

# Just for Women

Astrological Profile for  
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## Your Chart Data

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Element	Mode
Sun	Cancer	00°Ca43'	11th	Water	Cardinal
Moon	Taurus	14°Ta24'	10th	Earth	Fixed
Mercury	Gemini	10°Ge17'	11th	Air	Mutable
Venus	Cancer	18°Ca25'	12th	Water	Cardinal
Mars	Gemini	08°Ge50'	11th	Air	Mutable
Jupiter	Aquarius	00°Aq32' R	06th	Air	Fixed
Saturn	Virgo	01°Vi34'	02nd	Earth	Mutable
Uranus	Cancer	00°Ca44'	11th	Water	Cardinal
Neptune	Libra	12°Li24' R	03rd	Air	Cardinal
Pluto	Leo	14°Le51'	01st	Fire	Fixed
Midheaven	Aries	18°Ar41'	10th	Fire	Cardinal
Ascendant	Leo	02°Le45'	01st	Fire	Fixed

House	Cusp Position	Elemental Balance	Modal Balance
01st	02°Le45'	3 Fire	5 Cardinal
02nd	27°Le54'	2 Earth	4 Fixed
03rd	23°Vi14'	4 Air	3 Mutable
04th	18°Li41'	3 Water	
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11th	04°Ge18'		
12th	06°Ca19'		

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## **Just for Women**

An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Meryl Streep

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 air energy, indicating that you function very easily on the mental plane. Living in the world of ideas, you may also gain strength when you are connected to others - at least mentally. Your social calendar is important, not because it's frivolous, but because you need to make contact. Most comfortable with others who are intelligent or interesting, you may be a natural in public relations. It's easy for you to stay in your head, which can be wonderful if you're involved in a mental project or study. But if you're stuck worrying, you may find it difficult to break the habit.

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 is Cardinal, indicating that your basic approach to life is one of getting things started. You're an initiator, and are happiest when you're beginning something new. This factor sometimes indicates an enhanced sense of courage and enthusiasm. A strong ability to get things going, maintain your inspiration, carry through with your commitments and complete projects. Your ability to deal with different styles and human diversity enhances your spirit of cooperation, and makes you a good choice for leadership positions. However, you also have an adequate level of fixed energy, which helps you maintain your focus and stability in the midst of change, and aids in your ability to complete your obligations.

When you view 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 Cancer you can radiate a kind of comfort and care which comes from the core of your being. You thrive most when you're taking part in nourishing - whether you're tending your garden, teaching others, safeguarding children or fostering growth in a company. You may express strong sentimentality due to your attachment to the past, and can be especially tenacious with situations, people and your goals. Emotional sensitivity is simply a part of your essence, although your protective shell can fool people.

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Leo. This signifies that you project a definite presence, a factor you can use to your advantage when you want to make a spectacular entrance. It's easy to command the attention of others (who may talk about you even when you're not around!). You can be quite comfortable in situations which call for direction or leadership and can engender loyalty from those under your influence. You may take extra care with your hair style, hats or other head adornments, since you know that they say a lot about who you are.

The energy of the Sun is associated with your Ascendant, and with the Sun in Cancer influencing your projected image, you may exude a warm comfort to those around you. Your personality may be quite inviting.

With Jupiter in opposition to your Ascendant you may have difficulty setting limits and can be entirely too scattered. The positive quality of this placement involves your ability to attract situations which allow you to reach beyond your limitations. However, in order to succeed you may have to limit the number of options you're pursuing at one time! Relationships with others can be a double-edged sword as well because you may gain great benefits through your association with a partner, but may not develop personal confidence in your abilities as an individual. Try to give yourself the same kind of enthusiastic support you offer to others and notice the difference!

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

## **Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self**

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

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

With your Moon in Taurus, you are a woman of substance. Your deep need to feel safe and stabilized may be seen through the way you go about creating your own safe haven in the world. You may love the embrace of your favorite chair and can feel invigorated when you get your hands in the earth. Even though other people may look to you for a feeling of shelter, you are not likely to resent it since you feel much more alive when you are surrounded by the people and things you love. The undercurrent of your energy is quite feminine, and your sensuality radiates in everything you do. Taking in love, beauty and the vital essence of life is easy for you, and when you love someone or something, you are not likely to change your feelings, regardless of what happens over the passage of time.

If you have children, they may sense that you will always be there, unwavering, in your support. Lovers, partners and friends can experience the same security, and you need consistent support from them, too (even though you might deny it!). Despite the fact that much of your life is dedicated to producing growth-oriented options for yourself and others, the part of growth which means letting go is not easy for you, and dealing with change is not easy, since you hate the thought of losing anything that has become a part of your life. You may suffer great pain following separation and loss, and may feel quite diminished if love goes wrong. By using your power of perseverance to sustain you, you can accomplish the realization of many hopes and dreams, and experience healing and renewal.

Since your Moon and Sun are in tense semisquare aspect to one another, you have some conflict between the feminine and masculine elements of your psyche. You may have grown up in a home in which your parents seemed to be at odds with one another, or in which you were caught in their conflict. In your own struggle to determine the strengths of being a woman, you may sometimes feel that your inner sensibilities are overridden by your need for recognition. With maturity you are learning that you can use your awareness and respect for your deeper emotional needs to act as a springboard for accomplishment and personal recognition.

Your Moon is positively supported through a connection to Venus, strengthening your ability to express your feelings and needs, and stimulating an enhanced social sensibility. A genuine concern for the welfare of others is quite easy for you, and your protective, caring nature leaves a lovely impression. Shows of affection are part of your identity, and your friends and family are likely to look forward to your smile and hugs. Your beauty shines through in

your words, actions and attitudes, and you may demonstrate true grace under pressure when you're faced with challenges. In relationships, your openness stimulates intimacy, and you trust your feelings to help guide you.

The energy of your Moon in semisquare to Uranus adds a rebellious quality to your femininity. You cannot maintain situations which are personally inhibiting without running headlong into your own needs for independence. The manner in which you stage your rebellions makes all the difference in whether or not they support your growth or undermine your effectiveness as a whole woman.

The energy of your Moon in quincunx aspect to Neptune indicates an enhanced emotional sensitivity. Sometimes you may be quite clear about the way you feel, but this influence provides a level of occasional confusion due to the difficulty you may have maintaining your emotional boundaries. You may feel that you sometimes just want to escape from it all, and during these periods can be rather distant and hard to reach. If you're uncertain or do not want to make a commitment, your vagueness can be very effective, although quite frustrating to those who would like to hear a definitive answer from you. There are also those times when you open the doors to your soul and cannot give enough of yourself.

