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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Leo	23°Le07'	12th	01 08°Vi15'
Moon	Virgo	11°Vi32'	01st	02 01°Li29'
Mercury	Virgo	05°Vi39'	12th	03 00°Sc06'
Venus	Leo	00°Le32'	11th	04 03°Sg45'
Mars	Taurus	15°Ta23'	09th	05 08°Cp57'
Jupiter	Libra	26°Li24'	02nd	06 10°Aq55'
Saturn	Sagittarius	19°Sg09'	04th	07 08°Pi15'
Uranus	Leo	12°Le42'	12th	08 01°Ar29'
Neptune	Scorpio	02°Sc18'	03rd	09 00°Ta06'
Pluto	Virgo	01°Vi43'	12th	10 03°Ge45'
Midheaven	Gemini	03°Ge45'		11 08°Ca57'
Ascendant	Virgo	08°Vi15'		12 10°Le55'

Planet	Element	Mode	Elemental	Modal
Sun	Fire	Fixed	4 Fire	1 Cardinal
Moon	Earth	Mutable	5 Earth	5 Fixed
Mercury	Earth	Mutable	2 Air	6 Mutable
Venus	Fire	Fixed	1 Water	
Mars	Earth	Fixed		
Jupiter	Air	Cardinal		
Saturn	Fire	Mutable		
Uranus	Fire	Fixed		
Neptune	Water	Fixed		
Pluto	Earth	Mutable		
Midheaven	Air	Mutable		
Ascendant	Earth	Mutable		

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An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Madonna

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 that water is a weak factor. Emotional situations can be rather uncomfortable for you, although you may be somewhat fascinated by others who display their feelings readily. The world of your inner self, your emotional self, can seem tremendously difficult for you at times, and if you're overwhelmed by emotion, you may find yourself shutting down in order to keep your feelings under control in order to avoid pain. Your best therapy is to deal with your feelings, and to acknowledge them. And you may also need to be more attentive to the feelings of others, or you could be accused of being cold or uncaring. Self-sufficiency is one thing, but total distance can be quite lonely. Stimulate your emotional nature in a positive sense by getting into the water element and enjoying it. Swim, take long soaking baths, or let yourself walk outside in the rain on a warm day. And if you're really feeling brave, rent a tear-jerker movie, make a cup of tea, grab your hankies and close the door.

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. Your weakest link is in cardinality, which indicates that you sometimes feel reluctant to get started, especially in new situations.

When you view the whole picture of your chart, you'll see that there is an emphasis of planets on the left side of your chart. This hemisphere strength indicates that you are

driven by a need for independence and autonomy, and that you feel most validated when you feel that you're living life on your own terms. You may find it difficult to allow others to support or help you, even when you want them to lend a hand, and can certainly have trouble asking for assistance (especially if you feel it diminishes your sense of self to do so!). Relationships can be difficult for you unless you are in a situation which allows equanimity and equality, but be careful of your tendency to want to take the lead all of the time. True equality means that both partners are powerful.

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 Leo you're likely to radiate a sense of regality and power, even if you're just sitting at home in your old jeans. Although you may not demand to be the center of attention, you can certainly carry it off when the spotlight is on you. You're driven by a need to create and express yourself, and enjoy playful people and situations. When challenged your pride can get in your way unless you develop some objectivity about yourself, which can be a tough job if you're too self-absorbed. It's okay to think of yourself as royalty some of the time, but just remember that others may not see you that way!

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Virgo. Through this influence, you may be somewhat the perfectionist in your appearance and may be most comfortable when you feel well-groomed. Others may view you as detail-oriented, which has its advantages if you know what you want. You may be extremely aware of your physical body, to the extent that you know when anything is not working properly. You'd better keep a nail file in your pocketbook, since you'll fiddle with that ragged nail all day if you don't have a chance to fix it! The energy associated with your Ascendant is Mercury. With Mercury in Virgo, you are likely to present an image of a studious, intelligent woman. You project efficiency and may be known for your discriminating taste.

The Moon is conjunct your Ascendant, adding a special emotional sensibility to your personality. Even your friends may call you "Mom," because they feel your support and care. Others are definitely likely to know how you feel, since you may wear your feelings in your expression and demeanor. In many situations, this can be a plus, particularly in

creative self-expression. This emphasis can indicate increased moodiness and emotional sensitivity. You are especially sensitive to the cyclical nature of life on the physical plane, including your own physical cycles which manifest through your menstrual phases. By watching yourself and becoming more attentive to your natural cyclical rhythms, you can actually enhance your personal awareness and creativity. These cycles are, of course, much more than physical, and have dimensions which connect to your emotional, mental and spiritual sensibilities. You may also be seen by others as a nurturing type, and in your relationships you may take on the role of nurturer. Just be sure you remember that you need some tender loving care, too.

With Mercury conjunct your Ascendant, others will always see you as a communicator. You could be in the grocery store minding your own business and someone is likely to ask you a question - and generally, you know the answers! Your personality is outgoing, and may even be somewhat mischievous. Sharing your ideas is natural and easy, and you may be quite talkative. To enhance your communication abilities, concentrate on becoming an exceptional listener.

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.

With Jupiter in semi-square aspect to your Ascendant, you are possessed with a powerful sense of optimism but have a tendency to expect too much from yourself and others some of the time. Since you may prefer to think of a life as a series of opportunities to grow, you may be more interested in pursuing new directions than continuing to develop an existing situation. Others can be frustrated if you've promised too much, or if you fail to follow through on your obligations. Explore your underlying motivations before you agree to take on another task.

Pluto's conjunction to your Ascendant adds a powerful intensity to your personality. You can be both enigmatic and intimidating, and can project a powerful charisma. Your perceptions about people can be quite keen. You may have a sharp eye for details in behavior, manner and attitude that others easily miss. The healing quality of your energy can have a powerful transformational effect in the lives of others, and you may be walking the path of the medicine woman. You're not likely to allow others to take advantage of you but you can be intimidated by guilt. So, anyone who knows your "guilt buttons" may have a bit of power over you. Your best protection is to discover those hidden issues and deal with them so that you are free of them, once and for all.

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 Virgo Moon strengthens your sense of discrimination, and underscores your need for perfection. The problem can be the yardstick you use to measure that perfection, and you may be frustrated with your own humanity and vulnerabilities as a

result. You may be more sensitive to criticism, but can also be highly critical of yourself and others as a part of this desire to have your life exactly as you feel it should be. By directing your need to make improvements toward positive ends, you'll feel much happier with yourself and with others. That means you may have to let go of the idea that everyone (including yourself) and everything will meet your high standards all of the time.

Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self

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

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

Your Virgo Moon strengthens your sense of connection to your feminine self, and adds a steadiness to your emotions. Your instincts about the best ways to do things are usually right on the mark, which can be a little irritating to those who would take a more haphazard approach. As a woman of discriminating taste with an eye for quality, you're not likely to settle for anything that falls below your standards - including a mate. The high standards you set for others are nothing compared to the standards you hold for yourself. In fact, you might gain a great relief by simply giving yourself a break from time to time and letting your hair down. Otherwise, you can become nagging and hypercritical, just because you are concerned about getting everything done in the best possible manner. You may have a particularly powerful sense of body awareness and may go out of your way to maintain your physical health. Eating a natural foods diet which centers on simple nutritional balance may even help you maintain your emotional balance. For you, the mind-body connection is especially crucial, and taking steps to keep your spirit, soul and body in healthy condition will definitely improve the quality of your life. Although you can accept most physical limitations with a matter-of-fact kind of attitude, you are not likely to appreciate being sick since you are oriented toward producing something by the end of the day. But you can also adapt when necessary.

Striking a few requirements from your list of expectations may have a marvelous healing effect on your life as a whole. And finding a reasonable outlet for your critical sensibilities is necessary to help you maintain your sanity. Developing greater tolerance for yourself and for others is your key to finding greater joy.

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.

The conflict between what you need and what you want is signified by the energy of your Moon in semisquare aspect to Venus. Creating an awareness of your deeper feelings is the only way out of this conflict, especially when it comes to relationships. In other choices like career decisions, this tension arises when you have to face something like asking for a raise, changing jobs for personal reasons, or climbing up the ladder in a manner which seems personally awkward. Although you may sometimes think that it would just be easier to let somebody else tell you what to do, you are not likely to be satisfied with the end results unless your own needs and list of preferences are carefully considered.

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.

Setting limits just seems frustrating with your Moon in semisquare aspect to Jupiter. But setting limits is necessary if you are to experience what you want from your life without stretching yourself too thin. When you're feeling insecure or vulnerable, you may also suffer from low self worth which seems, for the moment at least, to be relieved by overextending yourself in some way. If you're tempted to spend or buy when your funds are low, it's that need to feel better which may be prompting you to pull those credit cards from your wallet. If you're tempted to say "yes" when you really want to say "no," it's the same stimulus. You need to know that your life is filled with promise and possibility, but also need to safeguard that promise by knowing where to draw the line.

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.

Setting emotional boundaries is difficult for you, since the influence of your Moon in semisquare to Neptune opens your energy to everything and everyone around you. Your emotional sensibilities can add amazing qualities to your creativity, compassion and desire to make a difference in the world. But if your energy is being misused by others, then the effect you hope to achieve may never be realized. You may feel that being a woman means that you are cursed with too much sensitivity, but it really has nothing to do with just being female. You can create emotional filters by learning to discover the difference between what you see when you look into someone's soul and their actions or attitudes in the world. Those who have potential to change certainly need to be encouraged, but not at the expense of your own soul or sanity! You may also have a strong desire to withdraw, which can be seen through addictive behavior patterns. Whether these addictions manifest through your personal relationships with other people or your relationship with substances, they can undermine your sense of personal worth as a woman.

With your Moon conjunct Pluto in your chart your emotional intensity is difficult to miss. You can be quite compulsive, and when you are in a "groove" may find it difficult to get out. Men may be especially intimidated by your sensuality, and if you have control issues, you may even project an aura of power which can overwhelm any man who gets close to you (at least occasionally). You may also be somewhat intimidating to other women, especially if you harbor a mistrust of women. The connection you feel with your mother may be especially strong, and it is quite possible that you felt inundated by her emotional needs in a very powerful way when you were younger. If your mom had difficulty handling her own emotions, you may have some leftover resentment toward her

which needs to be released in order to heal that relationship. Conscious awareness of this aspect of your part can make a big difference in the way you relate to others, and if you sense intimidation or blocking, you can back away a little to help diminish the intensity of your own energy - if you really want to let someone into your inner sanctum.

Your Moon is in the first quarter of the lunar phases, indicating that you approach the fulfillment of your desires and needs in an immediate manner. Your impatience with yourself and with everyone else around you can stand in the way for true fulfillment, but it is that same immediacy which is part of your chart. Your impulsiveness can seem quite "unfeminine" at times, since the old myth of femininity had much to do with "waiting for the prince." You are here to form a new quality of relating to life: the quality of fresh expression and spontaneity. You are here to project a powerful sense of identity, and achieving a sense of wholeness between your inner and outer self is an important part of your self development. The archetypal quality of "The Mother" represented by this moon phase elicits your strong connection to the natural rhythms of conception, creation and birth. You may even enjoy a positive element of freshness and new life in your projection of yourself as a woman. You'll not appreciate others trying to shelter you too much, but may need to find a few touchstones which will allow you to rest until you venture out into your next experience with life, love and happiness. Your weakness may be a lack of objectivity, and it can be difficult to find and own your power until you have mastered some skills which add greater objectivity to your sense of self and reality.

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 Leo you radiate a powerful, attractive energy. Your flair for the dramatic may be seen in your elegant manner and sense of style. Although you can be at home in casual attire, you can wear the most luxurious evening attire in grand fashion, and certainly look marvelous in jewels. Your warm smile lights up your face, and you may also enjoy being in the spotlight. Certainly in your close relationships you like being the center of attention, and may pout if you are ignored. It's unlikely that such a situation will last long, since you love life, and live to enjoy yourself. Indulging in your favorite forms of entertainment (and you may be quite entertaining yourself!) adds energy and power to your life. You are quite capable of standing up for yourself, and probably have a high level of self-esteem. Even if other factors in your chart diminish your self-worth, you can rise above them through tapping into the source of love which burns deep in your soul. However, you can be a bit lazy and self-indulgent, and if you're feeling hurt can go a bit overboard in this regard. Although you may take your time opening your heart, once you allow yourself to love, you are not likely to change your feelings. Even if a relationship ends, you may still hang onto it, although some of this can be a matter of pride. Anyone who has been the recipient of your warm hugs is not likely to forget you, since you do have a big heart and generous spirit.

