

**Your Spiritual Path**  
**Astrology Report**  
**For**  
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## Your Chart Data

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## **Your Spiritual Path**

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

## **Your Creative Process**

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits

patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Aries, you are primarily the Intuitive type. Intuitive types listen to their unconscious sources of information, eschewing normal perception. In fact, they are often largely unaware of what is around them in the material world. These people are the inventors, the artists, the forward thinkers because they can see the possibilities of an idea, often before the means of developing it are apparent. Therefore they pursue what they know the world is not yet prepared for. Intuitives jump to conclusions, yes, but not necessarily without the intermediate steps. They either go through those steps at light speed by sizing up an underlying principle or they simply recognize an inevitable match of an idea's potential with their own desires. Intuitives fit into the educational system rather well, as many high school and college courses make use of the deductive skills intuitives share with the thinking type. You may respond well to the timed testing that is prevalent today. You can master the complexities of mathematics because you can grasp the results without having to ground your learning in some physical way. Intuitives contribute through their inventiveness. You are generally willing to sacrifice the pleasure of the moment in the hope of greater future achievement. You are also restless and crave inspiration. Because you thrive in situations where getting to the answer is important, you are good at problem-solving and tasks that require ingenuity. Careers in the creative arts, religious inspiration and scientific discovery all suit the intuitive type. You can become an inspired leader or promoter. For you the game is more important than winning, the chase more interesting than the end result.

### **How You Express Your Will**

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be confident (even when what I am doing may be dangerous). I will act (even when waiting would be wise). I will be free (even when obeying others represents a valuable learning experience). I will be assertive, even aggressive (when gentleness may be much more effective). I will argue (when there is no real point).

Your Sun is in the 1st house. The head and face are the physical focus for your health and well-being. Injuries and illnesses involving the head affect your sense of self deeply. Whatever lessons come your way, eventually you realize that you only "lose face" with yourself. Vision is a principal vehicle for developing awareness. On the physical plane you may never need glasses, as you tend to perceive the material world clearly. Spiritual vision demands that you see beyond your personal interests. You may become clairvoyant as you develop your spiritual focus.

## **Aspects of the Sun**

You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. Psychic perception is part and parcel of your daily life. These perceptions develop into sympathy in an ordinary sense, and later into empathy for all living things. Psychic ability manifests easily once you allow it. Associations with other people, and indeed with spirit animals and powerful plants, provide you with a comfortable stage upon which to express your developing spiritual character. You learn from others in a natural, fluid way. As you move through life, you find that what you know about yourself more and more closely approximates your inner spiritual being. You are able to evaluate your spiritual position with great precision.

### **Core Beliefs**

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

### **The Moon**

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Libra, your secondary mental style is primarily the Thinking type. Your inner voice is logical - perhaps too logical - and it can have an aloof, cold quality. You may find yourself critiquing your actions in a logical way when your emotional or other response was perfectly suited to the situation. The inner voice can be used to analyze your actions, but you will want to avoid becoming obsessive about every detail of your life. Internal logic is useful in school and other learning situations, as it serves to gather and organize large quantities of material quickly and neatly. A very real advantage of this inner thinking style is that you may reach a conclusion intuitively or on the basis of feelings, and then examine its logical basis at your leisure. The ability to apply reason to your life - cognitive skills - can help you to be socially graceful while also serving your personal desires. You also develop a capacity for delayed gratification of sensual impulses that would not serve your best interests. If an impulse is evaluated and the logic holds up, then you can take action, knowing that you are not violating your internal intellectual.

You tend to think through each situation that touches on your beliefs, applying a set of logical considerations, including your need or desire to continue in the direction you have been going.

## **Aspects of the Moon**

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs.

