

# **Your Spiritual Path**

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Sun	Aquarius	16°Aq49'	10th	01 02°Ge46'
Moon	Capricorn	29°Cp19'	09th	02 25°Ge52'
Mercury	Aquarius	21°Aq16'	10th	03 15°Ca12'
Venus	Pisces	23°Pi23'	11th	04 05°Le50'
Mars	Aries	22°Ar59'	12th	05 02°Vi38'
Jupiter	Aries	07°Ar03'	11th	06 12°Li35'
Saturn	Aries	25°Ar54'	12th	07 02°Sg46'
Uranus	Taurus	18°Ta02'	12th	08 25°Sg52'
Neptune	Virgo	25°Vi05'	05th	09 15°Cp12'
Pluto	Leo	01°Le27'	03rd	10 05°Aq50'
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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 Aquarius, you are primarily the Thinking type. Thinking types tend to be less personal in their approach to the world. They are focusing on an objective truth that they hope to find, and not on the people in their path. They choose to be logical. They choose to be truthful. They choose to be argumentative - after all, they have argued with themselves enough times! They are usually able to go through a thought process once and stop, without needing to re-evaluate. Air types benefit from an education that includes logical training, but they remain one-sided if they skip over the opportunities to appreciate the people and things around them. They judge the world through a logical process that seldom admits consideration of feelings. Thinking types can do well in careers where it is important to organize and assess quantities of information. You tend to be somewhat more businesslike, able to "cut to the chase" in planning as well as performance. You contribute to society through intellectual criticism, through the exposure of wrongdoing, and through scientific research. You perform well in executive positions partly because such positions are somewhat impersonal. You are willing to tell the truth, even when it is not convenient.

### **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 exploit others (when I could be humanitarian). I will rebel (when I might be progressive). I will be eccentric (when I could simply study occult subjects). I will be reclusive (when I could be independent). I will shop until I drop (when I could be philanthropic). I will be logically exacting (when I could listen to my intuition).

Your Sun is in the 10th house. You may use your knees for purely physical activity, or you may climb the metaphorical corporate ladder. Energy focuses here, and you may find physical change in the knees accompanies spiritual shifts. You are consciously aware of the connection between practical realities and the imagination or intellect when it comes to effective action. You

are able to find the best way to accomplish complex tasks. Effective spiritual action depends on the same kind of assessment. You seek a system that supports your daily work and personal activities, while at the same time providing a container for your spirit and its progress.

### **Aspects of the Sun**

Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. 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. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness.

### **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 Capricorn, your secondary mental style is primarily the Sensation type. There is a practical side to your nature that comes from deep within. On the surface you are not focused on the material side of life, but your inner voice is always presenting some grounded argument that guides your actions. Thus, no matter what you are involved in, there is a considered quality to your actions that generally brings solid results. Your psychic senses run to the physical. You may be able to dowse for lost objects or water, for example. Or you may find that you sense oncoming illness in yourself and others. To develop this capacity further, you may want to record your psychic sensations and track them. Anytime you have communication with your less conscious side, it is important to acknowledge it in some way - to show respect for its power. You don't have to act in every instance, but you can acknowledge that you have received the information. If you don't the signal may become more distressing, or the voice may sink into silence.

You aspire to more ambitious goals than many of your family members. This includes the spiritual path. You apply a very practical measurement to beliefs. If they work, don't change them; if they don't work, replace them. Now.

## **Aspects of the Moon**

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. Your sympathetic nature utilizes the close connection between other people and your spiritual self. You are open to experience the joy and pain in others, and thereby grow in understanding of your own values. 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. What you know about yourself is deeply rooted in your psyche. You can dip into this well of information from time to time to get help with any problem that arises in your life. Your soul life is a major consideration in everything you do. A strong partnership is helpful to your spiritual growth. Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions.