There is a corresponding cycle involving the amount of influence you experience from others, too, and you may fall victim to deceit or illusion. It is this experience which yields a feeling of mistrust of yourself, but it is counterproductive to close away or deny the truth. If you've learned denial from your early life experiences, that may seem to be the most plausible manner of dealing with personal tragedy or challenge. Yet you feel extremely uncomfortable when you fall into the trap of denial, because you can never hide from yourself. Fortunately, you have the capability of rising to the occasion and extracting yourself from emotionally destructive situations, but you have to see them first!

Through the tense square between your Moon and Pluto in your chart, your emotionality is extremely intensified. You may hold some deep-seated resentments, and can hang onto guilt eternally unless you make an effort to release it. Your trust of your own power as a woman can be undermined, especially if you felt emotionally abused as a child. It is quite possible that you were mistreated because one of your parents resented your being there, but you may also have been simply struggling for survival in a situation which provided little emotional nurturance. Regardless of the particulars of your early conditioning, you do have the capability to healing these old wounds through the same energy which has sustained their pain.

You may be drawn to relationships for the pure physical pleasure and stimulation they provide, but may not want to feel emotionally close due to your lack of trust. Yet deep within your soul you may long for that bonding which results from the alchemy of two souls merging. Since you were not issued an instruction manual about how to deal with people when you entered this life, you need to give yourself plenty of time and room to research human nature and human emotion. Safe circumstances like a friendship with someone who shares your interests can give you a chance to learn about trust - but you must be honest about your feelings! Even though you might think that you would prefer to live apart from society, fitting into social situations can help you trust yourself more fully, because interacting with others helps you develop objectivity. To have the love and tenderness you need from others, you must learn forgiveness, too. That forgiveness begins within yourself, and releasing tension and stress while also letting go of the burdens from your past will help you feel much more light, alive and free. Then, and only then, can you feel good about the power of being a whole woman.

Your Moon is in the Last Quarter Moon Phase of the Lunation Cycle, symbolizing an element of conflict which is at the core of your personal growth and understanding. This cycle has often been described as a crisis in consciousness, since you may feel that you are turning away from the old and moving toward a new level of inspiration and understanding. The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of the Warrior, stimulating a passion for existence which allows you to develop clarity, liberation and self-confidence. Through "The Warrior Woman," you learn about fervent sensuality, courage and sexual freedom. Your experience of this ideological conflict may arise through your need to break away from false ideals and to reorient yourself to a new way of being, thinking and living.

What you learned from your mother and her generation about being a woman may not fit with what you are experiencing, although some aspects of your experience from her may ring true. The tricky part is finding your own way without totally destroying the path you've been taught. You are a revolutionary, and although revolutions can be radical and extreme in their outcome, they do not have to be entirely bloody! It is as though you have a fragile egg which needs to be moved to a different nest. First, you must create the new nest, then you must make the journey without breaking the egg, then you must settle in for a time. After that, it's up to the egg.

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 Cancer, you experience beauty at a deep, emotional level. You love things that make you feel comfortable, warm and secure, and appreciate people and surroundings that make you feel at home. You also have the knack of generating a warm, protective environment, whether at work or at home. Music may be an especially important part of your life, and if you sing, you may have a soothing voice. You innately know how to utilize the beauty which arises from being a woman, and may have a special appreciation for the feminine qualities of life. Watery colors compliment your energy - greens and silvery blues - and may feel good in your environment, or you might like wearing them. Flowing, soft clothing styles allow you to express your easy grace, and you may enjoy wearing skirts and pants alike, as long as they're comfortable. Babies and children may always be drawn to you, because they can feel your nurturant energy.

In your close relationships, you can be quite the caretaker, and might even enjoy the domestic side of life. At the least, you enjoy eating good food, and if you have the time and inclination may become quite a good cook. Tender touch and warm embrace have a powerful effect upon you, and you need to receive as many hugs as you give. You can be somewhat protective and possessive of those you love, and may have difficulty when your children leave the nest. But that's okay. Your love can reach beyond the barriers of time and space.

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 Libra, you are part of the generation which has been fascinated with beauty, the idea of peace and the hope of a perfect world. Perfect relationships are part of the perfect world, but it is your very generation that has blasted through the illusion of dysfunctionality. Your role as a woman within a relationship is one you are creating, along with the other women of your generation, born from 1942 to 1956. By holding a collective image of truly egalitarian and fair-minded relationships, where each person can fully express themselves, you have been part of a global change. The effects of this change are still manifesting.

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

With Pluto in Leo, you are part of a generation of women born 1938 - 1957 who have had to learn about manifesting power and breaking the illusion of the patriarchy. You are among the women who have reshaped society. If you've developed a career, you may have done so against an old system. Instead of destroying that power base, your task within the collective is to change the nature of power through love and creativity, and through honoring the sanctity of life.

## 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.

Even when you're expressing your assertiveness and will, your emotional sensitivity acts as a filter. You innately know that expressing your masculine side has nothing to do with acting like a man, but that, instead, you can assert yourself and enjoy the edge that being a woman confers. Your projection of the masculine has a feminine quality - Cancer is a feminine water sign! Before you can readily assert yourself, you must "get a feeling" for the person or situation; it's almost as though you turn inward before you turn outward. It may be difficult for you to stand up to boisterous, power-hungry individuals, and your shields are likely to go up when you're confronted with circumstances that seem to assault your vulnerability. However, once you're more at home with a situation, your sensitivity will help you navigate through it more gracefully than some of those rowdy types of individuals. You appreciate sensitive men, although you may attract men who need to be mothered. As you've discovered, there are many ways to nurture, and these will be explored later on in your report. However, you may also think you need a man to protect you. When you step back and look at it, who is protecting whom? Your drive to accomplish recognition may be stimulated by your need to create the security you need for yourself and your family, and once you have children, they may take first priority.

Before you know it, you can get in over your head. The influence of your Sun in quincunx aspect to Jupiter stimulates a powerful restlessness and desire to push beyond your limits. The problem is seeing the limits in the first place! For you, they need to be made out of rubber in order to stretch as frequently as you would like.