### **The Fourth House**

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Gemini on the Fourth House cusp. Your core beliefs are gathered around the principle of Change - Change with a capital "C" because we are not talking about minor day-to-day ups and downs. We are considering the profound changes in mind and spirit that lead to human progress. These changes first appear in the beliefs of individuals and may take years or generations to spread throughout human culture, but they are the stuff of material and spiritual progress. You become the mediator between what has gone before and what is possible for the future.

First you must learn how your beliefs allow you to mediate within your own personality. You learn to argue logically and clearly by having internal conversations about questions or problems. You learn to distinguish between what is truly part of your own beliefs and what is not. You see the apparent separation between self and other clearly.

Second, you develop a similar awareness of the connection between mental and spiritual beliefs. Here you experience an adjustment of your personal desires vis-à-vis your spiritual aspirations. You see how the two relate to each other. At this level you may find that you perform the services of a mediator for others.

Third your core beliefs focus on your relationship to Spirit. At this level you refine your core beliefs concerning your mind, your will and spiritual love. You find that you lose the personal sense of things and contact the greater unity and harmony. You may find that you chafe at the restrictions, within yourself or others, that prevent the higher spiritual light from shining forth. You see the spiritual potential in everything, and wish others could see and manifest it more fully.

In the end you discover that you understand both the tendency to struggle or argue, and the tendency to resolution and harmony. As this understanding develops, you also find that you can cheerfully accept other people's foibles, just as you learn to more cheerfully accept your own. You reach a point where mind and heart are expressing as one.

## **The Inner Voice**

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

### **Planets in the Fourth House**

#### **Mars in 4th House:**

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of family tradition. You may spend a lot of time sorting out the family beliefs that ring true for you from those that don't fit well for you. You tend to develop a home environment that is conducive to your spiritual path. Your energy can become scattered when you don't have a safe harbor in which to develop your spiritual focus. People show you the significance of your values on an energetic level. This could include angry disagreements, body language, or fluctuations on the subtler level of the aura. Their heat can act as a metaphorical barometer of your own intensity.

#### **Pluto in 4th House:**

Change comes from deep within your being. The inner voice guides you - and not always in calm, quiet ways. You tend to act only when you are certain that you can - or must. Thus you sometimes have stored up enough energy to explode like a volcano. To be more compassionate, both to yourself and toward others, you gradually learn to exert your will sooner so that you no longer explode out of control. Power issues in childhood caused you to develop some strange, possibly conflicting core beliefs. As you gain personal strength, you are able to challenge these ideas and resolve them to suit your own needs and desire for transformation.

### **Fourth House Aspects**

You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. An argumentative style pervades your inner dialogue, and may invade your interactions with others. Yet these people are able to help you develop your spiritual determination. Through them you will gain a broader range of judgment, making you a formidable voice for expressing spiritual values. Your life is peppered with dangerous intersections where you may be physically injured. These very events, however, form the substance of your spiritual path. It takes courage to follow this independent path, and effort to maintain strong relationships as you do so. Intuition can be a great asset. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. You could become a charismatic leader in the spiritual arena, but your best motivation is not power.

Teaching others is a better reason for rising to a leadership position. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

## **Communication and Mental Development**

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

### **Training Your Conscious Mind**

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- \* the natural direction of your thinking
- \* training to take advantage of this direction
- \* training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

### **Element of Mercury**

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Pisces, your communication style is primarily the Feeling type. Your healing style is well suited to the emotional distress around you. You can get into the flow of emotional energy patterns, identifying their disparate components, and guiding others toward calmer, safer modes of expression. You work to illuminate whatever emotional condition you find, not surgically removing an emotional block, but helping to bring understanding so that the block relaxes on its own.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

You are very receptive to sound. One way to develop intuition is to employ sound in your contemplative practice. This could be simply the sound of your breathing, or it could involve chanting, or bells, or other musical effects. Listening to someone read helps you to relax and focus your mind.

Your Mercury is in the 1st House. Your communication is at its best when you are vitally interested in the subject under discussion. Spiritual training is no exception. Choose something that stimulates your enthusiasm and that focuses attention on your internal sense of calm and clarity.