## **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 Leo on the Fourth House cusp. You may find that you resist the teachings of childhood. Family and social interactions have shown you the limitations of accepting what other people say. There lies deep within you the desire to lead rather than follow, and this is true for your beliefs as well as your actions. The direction you tend to take is one of fusion - you look at the varied attitudes of the people around you and join like ideas together, forming an internal spiritual counterpart to the fragmented thinking that seems to prevail around you. What began as a purification of water at some time in your past, now becomes a purification by fire. Through this process of self-investigation, you eventually come to understand the divine spirit within you - you achieve true self-awareness. You will be aware of purpose in your life and you will direct that life by designing a plan unique to yourself. Your desire to lead may impel you to teach others what you have learned.

You may find that, while you have a set of beliefs unique to yourself, you also have certain life experiences and skills that influence your beliefs strongly, leading you in a direction other than the path traveled by family members. This path itself has a great impact on the development of your spiritual beliefs and values.

## **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 Aquarius, your communication style is primarily the Thinking type. Your healing focus lies in words and skillful communication. You use your intellect to examine conflict, discover its significance, and illuminate the path toward resolution. Adept in the technology of communication, you may have impact over long distances. Whether you focus on oral traditions, written word or artistic communication, you use logic in the mediation between or among people.

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.

Your inventive nature is well served by developing intuition. You see future needs and focus your thoughts on how to fulfill those needs. Intuition is a natural component of your thinking process. Walking meditation may enhance the intuitive flow.

Your Mercury is in the 10th House. Your grasp of practical factors in any situation comes out in your choice of utilitarian spiritual practice. For example, yoga serves both to center and calm the mind and to strengthen and tone the body. Meditation focused on an object is very helpful.

### **Mercury Aspects**

Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. 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 become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. You will come to appreciate the fact that you mediate between the discipline of the spiritual path and the realities of material existence. You are able to enjoy life while communicating your spiritual values. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe.

### **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 Pisces, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Feeling function. You gather concrete knowledge by talking about the subjects that interest you, and then listening. You like to know the name of everything, and often just the name tells you far more than most people learn though more serious study. You use the power of your mind to direct your feeling energy to help others.

You have a deep longing for meaningful love relationships in your life, and you may tend to give in to others in order to gain such a relationship. Because you are very impressionable, you will find that careful investigation into any new project or relationship will save you a lot of trouble.

Your Venus is in the 11th House. Your progressive views concerning love relationships may

be an outgrowth of contact with people who you have known in past lives, and with whom you had different relationships from the one you have now. You learn best in situations where you have some independence, yet you appreciate the security of strong relationships of all kinds.

### **Venus Aspects**

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. 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. Your creative capacity, whether it be through the arts, sexuality, or other vehicles, brings you into contact with your spirituality. Your own sensitivity can help you to cultivate a more tactful nature. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. 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.

### **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 Aries on the Twelfth House cusp. The development of your personality begins with private moments in which you discover that you are an individual. You may doubt your ability to be an independent person, but you learn how to exert your ego by considering your actions before you make any moves. You become confused when you don't have time to think through new ideas, and you need to separate your thoughts from those of other people.

### **Planets in the Twelfth House**

Planets in the Twelfth House have just risen over the horizon. They have a quality similar to the Sun in that they are casting their influence on you in a fresh, genuine expression of their energy. You accept this energy and consider it, but you may not choose to reveal your thoughts to anyone else.

Both doubts and psychic strengths are a reflection of planets in the Twelfth House that serve as guideposts along the path of self-discovery. Your private thoughts may center on the qualities these planets represent. Your teachers may exemplify the qualities of these planets to the extent that they reach your inner psychic core and help you understand your potential. In the end these planets indicate qualities that you can bring into the world to help others, as well as the feelings of compassion surrounding all your activities.

#### **Mars in 12th House:**

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues hidden deep in the Collective Unconscious. You experience the upwelling of images that have affected people throughout history, and you seek to fit them into your spiritual perspective. Deeply introspective, you are able to listen to your inner voice and follow its urging. To the extent that you cultivate self-examination, you come to see the world as a container for your life, and not as an enemy to be fought against.