You're probably quite ambitious, since the energy of your Sun in sextile to Saturn stimulates your need to gain respect. Taking responsibility for yourself seems only natural, and you are more likely to feel that you do not need anyone, including a husband, to take care of you. But you will enjoy relationships which provide an opportunity for each person to succeed and develop themselves. Your attitude toward men is probably healthy, although you may be quite happy that you are a woman.

The influence of your Sun conjunct Uranus stimulates an immense need to develop your self-assertiveness and individuality. Finding yourself may involve taking a path which is out of the ordinary, but that's to be expected since you're an extraordinary woman! You may wonder why you seem to attract men into your life who are unattainable or distant, and it could just be that the root of the problem is that you do not want to be tied down. Part of owning the masculine element of your psyche is the experience to allowing yourself to be a woman on your own terms.

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

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not "feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!

With Mars in Gemini, you can be a bit of a mischief-maker. Sometimes you may not mean to get things stirred up, but you have a knack for igniting action through your words. Getting out into the world is relatively easy for you, and you may be able to connect with your assertive masculine drive by developing an understanding of your psychological nature. You may feel quite at ease in the company of men and women alike, since you present a generally non-threatening quality.

You can hold yourself back by giving into your fears and anxieties. The influence of Mars in square aspect to Saturn prompts you to distrust your own abilities, and you may feel frustrated by your personal limitations. Getting stuck in your personal limitations can be virtually paralyzing, but you do have options. If there is something you really want, you can break the inertia and move gradually and steadily toward achieving it. But first, you must release yourself from the fear which is blocking your path. It may be the result of feeling too limited by the men who've controlled your life, whether they were father, brother, teacher or lover. Learning to satisfy yourself is not easy, but it is a strong desire. That desire alone can blast through the wall of fear which has penned in your energy. Memories of failure are the past. You're creating the present and future!

You can be a little lazy with Mars trine Neptune. After all, why should you go to all that trouble when what you want is only an arm's length away? It can also be easy to allow others to do things for you, instead of doing them for yourself. Through this energy, you attract many of the things you want, especially if you've clearly visualized having them. When you do want to accomplish something, you also use your inner sense to help you be more finely tuned. You know how to play the "inner game" to get what you want from life. Whether in athletic pursuits or preparing to make a presentation at work, when you see yourself doing it, your actions automatically follow through. However, you must assert action to create response from the world.

## **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 quick wit and intelligence are strongly evident in your manner of speaking and writing with Mercury in Gemini. Diverse interests keep you quite busy, and you may enjoy a wide variety of friends, too. Always on the lookout for something different, you can be easily distracted, especially if you're not particularly interested in your current focus or situation. A flexible thinker, you may be quite capable of listening to diverse points of view and finding the common ground. Your interest in human nature may prompt you to study psychology, literature or sociology, but you can also operate very nicely in any situation requiring good people skills. You have a special affinity for understanding and communicating with young people and always project an attitude which belies your age. You may be quite adept in abstract thinking, but probably prefer ideas to numbers.

With Mercury conjunct Mars, you may have little patience when it comes to learning new things. You like to get to the point. Although you seem argumentative, sometimes you take the other side of a subject just to keep the conversation moving. Exciting communication is much more your style. Your mind may never seem to stop.

Your imagination and creativity enhance your intellectual development with Mercury in trine aspect to Neptune. You may be a gifted writer, artist, actress or photographer-- and whether or not you develop these talents, you have an excellent eye for that which is beautiful and enthralling. You perform at your peak in an environment which is serene and inspires your visionary manner of thinking.

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

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

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! You may embrace a philosophy which embraces the diversity of humankind with Jupiter in Aquarius. Developing your mind is an important priority in your life, and you can be quite intellectually adept. Your original ideas are part of your charm, and others may be impressed by your ability to integrate new concepts into existing structures. Your interest in other cultures and ability to relate to people from many walks of life may lead to your study of human relations, sociology or business management.

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

Jumping into situations with inadequate preparation can be a problem with Jupiter in quincunx aspect to Uranus. In educational pursuits and career development you may always feel a bit dissatisfied unless you have ample freedom to do things your own way. You may need a bit of structure, however, to avoid becoming too distracted, and therefore accomplishing very little.

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

Your approach to education and work are very much alike: keep everything in order and on track. With Saturn in Virgo, you function best when you have a plan. You can be overly critical of yourself and others, especially if you're taking life too seriously and cannot see the humor in the midst of your challenges. You may actually enjoy attending to the details and learning the

facts about different things, but can become too caught up in the minutia. Remember the old adage: can't see the forest for the trees....

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

Your approach to thinking, learning and communicating is quite analytical with Virgo ruling your 3rd House. You may enjoy learning, and can develop a good relationship with your teachers. However, you are quite sensitive to criticism and can be too critical of yourself or your own intellectual abilities. You're probably more intelligent than you realize! Your ability to illustrate detail is evidenced by your writing and speaking, and you may be a consummate storyteller and convincing reader (ask your children!). With Mercury ruling your 3rd House you enjoy the support and interaction created through networking with others, and may have a special interest in education or children's issues.

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 necessarily 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 type 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 are definitely an idealist with Pisces on the cusp of your 9th House. Your vision of the world as a better place with opportunities for true peace and harmony can be quite a powerful driver in your quest to improve your own life. In higher educational pursuits, you may be more inclined to study philosophy, religion, political science and the arts than you are drawn to math or science. It's tempting for you to impose your ideals or beliefs upon others who may seem less "enlightened," but you may need to show some restraint in this regard if you are to experience the peace you dream about. With Neptune ruling this house you can use your ability to visualize to aid you in your learning pursuits, and to help you create the world as you desire to experience it.

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

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

You're probably surrounded by friends who share your interests, and those interests usually

involve enjoying life. With Gemini on the 11th House, maintaining contact is important, and you may feel that you need a lot of gadgets, like telephones, computers, cars or other devices which help you stay in touch. Your goals may include accumulating these things, but your larger goal is staying connected! With Mercury ruling this house, you may think of a lot of goals you would like to follow, but may not stay focused upon them. You may understand that what you think you become. As you have matured, are realizing the importance of focusing your thoughts more clearly in order to create a life which reflects your true values and needs.

With your Sun in the 11th House, you need goals which will give you an opportunity to gain recognition. You may have interests in community affairs, politics, or professional development which can ultimately take you into positions of leadership. Your personal development and educational endeavors may include public relations, management or counseling skills, and you may find that you become a role model for others who wish to follow in your footsteps.