## Mercury Aspects

Spirit expresses through you in the form of material creation. Whether you use words, music or art, or simply assist others to discover their highest expression, you are mediating between spirit and the material world each day. An argumentative style pervades your inner dialogue, and may invade your interactions with others. Yet these people are able to help you develop your spiritual determination. Through them you will gain a broader range of judgment, making you a formidable voice for expressing spiritual values. You take a common sense approach to your spiritual life, considering many ideas along the way. Dishonesty is not an option. Your successes build on each other and spiritual optimism grows. Intuition speaks to you about the future, so you are generally not surprised when changes occur. You can be of tremendous help to others because you are usually prepared. Too many activities can dissipate your spiritual strength. You find that your spiritual life moves forward in social and business settings. Thus it is imperative that you find a career and work associates who share your values, and support your life path. When you experience inner tension, regard it as a sign that you can now receive or understand information about your core beliefs more directly. Tension, even agitation, can be a signal to stop for a moment to meditate. In this way you can open a channel to your inner voice.

### Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Taurus, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Sensation function. You love comfort. And you find you are most comfortable when your somewhat scientific perspective matches your inner sense of propriety. You seek love in your life, not just to satisfy physical urges, but also to create a space in which you can express your intelligence.

You desire to establish a steady course on the path of life, and this includes your approach to serious relationships of all kinds. You recognize the comfort and companionship, and you seek steadfast partners. You are faithful, and are therefore conservative in your choice of partners.

Your Venus is in the 2nd House. You recognize that your spiritual self-worth is very important. You like to have nice things around you, and will not deny your material desires too much. At the same time, you choose studies and other activities that are consistent with your metaphysical goals.

### **Venus Aspects**

Spirit expresses through you in the form of material creation. Whether you use words, music or art, or simply assist others to discover their highest expression, you are mediating between spirit and the material world each day. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. On the physical level you feel the sexual spark in relationships immediately. On the spiritual level you are able to discern facts about their future through the same spark. Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life.

### **Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability**

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your

unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

### **Developing Your Psychic Ability**

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Leo, your private, psychic style is primarily the Intuitive type.

Your psychic senses are tuned to the future. Often you come up with ideas that other people cannot grasp, as they are more focused on the present moment. When you meet the frustration of not getting your ideas across, not getting the funding for a big project, or not feeling your warmth returned by other people, you may tend to exaggerate your position to get agreement. You only set yourself up for disappointment when you push too hard. It is better to regroup and redefine your goals so that your associates can relate to what you are asking for.

Your leadership depends on your capacity to serve up your plans in palatable units. Your enthusiasm need not be diluted in this process. But it may need to be harnessed. Development of your psychic ability will serve you well. As you learn to see through the outer appearance and words, you come to understand the true material desires and spiritual aspirations of the people around you. Then you can focus your own aspirations to match the ambiance, thereby pacing the people around you. If you do this well, others will follow when you take the lead, and your enthusiasm will transfer to them. Psychic information may be felt physically in the area of the solar plexus and heart as an expanding warmth or constricting coldness.

Neptune is in the 6th House. Your understanding of people and situations comes from an internal source. This awareness can develop into healing ability, perhaps through massage or magnetic touch. You are often willing to extend yourself toward others without reservation.

### **Neptune Aspects**

Psychic perception is part and parcel of your daily life. These perceptions develop into sympathy in an ordinary sense, and later into empathy for all living things. Psychic ability manifests easily once you allow it. Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past

the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life. Your natural psychic ability provides creative imagination and bolsters your self-esteem. It also sets up the opportunity for self-doubt that in turn tests your core beliefs and allows for creative change.

