ruling your 7th House you are likely to run into power plays. These can be handled in a healthy manner by addressing issues when they arise, and by allowing ample room for autonomy of both individuals in the partnership. If you are not addressing your own needs for autonomy, you may attract men whose hunger for power leads to abuse on some level. You can also abuse power yourself, so be aware of where the lines are drawn.

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

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

You have Aquarius on the cusp of your 11th house, signifying that your friendships are based upon open, unconditional acceptance. You will appreciate friends whose aims have a humanitarian focus, and who understand and embrace tolerance for all people. Certainly you have your preferences when it comes to spending your time with friends, but you are capable of connecting to people from different backgrounds as long as you can create a meeting of the minds. Usually this happens through universal principles. You operate best in friendships which support and encourage your free expression as an individual. You may also join together with groups of friends to support special interests which are designed around humanitarian principles which allow others to express their individuality and freedom. It's easier for you to open your heart to receiving love when you feel that there are no strings attached and no conditions required. That does not mean that you cannot make a commitment; it means that you need to know that you are accepted for who you are before you can let love flow into your heart from another. You need to know a love without boundaries, and will find that you can even give love more readily when you've experienced unconditional acceptance from others. The energy of Uranus rules your 11th House, indicating that you may invite unusual individuals into

your circle of friends. You love genius in its many forms, and will appreciate friends who are excited about and free in their expression of their own ingenuity.

Saturn's energy in your 11th House draws friends who are connected to your work or profession. Although you may have many associates, your close friends are few and far between. You can definitely forge friendships which will endure the tests of time, especially if you take your responsibilities toward your friends seriously. Although you don't really like having to give excessive amounts of time and energy to friendships, particularly if your work or family demand much from you, your real friends will understand your priorities and support them. It's important that you communicate these priorities if you are to maintain the highest level of friendship. If you're tempted to use your friendships simply for your own gain, you will pay a very dear price, but this is probably not a major problem as you mature into adulthood.

Power Issues: Sex, Money and Control

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

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

Through your Taurus Ascendant you can appear quite placid. But that's only at first glimpse. Beneath that placid exterior and calm demeanor is a stubborn streak that could win awards. You will stand, immovable, before you'll give an inch if you do not agree with something or someone, or if you do not want to make a change. If anybody pushes you too far, the raging bull side of your personality can take over, although it's uncommon. You gain power by maintaining your composure most of the time, and standing firm when necessary. Your personal power also grows when you establish a truly positive platform of personal security which is based upon a strong sense of self worth. But you can lose power by failing to move forward when it's time to step ahead.

You've learned that your Moon's energy in your 1st House brings a strong sense of emotionality to your personality projection, and if you or your efforts are not appreciated, your feelings will be hurt. This can weaken your sense of power, and may lead to emotional withdrawal on your part. You can also be totally absorbed in the feelings of the moment to have any real perspective concerning the big picture, which can leave you feeling weak or vulnerable. To experience the total power you need in order to be confident and trusting, it is important that you acknowledge your feelings without allowing them to overshadow your judgment. You also need good outlets for your emotional sensitivity, such as working in a profession which allows you to be supportive or understanding of others. But you may have to work hard to keep your own emotional boundaries intact. Part of this will happen through maturity and self-awareness, and you may be more capable and confident about maintaining objectivity as you gain experience. You possess the energy which allows you to fully embrace the dynamics of being a whole woman, and if you can integrate your awareness of the many changes you experience through hormonal shifts, life changes and the cycles of time into your life, you will develop an internal wisdom which is always supportive and strengthening.

With the energy of your Sun in the 1st House, you may feel that you need recognition in order to be powerful. The manner in which you achieve this recognition makes all the difference between a power which is growth producing and a power which is self-destructive. You may be the perfect woman to take on leadership positions, and will probably grow in the process. But you may always sense that you have to keep your ego in check in order to be as effective as you would like. Using your light to guide others may be much more difficult than standing alone in the spotlight. In your relationships, your need for attention or focus on yourself can be problematic, especially if you forget the needs of your husband or mate. However, you will have to acknowledge that some attention and the achievement of your aims is an important part of your life, and you require a relationship which will provide this opportunity. You may also like to be in charge of situations and can learn to assert your will in such a manner that others will be happy to follow your lead.