Your ability to use your mental energy in a direct manner when working toward your goals is highly accentuated with Mercury in your 11th House. Networking with others who share your interests, making connections with people in your community, staying in touch with professional friends - all these activities are driven by the energy of Mercury in this house. Your speaking and writing ability can aid you in achieving your goals, and by developing your intellect and understanding, you can rise further, faster in your personal and professional growth.

When you have a goal, your action, energy and courage play a significant part in achieving it with Mars in your 11th House. You may enjoy challenges and can accomplish more if you are met with situations which require you to rise to the occasion. You may also prefer to stir up activity levels when things start to get a little boring or stale. Choosing the outlets within your community and among your friends and professional associates which will allow you to make a difference can be very important. But you may also find that you become too involved in the social side of life and lose track of your larger goals. When you do focus on your aims, you have no trouble doing whatever is necessary to make them happen.

Your approach to goals is stimulated by a need to express your individuality with Uranus in the 11th House. You may take an unconventional approach to achieving your aims, and operate best in situations which allow you plenty of freedom and room for independent action. Political and community affairs may be of interest to you, and if you become involved in such activities, you may be responsible for stimulating revolutionary change. Your choice of friends and associates, personally and professionally, is likely to be quite diverse.

## **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 to find true peace with Libra on the cusp of the 4th House. But you are, by nature, a restless woman, and may not find that peace simply by getting everything right "in the world." Your inner harmony depends upon your ability to strengthen your real values, and these may have a very long history. The influence of Venus on this house is also powerful through its connection to the sign of Libra, indicating the importance of establishing a clear connection between the love you need and the love you express through your actions, words and creativity.

There are no planets in your 4th House indicating that you may not assert a strong level of conscious energy in building a connection to your soul. This does not mean that you cannot achieve an inner sense of recall regarding your soul's history or your deeper needs, but indicates instead that you may find the doorway through other activities or experiences beyond your connection to your family of origin or their traditions. To further understand this gateway to your soul, study the sign on the cusp of this house explained above for the influences which will help you remember your spiritual past.

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 Aquarius on the cusp of your 8th House you may be exceptionally curious about the experiences of birth, sexuality, death, healing and human psychology. You may love physical sensations which lead you to the experience of ecstasy, but are also fascinated with the possibilities beyond the physical. Experimenting with different ideas and techniques which are designed to heighten your awareness can enhance your life, but you may need to exercise some caution to avoid the shock of getting into something when you are inadequately prepared. You may be quite psychic and can have an amazing sense of the future. However, the influence of Uranus as ruler of this house adds a sporadic nature to your psychic sensibilities.



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.

You are quite sensitive with Cancer on the cusp of your 12th House. Although you may protect your sensitivities with an aura of confidence, you feel everything around you. It is important that you have a comfortable and safe environment for your sleeping and resting periods, otherwise, you may not rest at all. Your dreams can be quite vivid and full of emotion, filled with images of days gone by and people from your past. But your super-conscious self may also take you into dream states which are somewhat prophetic. Your Moon is also tied to this house, adding a need to become clear about your subconscious motivations and deeper feelings. When using visualization techniques, it is important to allow your emotions to work for you to attain your desires. If you try to repress your feelings about your desires, you will only experience frustration.

You may have great compassion for humanity with Venus in your 12th House. The stimulation to give loving support arises from this influence, and whether you've chosen to direct this energy toward your family and loved ones or into your community through some type of service, your own heart is filled when you're reaching out. But you also have a powerful emotional sensitivity, and when there is conflict, turmoil or pain around you, you can feel it deep within your own heart. This may stimulate your creativity in a particular manner, and regardless of your creative outlets, you have the capability to reach others through your artistry. To maintain your own inner harmony, you need to practice forgiveness for yourself and others, and may become an example of true peace and serenity when you're allowing the currents of love to flow through you.

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

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

There are other points related to the Moon which you'll find in your chart. They are called the Moon's Nodes, and are not planets, but points in space. The influence of the Moon's Nodes is felt on an inner level. From the South Node, you learn about your past and the natural

inclinations which may influence many of your subconscious choices. In some ways, the South Node suggests old habits. The North Node of the Moon suggests a spiritual and emotional challenge, and represents the directions you may feel compelled to follow in your evolutionary path.

Your North Node in Aries challenges you to develop your courage, independence and assertiveness as part of your spiritual growth and self-discovery. You may be drawn into situations which require you to stand up for yourself or to fight for your position, and although your preference might be to just allow situations to resolve themselves, it is important to take action. Finding yourself involves finding your convictions and creating your own path. With the South Node in Libra your tendency to rely upon others to take care of you or forge the pathways for your development has to be abandoned in favor of self-confidence and free thought and action if you are to grow into wholeness. Self-determination is your key to fulfillment.

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!

Your insights may be highly valued by your friends with Uranus in your 11th House. You can also be quite adept at pinpointing the special talents and gifts of others, which can be quite encouraging when someone is seeking their particular path. Innovative approaches to fulfilling community needs may also give you an excellent opportunity to exercise your ingenuity and intuitive sensibilities.

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.

You have a penetrating awareness with Pluto in your 1st House and may be fascinated with the prospects of developing your psychic sensibilities. Although you may be quite perceptive, you can also become obsessive, and learning how to pull back on your intensity will allow you to grow more rapidly.

## Nurturing and Creating a Home

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

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

Your Taurus Moon is hungry for stability and continuity. You can nourish that need by creating a safe haven for yourself, and when you're nurturing others, feel that it's important that they are safe and secure as well. Your protective nature is quite prominent, and you feel good when you provide emotional (and physical) shelter for a child, lover or husband. Sometimes, you may feel that you need to hold on to everything and everyone, and can project all your energy into protecting your assets. Learning to trust is nurturing for you, and that means allowing some things and some people to leave your care. You feel most nurtured when you are close to the beauty and harmony of Mother Nature. Gardening and farming may feel good, or you might even enjoy building things, including houses or furniture. When you're feeling low, sitting under your favorite tree with your feet in the grass can be rejuvenating. Or you might prefer the pleasures of a massage. Indulging your sensual needs helps to fill your soul so that you have energy in your own storehouse to give to others. Just remember that the balance between giving and receiving is difficult to maintain.