### **The Twelfth House**

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Aquarius on the Twelfth House cusp. You find that you attract people like a magnet, and it may be difficult to sort out the positive connections from destructive relationships. Your dreams provide a way to measure the sincerity of others toward you. Your inner voice will tell you when there is something not quite right about a situation or person. Meditation that focuses your mind on an object supports clarity in your dreams, and together the two help you to loosen the bonds of the physical body, as well as to find the best soul companions.

## **Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes**

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- \* They are signposts to indicate progress.
- \* They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- \* They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- \* They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- \* They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Cancer, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Feeling function. You have the innate capacity to engage feelings appropriate to the nature of events. If you have been discouraged from expressing those feelings, you may attempt to bury them deep within yourself. This is not helpful in the long run because the feelings resurface later or eat away at you internally. What works better is to find suitable ways to express your distress, fear, anger - even your joy. This involves having the conscious experience of feelings and evaluating them for yourself instead of suppressing them. While this is no easy task, it is possible for you to become a stable rock in the midst of a river of change. You have your feelings and continue to manage the tasks before you, and you may surprise yourself at how well you handle even severe traumas.

The influence of family and heritage is strong in your choice of personal direction in career, relationships, and spiritual matters. Yet you have the capacity to change the emotional parameters, and take off in a direction very different from your family.

### **Pluto Aspects**

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. You could become a charismatic leader in the spiritual arena, but your best motivation is not power. Teaching others is a better reason for rising to a leadership position. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

### **The Eighth House**

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Scorpio on the Eighth House cusp. The direct path to change is always a good choice. Your strong awareness of the rhythm of change matches your will in such situations. Death is seen as a natural adjustment or companion for life. When major transitions occur, you tend to face them and enter into them with all your faculties alert. Open to the experience, you feel the joy or sadness, anger or fear of the moment in the moment.

## **The Development of Intuition**

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Aries, your intuition works best through the Intuitive function. Much of your inspiration for your work comes from intuitive insight into future applications and results of your efforts. As your confidence in this ability to forecast trends, you gain the trust of the people around you. You focus your connection to the spiritual realm through attention to potential future results of today's actions. You are inspired to be your best when you can foresee a positive outcome.

You are usually a step ahead of everyone else's game, reaching for the next good idea while handing off today's project to someone else to complete. You enjoy the moment of creation, but even more, the moment before.

Your Uranus is in the 1st House. Intuition is first perceived as a natural physical function. In fact, you may be surprised to discover that other people don't share your ability. You are able to foresee events and feelings they will engender in yourself and the people around you.

### **Uranus Aspects**

Intuition speaks to you about the future, so you are generally not surprised when changes occur. You can be of tremendous help to others because you are usually prepared. Too many activities can dissipate your spiritual strength. On the physical level you feel the sexual spark in relationships immediately. On the spiritual level you are able to discern facts about their future through the same spark. Your life is peppered with dangerous intersections where you may be physically injured. These very events, however, form the substance of your spiritual path. It takes courage to follow this independent path, and effort to maintain strong relationships as you do so. Intuition can be a great asset. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation. Your capacity to share your experience forms a large part of your spiritual involvement with others. You seek new experiences that help you to gain the broadest understanding of life. Your life is punctuated with sudden changes. Self-awareness comes through dramatic, sudden events. To the extent that you can foresee them intuitively, you can avoid the harsh impact to some extent.

## **The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition**

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Sagittarius, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Intuitive function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to be the arbitrator of conflicts in your life, you find the capacity to achieve resolution, both within yourself and among others, through more conciliatory means. You examine situations from an early age with an eye to how they are resolved, who is a skilled mediator, how they find the middle ground and convince others to be flexible. You may study history and politics, or you may focus on sociology or psychology, depending on the direction of your interests.

Your understanding that all difficulties are largely a result of misunderstanding or lack of information can grow into an ability to serve others through diplomacy and tact, and through detailed examination of the factors involved in a problem. You have the makings of a researcher into profound subjects, as you believe in examining the source of a situation, and not merely the apparent symptoms.