Mercury's energy in your 1st House brings an opportunity to strengthen your personal power through enhancing your communication skills and improving your mind. Learning may be a lifelong passion for you, and others will learn to look to you to provide information, clarification and understanding. If you're confident in your abilities as a communicator, you may gain power through writing, speaking, public relations, or teaching. However, if you do not yet trust your communicative ability, it's a good idea to develop it because this is one of your keys to establishing an identity which feels right. You may also be quite talkative, and can undermine your power by chattering endlessly about meaningless details or gossip, so try to be aware of the nature of what you're communicating!

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

Through your Capricorn Midheaven you are drawn to power which has a strong element of structure and control. This manifests within society through government, big business, and the world of finance. But it also exists in classrooms, on farms and within families. The structures which form the basis of your own security are personal. It is crucial that your own ambitions are tailored to goals which fit you as an individual woman. Although you may have deep admiration for those who have shown success in their lives, you need that same admiration for yourself. Creating a structure in your own life which will allow you to grow and which has room for the processes of change will allow you to experience the real power which emerges when you are stabilized. Power for you will never be complete if you are simply wielding control over the lives of others. You are much more whole when you are building character.

You love the feeling of success with your Moon in trine to your Midheaven and can be quite satisfied with successes of all types - from career to family to little leaps you make just for yourself. You can easily accept careers which have a cyclical nature and may even welcome some of the down times for your own rejuvenation. Working in fields which support the needs of women and families may be especially empowering to you. You may also make strides which have a positive effect upon the lives of women and girls who follow after you.

You don't mind working hard to accomplish your goals. The energy of Mars in trine aspect to your Midheaven confers a strong measure of courage and confidence where career matters are concerned, and blazing trails may be second nature for you. You can handle competition and may even perform better when you rise to meet challenges.

With Jupiter in trine aspect to your Midheaven, the doors to achieving your ambitions are likely to open rather easily. You may have excellent connections, but your confidence in your skills and abilities is what draws the attention of the people who are there to use their influence to support your aims. From positions of influence, you can also be quite generous and helpful to others. Sometimes, you can be a little lazy about reaching your goals, especially if you feel you deserve to be there already. But once you put your efforts into something, there's no stopping you.

Saturn's energy in semisextile aspect to your Midheaven strengthens your resolve toward achieving your aims and ambitions. You may run into a few obstacles along your path to success but can generally use them as stepping stones once you take the time to deal with them. Although you can work reasonably well within structured circumstances, you may be most effective when you have the chance to direct yourself or be your own boss.

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

Confronting your needs to own and express your power is necessary with Pluto in opposition to your Midheaven. You may have dealt with power struggles all your life, or you may still have abandonment issues from your childhood. As a result your own sense of mistrust can actually undermine your ability to achieve your aims. The manner in which you deal with authority figures is crucial to your success, since if you continually feel a need to undermine the power of authority you may be missing the point. You need to determine when authority is used to your benefit and learn to resist when it is used in a counterproductive manner. This is not easy because you probably don't like being controlled in the least, but finding the core of your own power requires that you own up to the fact that you have some fascination with the process. This struggle for control can prompt you to do things which are somewhat destructive until you determine that you have a choice! You can actually use this same force to expose corruption, investigate what lies beneath the surface, or rejuvenate what once appeared useless.

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

The qualities of Gemini on your 2nd House cusp radiate a need to understand the nature of your own value systems. Your approach to handling your personal resources can be somewhat scattered and variable. Developing some consistency about spending can be extremely helpful, and will also fortify your self confidence. It's clear that money and material matters take up some of your thinking, and you may have some good ideas when it comes to utilizing your resources. Maintaining some objectivity about your finances, and applying flexibility to the manner in which you generate and utilize your time, money and energy will be personally empowering. With Mercury's energy influencing your sense of self worth, your personal esteem can be strengthened when you make the effort to develop your mind.