Saturn also plays a positive role in nurturance. Despite the bad rap Saturn sometimes receives, this energy is necessary to your stability and growth. Through Saturn, you learn to take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Saturn also seems to be the repository of your fears, and it's important to understand and deal with these emotions in order to be whole. Trying to repress such feelings blocks your ability to feel the positive, supportive energy that life has to offer. In many respects, the energy of Saturn is played out in your life by your experience with authority figures. Your mother and father, extended family and teachers were your primary

Saturnian influences when you were a young girl, and their direction and guidance still whisper in the way you approach establishing your personal security. As an adult woman, you express Saturn through the manner in which you take responsibility for yourself and your needs for stability and security.

It's quite clear that you have preferences, and you may even be a bit fanatical about setting up a plan of action or organizing your life. With Saturn in Virgo, you have a very critical eye, and may see the problems before you find the strengths. In expressing your nurturant side, this influence supports your desire and ability to teach and guide others. But you must always remember to tolerate the differences between individuals and to allow them to grow at their own pace. The pattern of your life may be the beginning for others who will ultimately go their own way with greater confidence gained through your example.

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.

Libra's influence on the cusp of your 4th House adds a sense of style and refinement to your home environment. You love being surrounded by beautiful things and may have a wonderful eye for color and design. Your home may feature works of art and fine decor, and you can be somewhat meticulous about making sure that everything seems to create a sense of balance. The energy of Venus is associated with this house in your chart, influencing an inviting atmosphere and friendly home environment which probably draws your friends and family. You may love entertaining and may be quite gracious to your guests, although you do appreciate them most when they observe proper rules of behavior and don't mar the furniture!

Just because you don't have planets in your 4th House don't think that you will not have a home! The sign on the cusp of this house, explained above, gives you clear information about your approach to building your nest, and the planet associated with that sign indicates the energy you use to accomplish that task.

## **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.

Making your way in the world and establishing your own place is aided by the influence of Aries at your Midheaven. Your keen sense of ambition keeps you moving forward in the face of competition; you're not likely to collapse in intimidation. You need a life path and career which allow you to exercise some independence, and prefer work which is challenging and exciting. You may also forge new territory through your career or volunteer efforts, and can be the woman who makes progress where others have failed. Your key to personal fulfillment rests in your ability to initiate, and you may love a career which gives you the room and opportunity to blaze trails. The energy of Mars influences the manner in which you illuminate your path to success. You may enjoy working in a field which is physically active and may have a special affinity for working with children. The courage of your convictions provides the strength you need to realize your hopes.

Since you have Mars in Gemini, you need to be careful about your tendency to scatter your energy on the job. Getting too many things going at once can leave you feeling that you'll never accomplish anything. You can be an very assertive communicator in your career. You'll fare nicely in sales positions and may do well in public relations.

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.

One of the reasons you make such a powerful impression on people is because you usually go into situations prepared. Capricorn's influence on your 6th House indicates that you do not mind hard work when it will get you somewhere. You may demand a great deal from yourself, and if you're in positions of management, can also demand a lot from others, too. You may look for ways to take advantage of the talents of others and may be the mistress of utilizing resources, like technology, to make your job easier. Saturn's rulership of this house adds the energy of responsibility to your work ethic, and shows that in order to achieve the success you desire you will have to put forth the necessary discipline. You might work well in hierarchical situations but will prefer to be near the top of the ladder.

Work which provides an opportunity to travel, enhance your mind and feed your spirit is most appealing and satisfying. Jupiter's energy in your 6th House brings a high level of confidence and good humor which is always appreciated on the job. You may be perfectly suited for work in academia, whether in the roles of teacher or professor, administrator, or board member. Work in diplomatic relations, sales, promotion, fund-raising and fields which are related to religion, publishing and travel are all excellent choices. Environmental and nature-related fields may also be good choices, and you may have a special affinity for animals which can be translated into your job. Whatever your choices, you need to feel that there's ample room for growth, expansion and a positive future.

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!

Sagittarius' influence on your 5th House adds a need for adventure in your approach to play, creativity and recreation. When you have time to travel, explore the world, interact with people from different backgrounds, attend workshops or classes or read, your creativity is inspired. You may love getting into nature, and may find that adding a dimension of reaching into unexplored territory is an excellent source for personal regeneration. A little competition can also spur you to reach into your own creative soul and express dimensions of yourself you might otherwise leave unattended. With Jupiter ruling your 5th House you may feel most inspired by situations which open all the fences and allow you to explore freely and independently.

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.

Regardless of your priorities, you will feel successful only when you've created a real sense of security with your Sun in Cancer. Defining this security is a very personal thing, and you must be happy with your own definition. Your work, your roles within your family, and your creativity all depend upon your sensitivity in this regard, since when you're insecure, you hang on tenaciously to everybody and everything. But when you're feeling stabilized, you don't even over-water the plants!

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

With Uranus in Cancer you've been born into a life of society's revolution within the family and have experienced the development of new insights into emotional needs. Along with other women born from 1948 to 1956, your revolution has been fought in the kitchen, over matters of reproduction, and at family reunions. You've changed the roles women play and the expectations of women in the world, consequently bringing an evolution in family relationships and within society itself: an evolutionary change which is continuing in its effects. Your shared insights have included a world where girls and women have the same opportunities as boys and men. To understand where you are creating this revolution within your own life, look to the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

With the energy of Uranus in your 11th House you may be involved in work which serves the needs of your community. From social work, to teaching, to consulting, to city planning and beyond - you can be quite comfortable in situations which allow you to bring change into the world by working cooperatively with others who share your ideals.

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 Sagittarius, strengthening your desire to achieve a life purpose which is centered upon accomplishing, understanding and embracing truth. Your fascination with culture, religion and education may be expressions of this deeper need. Even if your career does not lead you into these areas, many of your life experiences are likely to be connected to your search for truth and need for understanding. Although education may be part of your life purpose, your real wisdom is likely to be developed through your life experiences. It is from this perspective that your ability to teach and guide others will be most positive.

With Chiron in your 4th House the impact of your family ties is very important. Your yearning for a deep connection to family may not be fulfilled until you find your own security and create your own family. Weaving your own heritage and family traditions into your life experience can be both healing and stabilizing. Trying to completely abandon them will only leave you feeling disconnected from yourself.