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.

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 Scorpio, you are part of the generation of women, born from 1955 to 1970 who are forging new frontiers in the sexual revolution. This is not only in terms of human sexuality, but also extends to the roles men and women play in regenerating society. You are the generation who will grapple with issues of control and whose influence in the arenas of human rights will cover the entire spectrum from conception, to birth, to sexual lifestyles, to choices in death. As you are maturing and making these choices, you may resist the idea that some belief system or government should dictate the

choices you make in these intimate situations. But you must also create a vision which goes beyond these old systems and which encompasses a true compassion for the experience of life and the pain and joy of choice on every level.

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

You are part of a generation of women born from 1957 through 1972 who have Pluto in Virgo. It has been your challenge to develop a true awareness of the relationship between mind, body and environment. You've blasted through many of the mysteries of the way humans function - at physical, psychological and sociological levels. Additionally, you may be seeking a way to improve the quality of life and are likely to be dealing with repairing mistakes and fixing things as much as you are creating new options. At an individual level, this energy prompts you to determine ways to improve 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.

Since you're no stranger to the spotlight, you've probably had ample opportunities to express your assertiveness and personal strength. Your Leo Sun is a magnet for attention,

and your actions and attitudes determine whether or not that attention is helpful or detrimental. You have the potential to radiate a powerful energy and may be an inspiration to those who need a stable source of confirmation that life is, indeed, okay. You can be intimidating to men who are unsure of themselves and may even take advantage of this; just try to remember your own insecurity when you first faced raw power! Taking on the challenge of leadership can be one of your most fulfilling experiences, although you can be quite domineering in some situations. If you've been giving away your power to the men in your life, you have probably attracted strong-willed individuals. But to become truly complete, you must learn to embrace and express your own individuality in a manner which opens your creativity and fills your heart.

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.

Your confident, optimistic attitude supports your ability to express your personal assertiveness. The energy of the Sun in sextile to Jupiter strengthens your ability to act with conviction and hopefulness. You may also be quite accessible - comfortable with yourself, radiating a friendly, easygoing attitude. Both men and women may find you easy to be around, although you may be more interested in some of the pursuits considered "masculine," like politics, sales or sports. You like your masculine side, and that works to your benefit.

As a realist, you understand that you have certain responsibilities as a normal part of life. With your Sun trine Saturn, you may be quite happy to accept those responsibilities instead of expecting that someone else must carry your burdens. Your relationship with men and with your father may be quite good, especially in business circumstances. You express a positive sense of your inner masculine when you are in control of your life circumstances.

You may be tempted to allow your life to be absorbed by the will and expectation of the men you love, from father to lover to husband. You may even have had an experience early in your life which tested your ability to survive. In truth, the conjunction between your Sun and Pluto indicates that you need to know what it is to express the charisma and intrigue which are the essence of your power as a woman. Men may be both fascinated and overwhelmed by your intensity, and you're likely to stir up a bit of controversy with anyone who is uncomfortable with their emotions, including their sexuality. As you fully integrate the essence of your will and drive with your need to create change, you can become an effective healer and powerful catalyst for growth.

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!

You may be stubborn. When you want something, you can be relentless in your pursuit of it. Through your Mars in Taurus, your embrace of the assertive side of your masculine psyche projects a powerful steadfastness. You may not want to turn the world upside down. In fact, you may do your best to make sure that those things which are important to survival remain. You may also be more comfortable projecting your fighting spirit onto men who seem to enjoy that type of thing. Through this part of your masculine self, you prefer to maintain the status quo.

You can be somewhat inconsistent in your assertiveness with Mars square Uranus. Your need for excitement can stimulate your pursuit of experiences which may be thrilling, but dangerous. You can also waste a lot of energy pursuing those thrills instead of creating what you really need. Freedom of expression is high on your priority list, and you may be attracted to people who also love freedom but have difficulty making commitments. For you commitments may seem more momentary than long term, but until you can focus your energy on what you truly need, you may always feel as though you are dangling in midair.

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. Your analytical powers can be highly developed through your Virgo Mercury, and you have a wonderful ability to maintain a practical perspective. Learning is easiest for you when you have practical experience and a hands-on approach to assimilating new information. You may also enjoy sharing what you know and can become an accomplished teacher. Although you may be somewhat critical in your judgment or assessment of people or situations, you may not intend to be nit-picking. Your eye for detail simply makes it difficult to ignore anything that is out of place or below standards. As a rule you try to keep an open mind, since you enjoy the experience of learning and discovering how things work.

Your imagination is easily stimulated with Mercury in sextile aspect to Neptune. Self-

expression flows readily, and writing, music, painting and photography can all be worthwhile avenues for you to express your ideas and view of the world. You may be an excellent mimic and talented actress.

You are a perceptive thinker with Mercury conjunct Pluto, and can be rather intense when you're focused on something or someone. An excellent researcher, you like to probe beneath the surface for the information you need and may be fascinated with subjects like psychology, metaphysics or life science.

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. Since you appreciate well-educated individuals, you are likely to make an effort to improve your own understanding and knowledge. The influence of your Virgo Moon in your intellectual development is quite strong, and you may always be reading or studying something just because you want to know how things work. You may also be open to new ideas, although you'll probably test them before you accept them.

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! You've adopted a philosophy of fairness, and may believe that life should always be just with Jupiter in Libra. Although you've probably seen evidence to the contrary, your ideal life would involve situations where everyone is treated fairly and equally. You function and learn best in an environment which is beautiful and peaceful, and if you're involved in education, will include social skills in your teaching practices. You may also have an interest in the law and the social practice of other cultures and may be an expert in diplomatic or social relations.

Confidence in your ability to learn is stimulated through the energy of the Sun in sextile aspect to Jupiter. This can also indicate a positive relationship with your teachers, and may stimulate your own desire to share what you know with others. You enjoy the feeling of reaching beyond your limitations through developing your understanding.

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.

Education can be a lifelong pursuit for you. The influence of Saturn in Sagittarius stimulates a strong need to explore the world of philosophy, religion and culture. You may also enjoy the sciences and can feel quite at home in academic surroundings. Teaching may be a natural outlet and will provide an endless opportunity for you to continue learning. But you may also enjoy travel and independent study.