### **Midheaven Aspects**

As you move through life, you find that what you know about yourself more and more closely approximates your inner spiritual being. You are able to evaluate your spiritual position with great precision. When you experience inner tension, regard it as a sign that you can now receive or understand information about your core beliefs more directly. Tension, even agitation, can be a signal to stop for a moment to meditate. In this way you can open a channel to your inner voice. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control. You have the capacity to develop awareness of your own love-wisdom. In your public life you find expansive, rich examples of how the laws of the universe unfold and what they mean to you. Accept the teachings, not with a sense of egotism, but with a sense of responsibility, even duty. Self-awareness comes through dramatic, sudden events. To the extent that you

can foresee them intuitively, you can avoid the harsh impact to some extent. Your natural psychic ability provides creative imagination and bolsters your self-esteem. It also sets up the opportunity for self-doubt that in turn tests your core beliefs and allows for creative change.

## **Karma and Dharma**

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Sagittarius, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Intuitive function. Intelligent activity in your life is inspired by your vision. You live in the moment, and you place yourself there in three ways: 1. You welcome the opportunity to make wise decisions. Because of this you dislike being forced to make decisions without thinking things through carefully; 2. You are generally able to look at your past and accept as just that-the past. Yet you consider the lessons you have learned and apply them to your present life; or 3. You use your intuition to prepare for the future. You are often able to forecast future events accurately, even though it seems unlikely that you would know what is going to happen.

Your sense of justice can be harsh if you focus only on the words rather than the intent of human and spiritual laws. Doubt may arise when you have not spent enough time in meditation and reflection. Spiritual and other desires may take you far from your birthplace.

Your Saturn is in the 9th House. Events that focus your attention on transcendent values involve time, authority and responsibility. You tend to be harder on yourself than anyone else is because you expect perfection in yourself. When disagreements arise with others, you may take them to heart, worrying about what you could have done differently, even if there was no other possible outcome. Qualities that Saturn helps you to develop include patience, compassion, and humility. You know very well that your skills are gifts from a higher source, and you learn to apply them to tasks in your life without feeling spiritual pride in your own actions. As you experience the death of loved ones and the

weakening of your own physical powers, you come to understand the cyclical nature of physical life and the immortality of spirit.

### **Saturn Aspects**

You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation.

## **Transcendent Values**

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Pisces, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Feeling function. You find it easy to expand your emotional range to encompass other people, large projects, and even global thinking. You naturally want to engage with others because this is one of the principal ways you learn. While you may use intellect skillfully in your daily activities, it is at the emotional heart level that you connect to the planet, to humanity, and to spirit. It may seem that fusion of heart and mind is easier when Jupiter is in a water sign because we ordinarily experience the values of the heart in an emotional way. However, such fusion is not limited to water signs, nor do water signs limit the possible expression of transcendent values in any way. One advantage to this placement is that a constant flow of spiritual energy is possible. You may benefit from a meditation practice that focuses on the flows of energy through your body, whether it be breath or energy on a higher plane.

If you have no contemplative guidance system, you can fall prey to moods induced by alcohol and drugs. What works better is a relatively quiet life, or at least finding a quiet space in which you can rest from the emotional impressions swirling around you. Then the spiritual path can make itself known to you.

### **Aspects of the Jupiter**

You take a common sense approach to your spiritual life, considering many ideas along the way. Dishonesty is not an option. Your successes build on each other and

spiritual optimism grows. You could become a charismatic leader in the spiritual arena, but your best motivation is not power. Teaching others is a better reason for rising to a leadership position. You have the capacity to develop awareness of your own love-wisdom. In your public life you find expansive, rich examples of how the laws of the universe unfold and what they mean to you. Accept the teachings, not with a sense of egotism, but with a sense of responsibility, even duty. You have many successful associations that further your spiritual thinking. You are generous with your time and energy.