## **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!

Immersing yourself in love, surrounded by a warm embrace and tender caress, lets you just sink into the feeling that life is truly worthwhile. With Venus in Cancer you love deeply and experience love as a process which involves growth, change and continuity. When you love someone, it's natural for you to fall into the role of caretaker, since for you, nurturing is a natural part of loving. Sometimes you can express your love in a manner which feels a bit claustrophobic, and to avoid creating alienation, you need to pay attention when your husband, lover or even your kids seem to need a little more personal space (or room to make their own mistakes!). You're quite sensitive, and can be easily hurt, especially if you've jumped into a romantic situation too soon. Learning how to fulfill more of your own needs is crucial, since you can project a feeling of neediness, which may not be the best basis for a relationship. Allowing yourself to have what you want and need from life may be difficult at first, but it is the crucial ingredient in experiencing a fuller, more rewarding experience of love. You open your heart more fully when you feel safe and secure, and love more deeply when you're focused on creating your perfect love nest.

Harmonious relationships can be easier to create with the help of your Moon in sextile to Venus, but you still have to put efforts into your close ties if you are to experience the best from them. It's easy for you to compliment those you care about, and giving of yourself feels good. Your own self esteem is strong enough to allow you to gracefully accept compliments, gifts and loving gestures from others too. Expressing your feelings comes easily, and this alone can enhance your ability to attain true intimacy with someone you love.

All the romantic rambling you've heard about love has probably gotten on your nerves. With Venus in semi-square aspect to Saturn you require proof of the reality of love. Of course, the fact that love is not tangible is the first problem. Sure, there are a few tangible things that help to confirm that somebody cares, but you just can't get your hands on love itself. You have to feel it, and that means you have to trust yourself. It's okay to test the trust you have within a relationship. It's probably even necessary. In the interim you have the experience of loving and allowing someone to get close to you. That is the tangible reality. Yet beyond the physical plane is something more, with a value that can be measured only in terms of how much you've opened your heart and listened to the melody of love. You may feel only disappointment if you become too selfish, since the love that vibrantly began will seem to wither. Staying open, allowing the flow - in and out, giving and receiving - will help to remove the blocks and encourage love to grow.

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!

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Libra, you have been inundated with endless images, stories and myths about true love and romance. You've dreamt of the perfect marriage and may have believed that you would, indeed, be rescued by that perfect prince. But as you've grown up, you've found out that the prince may not only be late, but that he may not arrive at all! Hope springs eternal, however, and thanks to open discussion about relationship, you've also learned about addiction, codependency and dysfunctionality and some ways to get out of these patterns and traps. Rule number one: Create your own dream by understanding yourself and your needs. From that point, you begin to separate from the trap of the collective still searching for the perfect other, and from the beacon of your own soul, you send out a light that attracts someone who may, indeed, fit your needs quite nicely after all.

Since your Moon and Neptune are in quincunx aspect to one another, you sometime have trouble seeing things as they are. That includes people, and if someone appeals to your need to rescue, you may jump right in - even if your life was running on a different course. Keeping a close connection to your inner self is imperative, or you run the risk of confusing compassion with martyrdom.

Since you have Mercury in trine aspect to Neptune, you're the perfect candidate for creating wonderful representations of love and compassion through your words. Your lyrical abilities can extend to the way you talk and your mannerisms may be quite fascinating. You may actually attract more men than you realize, since you do spend some time in your own inner world. And it is that quality which is at work when you finally let go and share your life and fantasies with someone you adore. Promise yourself to always make time to get away with your lover so your dreams have a safe place to overtake your life - for at least a little while.

With Mars and Neptune in trine aspect to one another your experiences with men may help to sustain your faith in healthy relationships. Although you have your ideals, you can also assert yourself when you need to pursue something different beyond your relationship. For example, if you need to feel satisfied through a career, you can do that without threatening the integrity of a supportive relationship. You will grow most fully in a relationship which sustains you on multiple levels - physical, emotional and spiritual.

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.

The feeling of opening your heart to love brings pure joy with Sagittarius influencing your 5th House. You've experienced the transformative power of joy more than once in your life, and know that when you reach out and give of yourself to others, the energy you receive in return can be sweet indeed. You may attract a wide variety of relationships over the course of your life, and may be especially interested in relationships with men whose backgrounds are different from your own. There's more adventure that way! You love to travel, and will probably enjoy sharing travel with your sweetheart (although sometimes, traveling alone makes your heart sing, too). When you fall in love, you really go for it; sometimes you may act too quickly, before you've had a chance to think about what you're doing. Just because the guy is gorgeous and knocks your socks off, that does not necessarily mean it's safe to change your life for him! Jupiter's influence here adds a confidence and enthusiasm to your approach to loving; sometimes it adds too much enthusiasm, so remember to take a deep breath and try to think before you leap from the cliffs of the 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.

With the qualities of Aquarius filtered through your 7th House you are likely to attract a partner whose needs for independence and autonomy are as strong as your own. It is imperative that you connect with a mate or husband whom you respect and who will respect you. This will occur most readily once you have developed your own self-respect and when you know how to avoid too much self-absorption. Although you may think you want complete autonomy, you really do love the idea of attentive support from a partner. With the energy of Uranus driving your approach to partnerships, you will be most successful when you develop the experience of unconditional acceptance and learn to project that toward the person who shares your life.

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 Gemini influencing your 11th House, signifying that your friendships are forged through a meeting of the minds. When you get together with your girlfriends, you always have a lot to talk about. You probably have friends from a variety of backgrounds and with myriad interests. With your closest friends you are drawn together because you think alike. Sometimes it may seem that you part and greet one another in mid-conversation, but that's okay. The mental link you have to one another probably keeps the connection strong enough that you don't ever really lose anything in your understanding. Mercury's energy influences your friendships by forging a bridge of understanding, and it is through developing your mental connection that you unlock the doors to your heart. You feel most supported when you know you have somebody who will listen. This is one of the best ways to allow love to flow into your life.

The Sun's influence in your 11th House draws the support of special and influential friends. You may rely upon your friends to help you achieve a truly objective perspective about yourself and your goals. You can also play a very powerful role in the lives of your good friends, who will see your light and understanding as an important part of their own success. Since you tend to identify with your friends, it's crucial to choose friends who will be a positive influence in your life and whose aims and objectives are in harmony with your higher needs. You will definitely be known by the friends and associations you maintain.

Sharing understanding and speaking the same language (figuratively) is important to you with Mercury in your 11th House. Talking with your friends may be a high priority, and you can go out of your way to make yourself accessible so that this link can be maintained. Your friends also give you something to talk about, but you have to be careful to avoid excessive gossip! You may have friends in a broad age group, and will be likely to attract the friendship of young people throughout your life. You like the way young minds think, and since youthful ideas keep your own aims spinning, it's fun to spend time around these inquiring minds.