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

You are definitely opinionated with Scorpio on the 3rd House and may have a biting wit. However, it's not easy for you to speak up in defense of yourself. You appreciate having things your way and learn best in situations which allow you to have some measure of control. An excellent student and unparalleled researcher, when you're interested in something, you will probe to the depths. Your interest in life science, medicine, psychology and metaphysics may be quite remarkable. With Pluto ruling your 3rd House you have the capability to getting to the core of anything and may not stop your search for answers until you've turned over every possible rock looking for clues.

You are a dreamer and visionary. With Neptune in the 3rd House, you think in terms of what could be, and have a powerful imagination. This sensibility can be readily translated into writing, music and artistry, but does not necessary aid your concentration when you need to learn something like algebra. Mental focus can be difficult, unless there are other aspects which aid you in this regard. As a result you can feel insecure about your intellectual development and ability. Meditation or participation in a disciplined typed of creative activity can help you channel your artistic manner of thinking into productive areas.

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

You have definite viewpoints about the way life should be with Taurus on the cusp of your 9th House. You may appreciate the value of higher education, especially where you see that it has practical value. Your curiosity about the wide-ranging differences in philosophies and religions may prompt you to study them, although your own philosophy may be more down to earth. With Venus ruling your 9th House you may enjoy the social elements afforded through education, and may be more connected to people who share your artistic or creative interests.

You're excited by the experiences of travel and may have a passion for learning with Mars in the 9th House. This placement also stimulates a mental restlessness, and can indicate some difficulty focusing your mind. You need some distractions in your life but can disrupt your flow and concentration by adding too many options. Your enthusiasm and zeal for your beliefs and ideals can be quite intense, and you can be quite effective stimulating the interest of others through your own devotion and strength of your

convictions. You may need to guard against a tendency toward trying to influence others to change their own ideals against their will, since you can be extremely persuasive.

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.

Since your primary drive is to create a true sense of security, your goals will be set to accomplish that aim. With Cancer on the cusp of your 11th House, you definitely feel that it is important to do things which will keep you and those you love safe. You can also be quite successful in achieving your aims, because you know how to put more energy behind your objectives: you can both visualize and emotionally connect with your affirmations. The influence of your Moon is also connected to attaining your objectives, and may stimulate a powerful interest in family values, women's issues, historical preservation, or collecting (among other things!).

Learning the social skills necessary to further your pursuits of personal and professional growth is important with the influence of Venus in your 11th House. You know the significance of knowing the right people, making connections and developing the pathways which will help you achieve your aims. Although you may enjoy the experience of community, political or social interaction, you may not appreciate the feeling that you have to please others in order to have what you want. If this arises, it could be that you have made choices which are designed to satisfy someone else, and that it is time to re-examine your values and set goals which allow you to feel more worthwhile on your own terms. You can actually be quite adept at choosing the right friends and associates whose values reflect your own and whose influence helps to forward your own aims. Conversely, your influence can have the same effect in the lives of others!

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 soul yearns for understanding with Sagittarius on the cusp of the 4th House. You may have very high standards for yourself and everybody else. If you can develop real tolerance, can become an inspiration for others through your quiet sense of determination to do things right. You may have a following, which can be a holdover from your soul's history of teaching and guiding others to find the truth. Your desire to explore the earth and her people stems from your own need to assimilate as much information as possible in your quest for true wisdom. Jupiter's rulership of this house adds an energy of expansion and desire to share and experience honest understanding between yourself and those who are part of your life. By tapping into your intuitive insight you can become more clear about what others need from you, instead of just assuming that you know what's best for them!

Saturn's influence in your 4th House may prompt you to operate from a basis of fear and insecurity. This may be an old memory, hidden in your soul from lifetimes past, but it may also be the result of the things you've learned from your parents or family. If you feel that you will never have enough, stop to honestly evaluate your life. What are you seeking? What are your true soul-level needs? Your intuitive powers can be hampered through this placement since you may mistrust yourself or your abilities to attract and create the life you need to experience. By releasing your extreme hold on the past and focusing on the present moment, you may gain a different perspective. You have the ability to build on a solid foundation, and the part of that foundation which is related to your soul growth includes your need to take responsibility for yourself.

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

Through the influence of Aries on the cusp of your 8th House, you may be quite assertive about approaching the mysteries and may show great courage when exploring the processes of healing and transformational change. You may feel that your primary thrust in life is to regenerate yourself, to become whole and perfect. But before you can achieve this experience, you may have to venture into some unknown territory: the place which contains your real power. With Mars ruling this house, you may experience some turmoil within yourself, since you may have very powerful physical desires and emotional attachments. You may feel that you have to experience some type of wounding in order to continue in your spiritual quests to uncover life's deeper mysteries. You may

even follow the path of the shaman which requires a level of wounding if you are to travel between the worlds of the inner and outer self. But there is a difference between wounding and self-destruction, and that is the crux of your dilemma!

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.

With Leo on the cusp of your 12th House you may have dreams of recognition and accomplishment but may not always allow yourself to experience the reality of your dreams during the course of your lifetime. Your dreams are important, though, and are the key to your ability to accomplish your aims. To alter the course of your life, you can learn to use visualization to strengthen your sense of yourself and to allow yourself to accept greater recognition for your efforts. Your Sun also influences this house, adding a tendency to feel somewhat uncertain about your own worthiness. You may feel that you are more comfortable maintaining a powerful presence behind the scenes playing supportive roles. But if you can be more effective allowing yourself to gain recognition, then you may have to release your tendency to martyr yourself when it is unnecessary.

The energy of your Sun in the 12th House can produce a desire to close away from the rest of the world - at least part of the time. You may enjoy giving energy to spiritual pursuits throughout your life and may feel most at peace when you can create a positive filter between your consciousness and the cacophony of the world. Your ability to experience an inner awareness can be quite profound, but you may have a few bumpy paths along the way before you achieve a true peace with yourself. Giving of yourself to the world through healthy channels can strengthen your sense of personal evolution. But simply withdrawing, escaping, or falling into addictive patterns will accomplish little more than wasting your vitality.

Sometimes it is possible for you to tune in to the mental energy of others with Mercury in your 12th House. Your mind may act like a receiver, picking up thoughts and ideas. It's not exactly that you're "reading minds" as much as you're connecting to others through the mental plane. You may see this functioning most with those who are close to you when you finish their sentences for them. You can also project your own thoughts to others quite effectively, but may be a better receiver than sender. This influence is quite helpful in dealing with the collective in such activities as media, advertising or creative expression, since you have an easy understanding of what interests people as a whole. You know what it is: it's that sense of knowing if something will work or if it will flop. However, you do need to clear your thoughts through activities such as meditation or contemplation in order to maintain your focus and lucidity.