#### **Saturn in 12th House:**

Your karmic history is available for exploration in the quiet moments of privacy we all need. Examine your past behavior, but only for the purpose of seeking more effective action in the future.

## **Uranus in 12th House:**

Your insight into your past - even past lives, is sometimes very intense. What is more interesting is your unique ability to see into the future, thus reducing any doubts you may have about your current life.

## **Twelfth House Aspects**

Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. 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. You become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. Your creative capacity, whether it be through the arts, sexuality, or other vehicles, brings you into contact with your spirituality. Your own sensitivity can help you to cultivate a more tactful nature. Generally you feel that endings and beginnings are the pits. When you see the end coming you resist, and when you feel some new idea about to take hold, you resist. Your life of resistance prevents you from the rate of progress you deserve, and you need to lighten up. Compassion drives your creative activity. Spend no time on projects that are not guided by this higher principle. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You will come to appreciate the fact that you mediate between the discipline of the spiritual path and the realities of material existence. You are able to enjoy life while communicating your spiritual values. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. Generally you feel that endings and beginnings are the pits. When you see the end coming you resist, and when you feel some new idea about to take hold, you resist. Your life of resistance prevents you from the rate of progress you deserve, and you need to lighten up. Your capacity to use compassion constructively places you in a responsible position. Use your knowledge to help others and you find you move toward your own spiritual goals. You can bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe.

## 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 Leo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Intuitive function. Your most direct way of managing transformative events is to will yourself to envision the future. Whether this means imagining life without someone who has left you, or simply moving from one home to another, your strength lies in the ability to listen to your own intuition.

Yet you also sense the hand of the divine - however you define divinity in your life - in the unfolding of a larger plan. While in the moment of transition you may feel helpless and weak, you don't remain helpless for long because you quickly begin to evaluate clues about outcome. You gather information from your surroundings, your thoughts, your feelings, and your sense of spiritual connection to the energy around you.

You wish to rule, and so do a lot of your peers. This could lead to trouble if you all think you

have to be the first and the best. Once you experience coming in second or third, you focus your sights on those areas that truly matter to you. Then you make spiritual progress along with achieving career and other successes.

### **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 bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment. 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 Sagittarius on the Eighth House cusp. You are philosophical in your thinking, and you change best in a contemplative frame of mind. Sudden or unexpected events can throw you back into childhood feelings of being threatened. When you feel that way, it is hard to act like a rational, thinking person, and you may revert to what feels like a life and death struggle for independence. In comparing the two choices, you naturally desire to act the adult, meditating about the changes you need to make, and planning how to achieve them.

By experiencing both the philosophical and the threatened feelings, you develop compassion for others. When they feel threatened, you can take a philosophical position and act as an anchor for their difficult experiences. Paradoxically, when you feel threatened, you allow them the opportunity to perform up to their level of philosophical development. In both cases, by going with your own experience, you are able to help others.

## **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 Taurus, your intuition works best through the Sensation function. Your intuition comes to you in very concrete images. For example, you can see a piece of land and clearly envision a house, a road, or a bridge being built there. You actually see the finished product in your mind's eye, and then take the practical steps to achieve the result you see. You also can find multiple uses of tools, and can usually handle an emergency with whatever materials and tools you have available.

You use your intuition to create equilibrium in your environment. People enjoy being around you because you anticipate their every need. Practical planning is your natural direction. Financial activities benefit from your ability to see future paths and outcomes.

Your Uranus is in the 12th House. Your insight into your past - even past lives, is sometimes very intense. What is more interesting is your unique ability to see into the future, thus reducing any doubts you may have about your current life.

### **Uranus Aspects**

You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe.