Participating in activities with your friends can be invigorating with Mars in your 11th House. You may even rely on your friendships to motivate you, although you can be quite a motivator yourself when others are counting on your support. Your display of courage and strength attracts friends, and working together to accomplish something important can forge a powerful bond with your friends. You may have several male friends, and will probably like women who are rather independent and assertive. If you're uncertain of your own power or do not stand up for yourself, you may attract "friends" whose influence can bring turmoil and disruption into your life. Also, if you've not found positive ways to deal with your anger, you may attract other people with whom you create destruction. These disrupters are not really friends in the truest sense, especially if they're always helping you get into trouble. It may be up to you to develop your Mars assertiveness powerfully enough so that you can break your ties.

The dynamic energy of Uranus in your 11th House attracts a broad spectrum of friendships. You can relate to almost anyone, although your closest friends will be those whose aims and ideals are expressed through interests similar to your own. When you were a young girl, you probably had friends from many different backgrounds, and you may have run into some conflict with your parents over some of your more controversial friends. Now that you are a woman, you may still have unusual friends, and will cherish those who are proud to be different. You may even join with them to fight for their rights or champion humanitarian causes. Although the ideal of unconditional love is quite easy for you to understand, you may not always feel satisfied with the give and take of friendship, and will discover a broad gap between the walk and the talk. Your quest is to incorporate a true sense of power within the

context of individuality, and to bring revolution into the world of apathy. Of course, you might prefer a revolution of ideas and change in ideologies rather than a revolution of guns, violence and destruction. Therefore, it's imperative that you have some clarity about connecting with others whose aims are truly pure and motivated by positive change for the good of humanity.

## **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 Leo Ascendant you can demonstrate a strong sense of presence. You may feel that you are only powerful when your presence is acknowledged by others and can even be demanding in your desire for attention when you're feeling insecure. The more demanding you become, the less powerful you are. The respect and admiration you desire arises when others show their loyalty from love, not from fear. Although you may think you always operate from a pure heart, take a careful look. Have you, in your need to establish yourself, been too self-absorbed? Self-awareness and self-absorption are very different. In the instance of self awareness, you are also sensitive to the needs and desires of others as individuals. This can be especially trying in relationship to your children. You can be such a marvelous light in their lives, and the path you've forged in the world can provide inspiration to them. If you try to force your will too strongly without honestly assessing what they may need or want for themselves, you may lose their deep trust. You demonstrate your greatest power when your actions, words and attitudes radiate from the heart of love. Then, your self-assurance is genuine and shines brilliantly through a regal personality.

Pluto's energy in your 1st House brings power issues into your life at an early age. Whether you were involved in a family situation which was somewhat overwhelming or if you had experiences which lead to feelings of abandonment, you've probably learned to distrust others and may even distrust yourself. You are actually quite aware of what is happening beneath the

surface, but you may not let many people know that you have this awareness. A sensitive person will be able to tell, and may even support your awareness, unless they have something to hide. To truly express your personal power, you may first have to do some work within yourself addressing your issues which stem from guilt, shame or disappointment. If you allow these negative feelings to hang on, they undermine your power and confidence. But once you've released yourself, the healing process itself empowers you to make changes which can be awe-inspiring. You need to feel that you have control over your own life, and that there is no one who can take that power from you, but first you have to convince yourself that this is true through examining your motivations and desires. If these stem from hopeful, healing feelings, there may be little that can stop you from creating transformation and regeneration within yourself and the world around you.

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 Aries Midheaven you are striving to experience the power which comes when you are leading the way. Your admiration for great leaders may prompt you to find a mentor whose inspiration fosters your own courage to forge your own pathways to success. Although meeting challenges can be empowering to you, disruptive outbursts or abrasive attitudes can work against your aims.

With your Moon in the 10th House you may have a powerful need to develop a career path which allows you to express care and concern for others. Nurturant careers have a broad range - from child care, to counseling work, to teaching or even careers in the food industry. But you're also quite adept at understanding the collective and may be drawn to a career in politics, advertising, or artistry which has a broad appeal. Your intuitive sensibilities can be a plus in your career and work which allows you to utilize and develop your intuitive self to its fullest will be most fulfilling. You're capable of enjoying a career which reflect a definite cycle and can adapt to the ebb and flow of these cycles rather nicely. Work which centers on women, their interests and the needs of family can be especially rewarding.

You may feel challenged to bring a sense of grace and fairness into the world through your efforts in career with the influence of Venus in square aspect to your Midheaven. However, you may run into a few obstacles, especially if your personal artistry, taste or values is out of synch with those of society. You may also feel a little lazy about working to achieve your aims and need to get clear about the fact that you are not always motivated to get out into the world and face all its challenges. Exposing your talents to the world may leave you feeling entirely too vulnerable some of the time and for this reason you may feel more powerful when you have good allies standing next to you.

With Neptune in opposition to your Midheaven, you may not have strong ambitions for success in the world. You may be prompted to withdraw and may not feel that you have a clear direction anyway. The only way you can find direction is to get outside yourself in a positive sense. Although meditation and contemplation can be helpful tools, they are only helpful if they offer some objectivity. Reaching out to others will help you see yourself more clearly. But you do have to keep you your personal boundaries intact! It's a very tricky balance.

Pluto's energy trines your Midheaven fortifying your needs to accomplish personal fulfillment through your life path. You feel most empowered when your work allows you to

effect changes. Your options for career may span the spectrum of possibilities, but you can be especially drawn to the healing arts, psychology, political reform, urban renewal or work which gives you a chance to help others establish their own sense of power. You can be very effective in positions of influence and can become a formidable force when challenged by those who abuse their own power.

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.

Leo's qualities radiate through your 2nd House, adding a need to be in control of your own finances, time, and resources. You have an uncanny ability to draw on resources, even when you think you've reached the bottom of the barrel. In essence, when you are feeling strongly about yourself and are willing to put in the effort to meet your needs, there's very little that can stop you from achieving those aims! Even if you are married and share your resources, you'll probably prefer to be in charge of the finances, or at least have control over some of your own money. Someone else telling you what to do with your time, money or energy may engender a sense of resentment, since having power in this area of your life can be a matter of personal pride. Your self worth can be strengthened through maintaining an awareness of your personal needs and allowing yourself to feel good about enjoying their fulfillment. Since your Sun's energy plays a major role in the way you develop your self esteem, you'll discover that you feel good about yourself when you've gained the recognition you need for your efforts. You can be a little selfish with your finances, and may not like the idea of giving up something you want for someone else. Sometimes this can get in your way, and achieving a balance between giving and receiving can be one of your greatest challenges.