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.

With Pluto in your 12th House, you need to be aware of your tendency to become withdrawn or obsessed with thoughts which create a strong vulnerability. Although you may benefit from taking some time each day to go inside yourself, holding all your energy back all the time can block your flow. The problem you're experiencing is one of heightened awareness - you can sense things on a very deep level, and may sometimes sense too much! By creating a positive energy filter (not letting everything bother you so much!) setting emotional boundaries and allowing yourself ample time to rejuvenate your spiritual energy and vitality, you can become quite influential in whatever you're doing.

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!

You have a marvelous intuition about the way things work with your Moon in Virgo. This can be quite useful in practical matters, like knowing how to repair something. But you may also be quite intuitive about your own body, sensing when something is out of harmony. However, your tendency can be to overreact to what you feel (is a headache caused by a brain tumor?!), so you need to work on maintaining a strong sense of emotional balance in order to deal with your impressions about your health most positively. When you have a chance to be more objective, like working on an important project or designing something, your intuition guides you to do things which adds special details and high levels of definition. This finesse can be quite intriguing, and may provide a level of fascination to you, as well.

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

Your tasks which stem from your North Node in Libra are oriented toward developing a true sense of consideration, fair-mindedness and inner harmony. Although it is important for you to value yourself, you are also discovering the importance of valuing and supporting others. Relationships are your key to personal evolution, and the manner in which you handle them gives you clues about your progress. With the South Node in

Aries you are challenged to abandon selfish desire in favor of cooperation. You also may have to battle your own tendencies toward belligerent or combative attitudes if you are to achieve the inner balance and peace you are struggling to develop.

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!

Neptune's influence in your 3rd House adds a psychic dimension to your thought processes. You may be quite adept at reading another's thoughts, particularly if you've developed a close relationship with one another. You need ample outlets for expressing your imagination through communication, such as writing, acting or speaking.

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 12th 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.

Even though you may not like to admit it, you do enjoy just sitting back and taking it easy from time to time. Your Virgo Moon keeps you busy, though. There is always something to do, things to fix or a situation that needs your attention. Your efficiency helps you manage your time, but you have trouble relaxing if you know that there's a project waiting to be finished or someone needing your help. You nourish others by attending to all the details, and many of your efforts may seem to go unappreciated. After all, you make it look too easy. When you need to refuel your soul, the first thing you may have to get past is your guilt about not producing something. Once that's out of the way, you might make time for your favorite crafts as a means to relax, and you may thoroughly enjoy getting lost in a good book. Doing something good for your body also feels great, and you can really benefit from regular massage therapy, foot reflexology treatments or may love the feel of an herbal body wrap or facial. By indulging yourself a little from time to time, you are rejuvenated, and your efficiency improves in every area. That alone should be ample reason to take care of yourself!

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.

The importance of the spiritual essence of your life cannot be overstated: you need to find a philosophy and way of approaching life's larger questions that provides a sense of stability and security. In your quest you may explore many teachings and may travel or study different cultures. With Saturn in Sagittarius you also need to develop an acceptance and tolerance for different beliefs and ideals in order to safeguard against becoming too self-righteous. Your quest for knowledge may prompt you to stay connected to learning institutions, whether as a teacher or student. Learning is your mainstay and source of strength. Your ability to share your life experience with others, especially your children, can inspire them to discover their own quest.

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 influence of Sagittarius on the cusp of your 4th House adds mobility to this part of your chart, which usually relates to stability. You may have relocated several times, and although you are flexible in your ability to adapt to new environments, you may not enjoy the disruption moving creates in your life. The idea of having your home on wheels might suit you pretty well, at least part of the time! You love a house with lots of space, plenty of bookshelves, and nestled in an inspiring, natural setting. Wide open spaces also feel great, although you may love the feeling of being surrounded by trees. When you do settle down, you may look for an opportunity to have your own little wildlife sanctuary, or, if you answer your big dreams, a ranch with all sorts of critters. Jupiter's energy is connected to this house, stimulating your need to bring a sense of diversity into your sense of home. For this reason you can actually be at home almost anywhere if you allow it!

Your home needs to be a place of foundation and safety, but you may feel that you have to create it yourself with the energy of Saturn in your 4th House. Living a simple life may make more sense than striving for excess, and learning to live in cooperation with nature and the environment can be both rewarding and stabilizing. You may have issues with your parents or family, although getting beyond those issues can be much more difficult than it seems. Hanging onto the past seems to provide a stability which arises from familiarity, but can inhibit your growth. If you are to truly break free, you may have to relinquish your old attachments and strike out on your own. Creating your own sense of home and family allows you to recreate the fulfillment of your needs which may have been ignored or stifled when you were a little girl. Be careful that you are conscious about the way you parent your own children and nourish your own family. There's a temptation to repeat the patterns buried in your subconscious mind instead of defining a new paradigm.

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.

The influence of Gemini on your Midheaven indicates a dominant need to communicate and make connections as part of your life path. When searching for career options, you may be drawn into areas such as writing, journalism, broadcasting, teaching, public relations, counseling, politics or advertising - but the key factor is that you need to be mentally stimulated and challenged. You're also capable of doing more than one thing at a time, and will appreciate career opportunities which allow you to develop diversified skills. The idea of changing career options is probably quite agreeable to you. The energy of Mercury has a powerful influence on your vocation, strengthening the need to make contact and build bridges as part of your life work.

With Mercury in Virgo your attention to details can be quite advantageous to your career development. Teaching and writing may be your top choices, but you may also have a head for medicine. Your skills in design can also open doors for you in many arenas.

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.

You know how you like to do things with Aquarius influencing your 6th House. You may enjoy working in fields which allow you to use the latest technological developments to be the most proficient in your work. Working for yourself may also be high on your priority list, although you can work for others as long as you have some freedom to operate the way you wish. You can be quite innovative in your approach to your job, and may make changes or improvements which are considered to be leading-edge. With the energy of Uranus stimulating this area you need to remain open to new changes in your work.