## **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 Aquarius, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Thinking function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to "rule the roost" in your home, you find a melding of love and wisdom that serves as a beacon for all your activities. All the factual information that you gather from family members, through the educational system or personal study, and from interactions with spiritual teachers filters into your memory and combines with those beliefs and memories carried forward from previous lifetimes. Through experience with others, you develop the wisdom to make creative, beneficial decisions.

In addition to concrete information, you also store intuitive input concerning emotions. If your childhood was difficult, you may have problems engaging in loving relationships. You will benefit from examination of beliefs that are inconsistent with your desire to have meaningful relationships with romantic or other partners.

The most creative attitude you can develop relates to the merging of heart and mind - seeing your world from both intellectual and intuitive perspectives and honoring both in all your dealings with others.

### **Midheaven Aspects**

What you know about yourself is deeply rooted in your psyche. You can dip into this well of information from time to time to get help with any problem that arises in your life. Your soul life is a major consideration in everything you do. A strong partnership is helpful to your spiritual growth. You have the capacity to become fully conscious of your spiritual values and the path you follow this lifetime. You also can become content with your progress toward self-awareness. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment.

## **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 Aries, 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.

The spiritual path will transmute your material ambition into a higher aspiration to use intelligent activity in service to humanity. Instead of ruling, you aspire to be the facilitator of each person's individual progress.

Your Saturn is in the 12th House. Your karmic history is available for exploration in the quiet moments of privacy we all need. Examine your past behavior, but only for the purpose of seeking more effective action in the future.

### **Saturn Aspects**

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You will come to appreciate the fact that you mediate between the discipline of the spiritual path and the realities of material existence. You are able to enjoy life while communicating your spiritual values. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. Generally you feel that endings and beginnings are the pits. When you see the end coming you resist, and when you feel some new idea about to take hold, you resist. Your life of resistance prevents you from the rate of progress you deserve, and you need to lighten up. Your capacity to use compassion constructively places you in a responsible position. Use your knowledge to help others and you find you move toward your own spiritual goals. You can bull your way to success

at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence.

## **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 Aries, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Intuitive function. You feel more optimistic and more successful when your daily activities incorporate intuition in a meaningful way. Whatever your natural direction, based on your Sun and Moon elements, you can develop intuition as a spiritual guidance mechanism. You may find that you become physically sensitive in the heart area-you may feel heat in the skin on your chest or back, for example. This change in temperature can serve as an intuitive barometer. When your human energies are spiritually directed, you approach the moment when you are no longer subject to the ordinary limitations of the physical world. Your mind and heart foresee the karmic effects of your actions and you can make intelligent choices. Then you are no longer limited by the wheel of birth and rebirth, and can fully experience the life for which you are intended.

You are capable of leadership in any activity you engage in because of your innate honesty, generosity, and organizational ability. Spiritual growth proceeds more smoothly when you engage in contemplative practice and associate with individuals of high moral and ethical character.

### **Aspects of the Jupiter**

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 become fully conscious of your spiritual values and the path you follow this lifetime. You also can become content with your progress toward self-awareness. You are fortunate throughout your life to have discovered your inner spiritual voice. Share it with others.

### **The Ninth House**

You have Capricorn on the Ninth House cusp. The reality of concrete materialization is the first transcendent value you meet. Because you have a firm grip on physical reality, this may not seem transcendent, but it is important to any future tasks. The second value lies in understanding completion. You seek to finish the tasks you begin - for you the outcome is perhaps more

important than the means. Appreciation of the means is something you may want to develop. A third value is in the understanding of new or renewed effort. Once you achieve the pinnacle of personal expression on the physical or spiritual plane, you will recognize that yet another goal is in sight, and you re-orient your efforts to that end. What is perceived as a real struggle or strain may become a more friendly path, both for you and for those around you.