Since Saturn's energy is in your 2nd House, you may find that you worry about whether or not you have enough time, money or energy to have everything you need. Although this energy can be helpful in dealing with the necessities of life, you must watch a tendency to block your own prosperity through excessive self-limitation. Self-discipline when it comes to spending helps you feel more stable. You'll see the best results when you develop a budget or plan for your finances, especially if that plan allows you to feel comfortable now while creating a nest egg for your future.

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.

You may enjoy an unusual approach to achieving real intimacy. The influence of Aquarius on your 8th House stimulates a desire to experience unconditional acceptance through exploring the intimate side of your relationship, which includes your sexuality. Allowing room for experimentation, creating an opportunity for honest and open communication and acknowledging and supporting your mutual emotional and physical needs will strengthen the bond you have with your partner. You can be aloof in this area, particularly if you are afraid of the effects of allowing another person to become this close. Just going through the motions will never give you what you need - which is to be transported into another realm through the alchemy of love. The resources you create with a partner may grow best when you have a real vision of what you want to create together. This shared vision can deepen your bond with one another, and if you're involved in doing things for others you may discover that you somehow grow closer to one another.

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 Gemini, you are empowered when you learn to focus your energy. It's all too easy for you to scatter your life force, and when this happens, you may run out of steam. Your sharp and alert mentality and wit are the juices which keep you going, and may be the qualities you use to entice the men you find attractive. But you may also attract men who just do not want to grow up. You know them - the "Peter Pan" types. If you take the time to look inside, you may find that you are the one who would prefer to remain as free as you felt when you were a young girl, and relationships which allow your little girl self to play will always be more interesting than those which require you to feel all grown up. In sexual relationships, you devote a great deal of energy to communicating what you do and do not enjoy, and can use sex as a means of communication in and of itself! (You know the story: "What do you mean you don't know how I feel? Weren't you in this bed last night?!") When you're angry, you lash out with words, and can use very wounding words indeed if you've been hurt. To maintain your personal power, you need to learn to say "no" more easily, since some commitments simply serve as draining distractions. On a physical level you need to nourish your nervous system

When your nerves are frazzled, you may feel out of control and unmotivated.

Sometimes you just do not handle restraint very well, especially when it feels defeating. With Mars in square aspect to Saturn, you are struggling with the lessons of right use of power, and have to deal with this experience both through your own actions and those of others. Developing positive self-restraint - not total inhibition - is the key to working with this energy properly. If you've experienced limitations which seem to be beyond your control, remember that you always have control over at least one factor: your response! Learning to use the blocks, frustrations and limitations in your life as stabilizing forces can make a huge difference in your sense of personal power. But if you're continually bumping into the same old barriers, or if you're stuck in the same fear of your own desires, you will never know the power you so deeply crave. You are the perfect candidate for passive-aggressive behavior in which you project your own frustrations and insecurities onto others or blame others for your mistakes. Taking charge of yourself is your major responsibility; trying to control others can be an exercise in futility.

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.

It's hard to say if you actually like hard work or if you just attract it with Saturn in Virgo. Applying your energy and efforts toward the task of accomplishing something does enhance your sense of power. But you may not know how to ask for the support of others, and may feel that you are somehow inadequate, imperfect or undeserving. It is these feelings which block your feelings of empowerment. When you do gain recognition, the manner in which you handle it will tell you if you're over that hump or not. If you can say, "Thank you, " and know inside that you deserve it, you've arrived! Learning to positively critique others and creating a method of offering support and guidance which will empower others is the other part of your equation for power.

You handle power quite easily. The supportive sextile between your Sun and Saturn indicates the ability to carry your responsibilities with confidence. You'll feel most empowered when you have a specific direction, and operate best within a reasonable structure.

You may be plagued with low self esteem through the influence of Venus in semisquare aspect to Saturn. When you're feeling low, it's tempting to withdraw and limit yourself. This is definitely not a power statement! You can become empowered by sharing yourself, your talents, your resources with the world. Selfish attitudes, hanging onto resentment, irresponsible spending and greediness are symptoms that your power base needs to be re-evaluated.

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



You are an innovator with Saturn in sextile to Uranus. Using your energy, efforts and influence to bring about changes in the world around you is invigorating and empowering, and is part of the reason you were born in the first place! You can be an exceptional teacher, illustrating how to use the lessons of the past to build bridges to a more promising future. Whatever your field of endeavor, you can act as a responsible agent of change, enhancing the evolutionary process. You can probably be quite effective working independently, owning your own business, or creating avenues which have never been tried before.

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.

The power influence of Pluto in your 1st House has been interpreted earlier in this section of your report.

You were born when Uranus and Pluto were in semisquare aspect, an influence which impacts a generation. You may or may not feel that, as an individual, you need to use this energy to break through barriers in social conscience, science and technology, but you will likely experience radical changes which alter the quality of your life. The way you respond to changes which appear to be beyond your control will determine whether or not you feel reborn in the face of transformation.

## **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 a priestess living in a sacred temple. Here, you are calm, at peace with yourself, and free to express your ideas, creativity and compassion without restraint. All your gifts are considered sacred, and your awareness is clear and pure. Each day you sing with joy and feel inspired by the experience of sharing time with your sisters whose lives are as full as your own. You are happy to surrender to your creative muse, because she guides you into experiences which are always wonderful. One morning your muse sings to you and carries you into a beautiful garden. She seems to have a great sense of anticipation, and tells you that you are to be blessed today. In the center of the garden, you meet

a woman dressed in a dark green velvet cape. She holds a basket of fragrant flowers, and offers to place a ringle of flowers around your neck. You sit with her in a quiet place, and she sings to you of her life, which is the story of love itself. Then the song reflects your own life and your need for acceptance and love. As you listen to her song, your heart begins to open and you feel overwhelmed with joy. She opens her arms to embrace you, and when you yield to the embrace, you feel a sense of calm and inner peace. Your mind and soul are filled with understanding and inner strength. Your experience with her will always remain in your heart, reminding you that love is always there with you, and is the source of your real needs on every level.