Through the energy of Venus in your 2nd House, you can attract resources and material stability quite readily. You are very aware of the relationship between your self esteem and your finances and may have learned early that when you're feeling good about yourself, it's easier to get what you want. Although you're not likely to be extremely greedy with your finances, you can be self-indulgent. You love the best of everything and will feel empowered when your life involves at least a few of the pleasures you enjoy. Occupations which involve the arts or which cater to things women love - like fashion, jewelry, cosmetics, hair dressing - can bring rewards.

Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart.

Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which seems more like what you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

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

Sagittarian qualities drive your approach to the 8th House side of yourself. You expect truth and honesty from yourself here, and will never be comfortable if you shy away from the exploration of your power base. Joint resources can be a source of support and reward, but need to be handled with honesty if you are to gain the most from them. Your needs for an adventurous sexual relationship are also quite strong, and you'll be most open in a relationship which allows a wide range of exploration. You might enjoy exploring sexuality through Tantra, which allows you to experience a broader range of connections to your partner. Deception in a relationship will never work for you, and you'll feel most open to the alchemy which creates a bond with your partner when you share compatible ideals and beliefs. Be aware of a tendency to jump into intimacy too quickly in your relationships, since if you discover that you're not really compatible on multiple levels, you will not be able to maintain your emotional bond.

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

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

With Mars in Virgo you direct your personal power toward work. You feel good at the end of the day when you've produced something, and are empowered when your accomplishments are appreciated for their attention to detail and fine quality. You can undermine your effectiveness when you fuss over nonessential details, and can lose

energy when you become caught in your own insecurities which arise from your feelings of imperfection. So what if your hips are not perfect! Who defines those things, anyway? You are most attracted to men who are healthy, well groomed and kind natured, and will probably not give a boorish lout the time of day. In the bedroom you enjoy sensual sharing to the ultimate and may be quite knowledgeable about sexuality - to the surprise of anyone who thinks you are a bit prudish. Well, they've not been alone with you in an intimate setting! Sometimes you can think too much about what you're doing and forget to let go and enjoy the passion of the moment. And watch those feelings of regret which occur after the fact when you're wondering if you were okay. Yes, you were. And you are.

Mars and Pluto in semisquare aspect create an undercurrent of dissatisfaction with yourself and with the men in your life. Now this does not mean that you can't have good relationships or that your sex life will be forever frustrating. But if you're having trouble look into your own feelings of guilt or inhibition in these areas. To embrace and fulfill your sexual needs you may have to go beyond a simple of understanding and experience of your sexuality into a heightened awareness of the true nature of sexual energy. Additionally, to achieve the realization of your deeply held desires in any area of your life you must uncover hidden issues which could sabotage your success. Pinpoint your resentments. If they are the result of bad experiences from the past, then its up to you to find a way to heal and move beyond the old trauma into the light of the present moment. Once you've learned to let go of old resentments and guilt you may find that you are a wonderful vessel for healing in the lives of others. This is an aspect of shamanism and requires honest confrontation with your deeper needs and desires.

You don't mind working hard to accomplish your goals. The energy of Mars in trine aspect to your Midheaven confers a strong measure of courage and confidence where career matters are concerned, and blazing trails may be second nature for you. You can handle competition and may even perform better when you rise to meet challenges.

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

Your power base with Saturn in Aquarius reflects a need to blend freedom with responsibility. Your idealistic concept of a society which centered upon humanitarian principles begins with your embrace of the true diversity of humankind. On a personal level, you are faced with the quest of blending your personality consciousness with that of your higher self. When you are directing your life from this viewpoint, decisions concerning career, family and personal security are empowering. You can be an extremist if Saturn's energy is frustrated by difficult aspects, and lose power if your opinionated

nature adds a coldness to your spirit. Learning to evaluate your life circumstances through the lens of objectivity may not be easy for you, but you'll feel much more in control of your own destiny when you surrender your ego-based opinions to a higher ideal. Associating with others whose aims are destructive can diminish your power, so choose your friends and allies wisely.