### **Planets in the Ninth House**

#### **Moon in 9th House:**

Higher mind and spirituality form the basis of your core beliefs. Thus you are well positioned to pursue your spiritual path, beginning with careful examination of what you learned as a child and continuing as a life-long educational process. You experience the bondage to form - the physical body - and you are able to respond to the energies of the earth directly. You can use your will to express through physical form, combine it with the will to know and understand the spiritual realm, and transform instinctual reactions into intuitive responses. You are actually channeling impulses from the collective Mind of the universe. Any conflict you experience is the reflection of the dichotomy between (not the separation of) your physical and spiritual drives. It is imperative for you to experience and understand your physical body on the deepest level possible, as it is the most direct source of your transcendent values. You tend to focus on the shifting ground of your beliefs. You are not wishy-washy about your values. However, you are willing to change your thinking if evidence suggests the need to do so. You measure your decisions based on a feeling, listening to your gut reaction to ideas. You can imagine adopting a new attitude without having to test it out in the material world to see if it fits you.

#### **Ninth House Aspects**

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. Your sympathetic nature utilizes the close connection between other people and your spiritual self. You are open to experience the joy and pain in others, and thereby grow in understanding of your own values. 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. What you know about yourself is deeply rooted in your psyche. You can dip into this well of information from time to time to get help with any problem that arises in your life. Your soul life is a major consideration in everything you do. A strong partnership is helpful to your spiritual growth. Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions.

## **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 Aries, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Intuitive function. You naturally consider the future while taking action in the present. You relate to the physical world via intuition, and you do the same in spiritual considerations. When you encounter a dilemma or paradox in your life, you tend to project the problem into the future to hypothesize how it will be resolved, and then you take action in the present to move toward that outcome. Your actions, while focused on the future, are always a reflection of a purification process that is usually associated with water.

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: Spontaneity, Enthusiasm, Courage. 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. You will find that 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 12th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues hidden deep in the Collective Unconscious. You experience the upwelling of images that have affected people throughout history, and you seek to fit them into your spiritual perspective. Deeply introspective, you are able to listen to your inner voice and follow its urging. To the extent that you cultivate self-examination, you come to see the world as a container for your life, and not as an enemy to be fought against.

### **Mars Aspects**

Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. 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. You become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. Your creative capacity, whether it be through the arts, sexuality, or other vehicles, brings you into contact with your spirituality. Your own sensitivity can help you to cultivate a more tactful nature. Generally you feel that endings and beginnings are the pits. When you see the end coming you resist, and when you feel some new idea about to take hold, you resist. Your life of resistance prevents you from the rate of progress you deserve, and you need to lighten up. Compassion drives your creative activity. Spend no time on projects that are not guided by this higher principle.

## **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)**

Gemini is able to express dual natures on the ordinary plane and in your spiritual life. There is a magnetic quality to your personality that attracts others to you, but that may cause periods of indecision. For example, you may determine that you want to adapt your spiritual path to suit your personal needs and desires, but be unsure of which path to pursue. It may be essential for you to study two or more practices in order to fine-tune them to your personal vibration. Often the best path is one that integrates several methods. However, before you begin the tuning process, learn the basics of each individual discipline first. In this way you will see the similarities and differences clearly.

Mind training is helpful for the Gemini Ascendant. Mind training includes exercises in cognitive thinking - training the mind to engage before emotion carries you away. It allows you to mediate between your inner life and the outer environment. As you experience the boundary, you begin to refine your beliefs about the nature of any separation you perceive. You also learn

to relate between your lower self (personality) and your higher self (soul), so that you more readily express the soul's nature to the world.

The finest skills of the mediator lie in the capacity to bring opposing factions together. Your life is spent developing a keen sense of duality - you sharpen your perceptions through such distinctions. Then you are able to flow into the perception of Unity, and you become a messenger for the truth. Because there can be only one Truth in the world, you serve to show opponents in an argument just how their separate "truths" are part of one larger whole.

### **Ascendant Aspects**

Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions. You are fortunate throughout your life to have discovered your inner spiritual voice. Share it with others. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.