You have no planets in your 6th House, but still need to do something productive with your life. This may be an indicator that you do not feel a need to focus all your attention on working. Look to the influences suggested by the sign on this house and to the planet ruling this house for more information about how to best approach fulfilling your needs for productivity and duty.

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!

Capricorn's influence on your 5th House adds a practical approach to your creativity. You may prefer to follow creative avenues which allow you to grow in your expertise, and you're also likely to respond beautifully to good teachers guiding you along the way. However, if your talents or artistry are too strongly criticized, or if they do not meet with your own critical expectations, you may suspend your interest. What you may need to learn is that play is not always something which needs to be measured, and some of the things you enjoyed doing as a child may still be important to you. Take the example of music. Perhaps you studied an instrument when you were a girl, but with all the things that you have to do now that you're a "responsible" woman, you don't have time for it. But think about it: if you enjoyed it, you may need to shake off the dust and just play for the pure experience of playing! If your work involves employing your creativity or artistry (which it likely does), you may also need to learn how to just stop working and relax. You probably have a great appreciation for the artistry and ability of others, so quiet your critical remarks, and enjoy them some of the time! Saturn's influence upon this area indicates that you may be somewhat restrained in your self-expression, but that with practice and discipline, you can excel.

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.

Well, admit it, sometimes it's just fun to show off with your Sun in Leo. You may even be quite low-key, and gracious about giving others the spotlight. But you know that when you're shining in all your glory, that the light can be blinding for a moment, and then, well, you're just gorgeous! To feel a true sense of success, you may need that few moments of fame and glory. And if you're doing it right, the Universe may even grant you more!

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

You have Uranus in Leo and are integrating the importance of individual accomplishment and achievement into your life. Along with other women, born from

1955 to 1962, you've broken down many barriers women have faced in their struggle of recognition as accomplished and capable individuals. Your revolution has been staged within the context of career and relationships, and continues in its effect upon society. The insights you share with other women with Uranus in Leo include the importance of establishing places for leaders who possess the courage to create change. To understand where you are creating this revolution in your own life, look to the house in which 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 Aquarius, drawing your life purpose into the arena of human development and expansion of consciousness. You may be strongly aware that your own evolution and growth have an impact on the evolution of humanity as a whole, and the choices you make in your life which are centered around rising above the ordinary may allow you to do just that. You cannot fall into the trap of elitist thinking, or you will experience a deep wounding which lasts until you abandon such ideas.

With Chiron in your 6th House you're learning how to work cooperatively with others. You may also have a special need to attend to health matters, and your consciousness in this regard can be one of your greatest challenges. Self-improvement is your key to fulfilling your life purpose.

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 may be the central focus of your life since you have Venus in Leo. The experience of falling in love, surrendering to passionate romance, opening to the feeling that you are the most important part of someone's life is the stuff your dreams are made of. But stop for a moment and look into the mirror. If the truth is told, you are a very important part of your own life, right? And that's okay, as long as your self-awareness is not pure selfishness! For love to grow in your heart, it has to involve mutual respect, trust and loyalty. If those features are lost or diminished, you may feel the flame of love is beginning to die. You really do have a big heart, and it feels wonderful when you can do something special for those you love and admire. Sometimes, giving is the way you fill your own heart with love, although you do adore it when someone pampers you. Love is the place where you shine the brightest, and when your heart is open to love, you feel alive. Letting go is difficult for you and if a love relationship ends, you may still carry a torch for that man forever; but it's to your advantage to know when to let go and move on. If you're still stuck in the past, you can miss something pretty spectacular in the here and now!

With your Moon and Venus in semisquare aspect, you may struggle between meeting your needs and fulfilling your wants. You may be attracted to men for all the wrong reasons, which can ultimately result in feeling that your needs are not met. One safeguard which will help you create more fulfilling relationships is to maintain an awareness of your feelings when you're in a vulnerable state. Give yourself time to heal, make the effort to achieve closure when relationships end, and watch your own motivations when you are entering relationships.

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.

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!

Love is like a key which opens the doorway to the depths of your consciousness. The influence of Venus in semisextile to Pluto brings the opportunity to experience personal regeneration through love. You may not always find it easy to open your heart, since you need such a powerful experience of love, and it's probably better to approach loving gradually instead of just diving in heart first. Since you're likely to experience more than one important love relationship in your life, you may discover that love has many features. You may run into your own resistance more than once in the course of experiencing love, especially if you feel that you might lose a part of yourself in the process. When you do find another whose heart welcomes your own, you can love deeply and passionately.

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Scorpio, you are seeking relationships which involve total connection. When you finally open your heart to love in an intimate relationship, you need to feel that you can create a true bond with your lover and mate. Halfway connections don't quite cut it, and if you're the one resisting, it's crucial that you discover the root of your fears or blocks. Your experience of compassionate love involves surrender to the processes of transformation, and that transformation may involve getting to the core of why you need intimacy in your life. Sexuality is certainly a part of the drive, but it is not for pure pleasure alone, nor is it for simple regeneration of the species. There is a link of energy formed during the process of intimacy which leads to the alchemy of loving, and it is that link which you are learning to understand more fully.

Beautiful words, poetic ideas and spiritual quests are all part of your fantasies of love with Mercury in sextile aspect to Neptune. And if you put your energy and focus into creating the manifestation of these ideals, you may actually see some of those dreams becoming real. You'll adore a man whose spirituality is genuine and whose ability to show compassion is part of the core of his being, because that is a reflection of a true part of yourself.

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.

You may not always trust your judgment concerning other people since Saturn in semisquare aspect to Neptune can create a frustrating sense of uncertainty. This can be

the result of your past experiences which have involved deception or loss, leading to an undermining of your trust of yourself. You may want to see the best in others, but have probably discovered that many people do not operate from this level. In intimate relationships, it is crucial to clarify your shared visions and hopes, since just assuming that you are on the same wavelength can lead to disappointment. It's important to avoid the tendency to isolate yourself just because you feel insecure. That isolation can add too much intensity to the insecurity. Certainly you need some privacy and time for contemplation, but you don't need to hide.

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.