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

Sustaining your self worth seems natural with Venus in trine aspect to Saturn. You know that you build solid foundations when you develop your talents, share what you have and teach what you know. Love is the key to your power, and sometimes being there for someone else in times of trouble strengthens you, too. You may also have a good ability to manage your finances, which forms an excellent base for power on many level.

Sometimes, you test the good graces of the Universe with Jupiter in quincunx to Saturn. You can push your resources to the limit, and then, just in the nick of time, pull everything together. You tend to over-obligate yourself - almost. If you continue to do this, you deplete your reserve, with a resulting lack of faith which undermines your self confidence. Knowing when to put your efforts into something and when to pull back takes a little experience, and once you get into the rhythm, you'll do okay. But every now and then, the music will change. Just be sure you're listening....

Saturn's energy in semisextile aspect to your Midheaven strengthens your resolve toward achieving your aims and ambitions. You may run into a few obstacles along your path to success but can generally use them as stepping stones once you take the time to deal with them. Although you can work reasonably well within structured circumstances, you may be most effective when you have the chance to direct yourself or be your own boss.

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

You learned about power from your parents and may have felt that one parent had a very strong hold on your life. They still may. But all the while, you may have found yourself resisting their control, or trying to undermine it. You tested limits. You knew just how far to push without getting the rug pulled from beneath your feet. Or did you? Now that you have grown to be a woman, you may have difficulty feeling that your foundation is ever stable enough. You know deep within yourself that you needed to destroy the unfitting or unfair images you had of your family, their traditions or their false identities. You may also feel some guilt that you cannot fully identify. This is the guilt your soul recalls. It may not be entirely your own. It may be something you felt as early as the time you spend in your mother's womb. It might be something from another lifetime that you remember at a cellular level, a feeling that haunts you when you are alone. Let it go. Find yourself. Step into your power and allow yourself to be healed. Then, and only then, will you finally feel that you've found home.

You were born at a time when Uranus and Pluto were in square aspect, a cycle which occurs rarely and which influences an entire generation. These energies in square aspect bring great turbulence and unrest, and indicate that those born under its influence face the task of dealing with unpredictable change which may not be under their control. If you are channeling this energy into your personal life, you may face power issues in their most negative and intense manifestations, but can also experience the true nature of release and rebirth of the spirit. Attempting to take control over things which you cannot control can have a negative influence in your life.

Embracing Your Divine Self

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

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

Imagine that you are on a journey, a quest to find the most sacred source of

knowledge. Your journey begins at the doors to a temple or cathedral, and you enter, hoping to find what you're looking for so you can get on with sharing what you've discovered. You are amazed when you walk inside, for there you find a long hallway, with doors leading to many different rooms. You open the first door and walk inside a room which is filled with old books, dusty from years of neglect. One book falls at your feet, and when you pick it up, a page falls out. When you look at the page, you see that it is a map of the cathedral. You leave the room, map in hand, heading toward the place marked by a symbol which looks like a pyramid with a circle in the center. To get there, you go through a doorway which opens to a flight of stairs. At the top of the stairs in another door. When you open it, you walk out onto a balcony which overlooks the city. It seems to surround the entire building, and you are amazed at the beautiful things you see. Everywhere you look, you find something fascinating, but you are most drawn to a crystal blue pillar which stands near what seems to be the center of the building. Once you reach the pillar, you see standing before you is a woman dressed in a dark green velvet cape. She holds a basket of fragrant flowers, and offers to place a ringlet of flowers around your neck. You sit with her in a quiet place, and she sings to you of her life, which is the story of love itself. Then the song reflects your own life and your need for acceptance and love. As you listen to her song, your heart begins to open and you feel overwhelmed with joy. She opens her arms to embrace you, and when you yield to the embrace, you feel a sense of calm and inner peace. Your mind and soul are filled with understanding and inner strength. Your experience with her will always remain in your heart, reminding you that love is always there with you, and is the source of your real needs on every level.

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