### **The Ninth House**

You have Sagittarius on the Ninth House cusp. While human emotions may not seem transcendent, understanding them is one of your highest values. This is important for you as an individual, and it is also significant in the way you interact with others. A second value is focused consciousness. Learning to focus is key to the proper orientation of your work, whether in the material or spiritual realm. Without focus, your work wanders all over the map, never reaching its destination. A third transcendent principle lies in the perceived duality of physical existence. You find many ways to understand the illusion of duality, and to help others understand it as well. As you become aware of these specific values, you find that your efforts follow as sure a path as an arrow shot from a bow, and the power of your path lies in your personality, just as the power of the arrow is inherent in both arrow and bow.

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## **Mars: Your Spiritual Persona**

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

### **The Element of Mars**

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses—touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Gemini, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Thinking function. You are able to take an idea and wind it into an imaginative, yet logical picture, filled with colorful images and connections. Your spiritual discipline is likely to reflect this strong use of intellect. You find causes to which you devote time and energy, and you are best placed in jobs or activities that draw upon your mental capacity. Today's focus on the Internet and telecommunications suits your energy very well, as you are able to picture systems and to devise strategies for the future.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Tolerance, Resourcefulness, Mediation. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

### **House Placement of Mars**

Your Mars is in the 4th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of family tradition. You may spend a lot of time sorting out the family beliefs that ring true for you from those that don't fit well for you. You tend to develop a home environment that is conducive to your spiritual path. Your energy can become scattered when you don't have a safe harbor in which to develop your spiritual focus. People show you the significance of your values on an energetic level. This could include angry disagreements, body language, or fluctuations on the subtler level of the aura. Their heat can act as a metaphorical barometer of your own intensity.

### **Mars Aspects**

You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. An argumentative style pervades your inner dialogue, and may invade your interactions with others. Yet these people are able to help

you develop your spiritual determination. Through them you will gain a broader range of judgment, making you a formidable voice for expressing spiritual values. Your life is peppered with dangerous intersections where you may be physically injured. These very events, however, form the substance of your spiritual path. It takes courage to follow this independent path, and effort to maintain strong relationships as you do so. Intuition can be a great asset. Cooperation becomes disagreement and separation, and results in a new cooperative effort. This cycle will repeat itself until you focus on the desire to cooperate and develop a spiritual value system you can share with others without becoming dogmatic. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control.

### **The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World**

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

#### **Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)**

The symbol for your rising sign is two fishes, bound together but moving in opposite directions. These fish represent your soul nature and your form nature. You have a form nature in order to experience the growth of your soul, yet the two can seem to struggle against each other. You find that pursuing your own personal material desires does not resolve this struggle, but only deepens it. You need to find a spiritual path that allows you both to satisfy your personal needs and desires, and to satisfy your spiritual yearning for significance.

How to accomplish this balance? You can focus first on your instinctual nature. You find that you usually have a feeling about what to do in any situation, but you sometimes listen to other people instead of paying attention to your inner daimon. One way to allow this inner voice its say is to take time each day to isolate yourself and listen. Listening to

the sound of water can focus your mind and let your inner voice be heard.

On the physical plane you are drawn to mediumship - your psychic senses perceive a lot that other people overlook. As you begin to listen more deeply, you find that your role is that of mediator between the seen and unseen worlds. You can sympathize with the difficulties of others, and you can synthesize the feelings and motivations that can help them. As you develop this skill, you will find that you are no longer operating from the instinctual level, but now use your intellect to discern on both planes and to synthesize the information you gather.

Probably your major problem is your psychic sensitivity. You need to work with this ability on the intellectual level so that you can use it effectively, instead of being its victim. Your sign is associated with the feet. Forward progress involves learning how to walk, both physically and psychically, through the obstacles before you.

### **Ascendant Aspects**

You have many successful associations that further your spiritual thinking. You are generous with your time and energy. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

### **Conclusion**

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.