Sometimes you're a bit cautious about opening your heart with Capricorn influencing your 5th House. One thing is certain: you will have to take responsibility for your actions, especially those involving love affairs and children. Since you feel that sense of responsibility, you may hesitate before you let yourself really open to the experience of giving love. You may also be afraid of love. Really, it's not love that you fear, but the possibility of losing it. What you must learn to trust is that love is eternal. Even when relationships end, the love continues on its course. Sometimes that course simply does not involve the physical presence of your lover! Saturn's influence here also tends to attract relationships which are karmic in nature: you're paying off debts of your soul through opening your heart. Resisting will not always work in these instances. Sometimes you just have to go with the flow and do what you know you have to do. There's that responsibility thing: but it's a responsibility to yourself most of all. In essence, you are a very sensual and earthy woman, and need close physical contact in your life. It's just that you sometimes cannot allow yourself to have that experience without first knowing that there's a commitment. Changing the nature of the commitment to one of respect, honor and trust is the perfect key to fully opening the door of your heart.

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.

Through the qualities of Pisces on your 7th House, you attract men who may not see you very clearly. It's easy for a man to project qualities of perfection onto you which only

add to your feelings of imperfection (especially when you feel you're not living up to his expectations). But you can also be guilty of not seeing the men in your life very clearly. You may be very attracted to a man who appears to be quite spiritual, artistic or sensitive, only to discover that he is not at all what you thought. You can also attract a man who needs to be repaired - emotionally or physically - and may do your best to try to fix him, support him, or improve him. You may feel that you have to sacrifice your own goals or needs so that he can realize his dreams. But these responses to being a partner border on codependency. And unless you know where to draw the line between support and martyrdom, you may end up feeling very used and abused by your mate. You can also go too far and become nagging, overly critical and difficult when you finally lose your patience with your mate. Since the energy of Neptune drives your approach to marriage and partnerships, you are capable of creating a relationship which can be spiritually alive and awake, but it takes some work on your part. You must learn to identify the difference between deception (including self-deception) and possible dreams. And you must practice forgiveness, tolerance and acceptance.

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 Cancer influencing your 11th House, signifying that your friendships have a very special place in your heart. Your friends provide a special form of nurturant support, and even though you may not always be able to be with them, you always feel connected. You do need at least occasional contact, and will enjoy sitting down with to a marvelous lunch or dinner with a girlfriend to talk about what's happening in your life and learn how she's doing. In fact, getting together for lunch may be the best way to keep your friendships alive, since the influence of the Moon in your friendships is so powerful. This means that your emotional ties to your friends are based upon very primary needs - the need to offer and experience care and support. You may find that it is not always easy to open your heart to receive love, since you probably feel more at ease when you're doing something for someone. But when you do open your heart and allow that love to flow in, you are doing something for somebody else: you're allowing them to connect to you. You're not likely to let just anybody in - only those who feel like they're part of your soul.

You may love spending time with your friends with Venus in your 11th House. This energy is likely to attract women friends and artistic individuals whose tastes and

refinement are appealing to you. Through shared efforts with friends, you may also strive to support and protect the arts within your community. You'll probably meet and establish your best friendships while pursuing your own artistic interests, and will appreciate friends who applaud your own talents. Sometimes you can be a little lazy about doing things for your friends - it's easier when they're doing something for you. But it's hard for you to say, "No" when your support is requested. It's a good idea to have a few parties which encourage camaraderie and sharing, and you may really like playing the role of the hostess with the mostest.

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 Virgo Ascendant, you project an aura of precision and discrimination. This can be very empowering, especially if your energy reflects self-confidence and self-assurance. But you're also very self-critical and can undermine your power by holding yourself back, or by going too far in understating your best qualities. There's a huge difference between understated sophistication and insecure inhibition in the way you dress, talk or act, and adopting a sense of self-acceptance can help you establish a more competent self-projection. You may not be power-hungry, and that's okay. But if you want to accomplish the realization of your aims, you need to embrace your personal power as a positive force and use your eye for detail and feel for quality to your best advantage. Just watch your tendency to offer too many critical "suggestions" to everyone around you. They may not be ready for the perfection you would like to see in them. If you try to force it on them through constant bickering or nagging, you'll quickly lose any power you've already gained!

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.

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 Gemini Midheaven you are keenly aware of the importance of developing your mind. The power of mind extends beyond the intellect, and the work you choose may reflect your desire to expand your own consciousness into the realm of understanding. You admire those who are intelligent and articulate and learn best from mentors who encourage you to pursue your interests in education and communication. If you fail to develop your capacity to link your thoughts and understanding with others in some way, you will feel less powerful. Also, utilizing your versatility is a major key to establishing your place in the world.

You may feel frustrated with your role in the world with your Moon in square aspect to your Midheaven. This is particularly true if you seem to be doing too much caretaking and accomplish little self-fulfillment. Listening to your inner needs and working to eliminate your old self-defeating subconscious messages is very important to you. If you try to ignore these subconscious motivations, you may find that you're caught up in situations which simply do not feel right.

You will accomplish your greatest sense of success when you are mentally challenged and learning something. With Mercury in square aspect to your Midheaven, your desires to share your ideas may sometimes run into confrontation, but that may only strengthen your resolve to get your point across. Developing your intellectual capacities and cultivating positive communication skills will go a long way toward helping you achieve the success you desire.

You are empowered by your own expression of artistry and feminine grace with Venus in sextile aspect to your Midheaven. Regardless of your career choices, you can

use the essence of being a woman to your advantage. You may enjoy a career in the arts but can also do very well in business, since you have an excellent sense of the value of things (and people).

You may have to re-evaluate your dreams from time to time with Neptune in quincunx aspect to your Midheaven. You can become disenchanted, particularly if you're following a path which seems to waste your talents and abilities. But you may also feel that your drive to accomplish success in the world vacillates. Listening to your inner voice in this regard can help, and knowing when you need to pull back can help you keep your energy strong. Work which makes a difference to the world in some way will be more fulfilling than just putting money in some guy's pocket. Your dreams of a better life can be distracting, especially if you always think that the grass is greener on the other side of that proverbial fence.

You may learn about power the hard way. With Pluto in square aspect to your Midheaven, you've probably experienced some disappointments in your lifetime which are the results of some type of abuse. Whether this abuse was physical or psychological, whether it was from the hands of someone you trusted or a system which failed you, you may feel that you can use your personal trauma as an excuse for lack of accomplishment. You may decide to set your targets on destruction, and you have the power to be quite destructive. But in the process you destroy yourself. Amazingly, you also have the capacity to use your pain to heal yourself and can experience a renewal of power which is unequalled. Then, your influence and use of power can have a very different effect: that of clearing the way for healing in the world around you.

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 Libra radiate through your 2nd House, and you may frequently feel that you are the woman who has champagne tastes and a beer budget. Learning how to manage your finances is very important. You do have excellent taste, and may always be drawn to the most expensive things in life - because you know quality when you see it. Before you give up on your ability to have all those things, go take a look in the mirror. Now, there's quality staring right back at you, and by developing your own gifts you can generate amazing resources. The problem is that little lazy side of you which sort of wishes that someone else would do it for you. Although you can make excellent use of your partner's resources, your personal esteem is much stronger when you know how to generate your own! With Venus ruling this house, your sense of self worth is crucial to

your financial success, and vice versa. You can be tempted to spend money you don't have when you're feeling low, and that only adds to the problem and diminishes your self worth. Developing financial objectivity is crucial to your sense of personal power.

With Jupiter in your 2nd House you have a great deal of confidence in your ability to attract and use your money, time and energy. Your optimism can be contagious, and when you've found something that makes you feel good, you may want to share what you've learned with others. For this reason, you're a natural in sales, teaching, advertising or investing. Since you probably like to travel, you may either use your resources toward traveling, or may find that work which involves travel is rewarding. The downfall of this placement is your tendency toward extravagance, since setting limits is quite difficult.

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.

Aries' impulsiveness drives your approach to sexuality, and you may be fascinated by the raw power of sexual energy. When you're attracted to someone, you don't mind being the assertive partner, although sometimes you jump into situations you're not really ready for emotionally. Learning to distinguish the difference between your desires and needs can be problematic, especially in your youth. Although you may be quite experimental in your approach to exploring your sexuality, if you're not emotionally ready for the bond created by sexual sharing, you may discover that you feel trapped. Power struggles can arise in your sexual life but are more likely to be experienced in the realm of joint finances. Responsible use of joint resources is different from impulsive spending which creates debt, and if you and your partner have different attitudes about money, you may discover that these attitudes are the source of your greatest conflicts with one another. If you're not in sync in your needs for intimacy, the money issue may flare up when you're really angry about the intimacy aspect of the relationship. It may be up to you to take the first steps in resolving these problems. Although just cutting away from the relationship may seem like the easiest way out if you've failed to address your deeper needs and

issues about intimacy, you'll repeat the same impulsive patterns with the next man.

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 Taurus, you may not feel comfortable in hot pursuit. You would prefer to draw your lover into your nest where you can then take charge. You do like sex; in fact, you are extremely sensual and can be a very patient lover with a strong sexual appetite. But you can also be extremely possessive, which can be your downfall. If you are feeling insecure, feelings of jealousy and possessiveness can emerge and undermine your sense of personal worth. And if there is trouble in a relationship, you can also become resentful, an emotion which drains your vitality. Once you've established a sense of personal security, these negative manifestations are diminished, and you may feel that you can build a more stable power base. But this requires trust in yourself and a desire to share your energy, time and resources.

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.

Through your Saturn in Sagittarius you can be philosophical about the way you use control. Education may be important too. Your sense of personal power is strong when your life is a reflection of your deeply held beliefs and ideals. You have to walk the talk in order to be totally free and alive. Because you may feel a strong need to share your thoughts and ideals with others, you may always be teaching (or preaching!). But the kind of teacher you become will be determined by whether or not you make room for real diversity. If you are caught in self-righteous idealism, you will ultimately lose power because you will then move away from the Source of Truth.

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.

You may be quite confident about yourself and your ability to achieve what you want from life. With your Sun and Saturn in trine aspect, you can use responsibility, self-discipline and structure to your advantage in building your security base. It is this base which strengthens your power as an individual. As you've matured, you've discovered the importance of focus, and are most successful when you have well-defined objectives. You can use your achievements as stepping stones, and will be most satisfied with your life when your choices reflect a clear sense of yourself as a whole woman.

You have the knack of using your ingenuity to your benefit with Saturn in trine aspect to Uranus. You may be blessed with many talents, but until you apply the discipline, effort and energy to them which are necessary to develop them to their fullest may only accomplish mediocre success. It can also be tempting to live vicariously through your talented children, although if you put your energy into supporting and guiding them to do what they need to do for themselves you'll learn something about yourself in the process! To become totally free to be yourself, you can use your respect for the traditions of the past and then alter them to support and reflect your unique self expression. You're the woman who will start family traditions of your own and can extend that same energy into the social system through your efforts in your career.

You can become stuck in your illusions with Saturn in semisquare aspect to Neptune. Those illusions which are fear-based create massive anxiety which can be a major power drain. If you feel unsupported, misunderstood or lost, look within yourself to determine if you've been expecting more of the world than it can offer. You must begin by finding the core of your own power inside yourself, and then find a way to link your compassion, hopes and dreams to the world around you. Exercising active spirituality is the key to knowing true spiritual power. Prayers alone will never accomplish what prayers and action together can do.

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.

Since you have Pluto in your 12th House you may be tempted to repress your emotions, particularly those which have to do with those deep needs which spring from the shadowy side of yourself. You may even have problems with depression or addictive behaviors which create a kind of emotional trap until you learn to delve into the depths of

your being and clean out the ghosts and dragons from your past which still haunt your dreams. Old resentments can also act like a potion which poisons your imagination and undermines your ability to trust your inner self. Once you've conquered your own demons, you may feel driven to help others confront their own, and can become an extremely effective healer.

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 walking through lush woodlands. You feel quite peaceful, and enjoy the smells, sounds and peace of your surroundings. As you walk deeper into the woods, you enter an open circular space surrounded by tall trees. The circle is outlined with beautiful stones and crystals, large enough to sit upon, polished to a soft luster. You walk over and choose a seat, and focus your attention on the center of the circle. Soft music begins to surround you, and you realize that you have been joined by eleven other women. You sit and sing together, feeling the energy and power of your song lifting your spirit. One of the women stands and walks toward you. She is a woman dressed in soft, flowing robes of muted colors. She carries with her a journal, closed with a clasp of pure platinum. She invites you to sit with her, and as you sit together, she opens her journal. You see that her hands are beautifully radiant. She begins to write and allows you to see what she is writing. Her words are your thoughts. There is the question you pondered yesterday. And following the question, is the answer, so simple and easy to understand. Then, she stands, places the journal in your hands and bids you good-by. Your experience with her reminds you that you have perfect knowledge and understanding if you will but stop to listen to your inner voice.

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