

**Basic Astrological  
Natal Report  
for  
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### *Planetary Positions*

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
<b>q</b> Sun	is in	<b>a</b> Aries	17° 12' 05"	+6° 45' 00"
<b>w</b> Moon	is in	<b>b</b> Aquarius	7° 02' 29"	-21° 04' 00"
<b>e</b> Mercury	is in	<b>s</b> Taurus	6° 20' 08"	+16° 05' 00"
<b>r</b> Venus	is in	<b>d</b> Gemini	2° 54' 20"	+23° 51' 00"
<b>t</b> Mars	is in	<b>a</b> Aries	6° 37' 15"	+1° 52' 00"
<b>y</b> Jupiter	is in	<b>a</b> Aries	28° 44' 16"	+10° 05' 00"
<b>u</b> Saturn	is in	<b>n</b> Pisces	1° 24' 42"	-12° 11' 00"
<b>i</b> Uranus	is in	<b>h</b> Virgo	6° 29' 04"	+9° 53' 00"
<b>o</b> Neptune	is in	<b>x</b> Scorpio	17° 14' 22"	-15° 14' 00"
<b>p</b> Pluto	is in	<b>h</b> Virgo	12° 05' 36"	+20° 09' 00"
<b>l</b> N. Node	is in	<b>f</b> Cancer	5° 37' 23"	+23° 19' 00"
<b>j</b> Ascendant	is in	<b>d</b> Gemini	19° 08' 18"	+23° 00' 00"
<b>k</b> Midheaven	is in	<b>a</b> Aries	10° 58' 05"	+4° 20' 00"
<b>^</b> Fortuna	is in	<b>a</b> Aries	8° 58' 42"	+3° 34' 00"
<b>O</b> Ceres	is in	<b>v</b> Capricorn	5° 22' 11"	-22° 05' 00"
<b>P</b> Pallas	is in	<b>c</b> Sagittarius	6° 54' 39"	+17° 54' 00"
<b>{</b> Juno	is in	<b>c</b> Sagittarius	4° 29' 07"	-6° 31' 00"
<b>}</b> Vesta	is in	<b>b</b> Aquarius	18° 50' 11"	-16° 25' 00"
<b>\$</b> Chiron	is in	<b>n</b> Pisces	16° 27' 01"	-1° 06' 00"

### *Planetary Aspects*

Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Venus	The orb is	0° 42'
Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Saturn	The orb is	0° 47'
Your	Sun	is	Quincunx	Neptune	The orb is	0° 02'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 56'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Midheaven	The orb is	6° 14'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Fortuna	The orb is	8° 13'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Vesta	The orb is	1° 38'
Your	Sun	is	Semisextile	Chiron	The orb is	0° 45'
Your	Moon	is	Square	Mercury	The orb is	0° 42'
Your	Moon	is	Trine	Venus	The orb is	4° 08'
Your	Moon	is	Sextile	Mars	The orb is	0° 25'
Your	Moon	is	Quincunx	Uranus	The orb is	0° 33'
Your	Moon	is	Quincunx	N. Node	The orb is	1° 25'
Your	Moon	is	Sextile	Midheaven	The orb is	3° 56'
Your	Moon	is	Sextile	Fortuna	The orb is	1° 56'
Your	Moon	is	Semisextile	Ceres	The orb is	1° 40'
Your	Moon	is	Sextile	Pallas	The orb is	0° 08'
Your	Moon	is	Sextile	Juno	The orb is	2° 33'
Your	Mercury	is	Semisextile	Mars	The orb is	0° 17'
Your	Mercury	is	Sextile	Saturn	The orb is	4° 55'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Uranus	The orb is	0° 09'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Pluto	The orb is	5° 45'
Your	Mercury	is	Sextile	N. Node	The orb is	0° 43'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Ceres	The orb is	0° 58'
Your	Mercury	is	Quincunx	Pallas	The orb is	0° 35'
Your	Mercury	is	Quincunx	Juno	The orb is	1° 51'
Your	Venus	is	Sextile	Mars	The orb is	3° 43'
Your	Venus	is	Square	Saturn	The orb is	1° 30'
Your	Venus	is	Square	Uranus	The orb is	3° 35'
Your	Venus	is	Opposite	Pallas	The orb is	4° 00'
Your	Venus	is	Opposite	Juno	The orb is	1° 35'
Your	Mars	is	Quincunx	Uranus	The orb is	0° 08'
Your	Mars	is	Square	N. Node	The orb is	1° 00'
Your	Mars	is	Conjunct	Midheaven	The orb is	4° 21'
Your	Mars	is	Conjunct	Fortuna	The orb is	2° 21'
Your	Mars	is	Square	Ceres	The orb is	1° 15'
Your	Mars	is	Trine	Pallas	The orb is	0° 17'

Your	Mars	is	Trine	Juno	The orb is	2` 08'
Your	Jupiter	is	Sextile	Saturn	The orb is	2` 40'
Your	Jupiter	is	Sesquare	Pluto	The orb is	1` 39'
Your	Saturn	is	Opposite	Uranus	The orb is	5` 04'
Your	Saturn	is	Trine	N. Node	The orb is	4` 13'
Your	Saturn	is	Sextile	Ceres	The orb is	3` 57'
Your	Saturn	is	Square	Pallas	The orb is	5` 30'
Your	Saturn	is	Square	Juno	The orb is	3` 04'
Your	Uranus	is	Conjunct	Pluto	The orb is	5` 37'
Your	Uranus	is	Sextile	N. Node	The orb is	0` 52'
Your	Uranus	is	Trine	Ceres	The orb is	1` 07'
Your	Uranus	is	Square	Pallas	The orb is	0` 26'
Your	Uranus	is	Square	Juno	The orb is	2` 00'
Your	Neptune	is	Quincunx	Ascendant	The orb is	1` 54'
Your	Neptune	is	Square	Vesta	The orb is	1` 36'
Your	Neptune	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	0` 47'
Your	Pluto	is	Quincunx	Midheaven	The orb is	1` 08'
Your	Pluto	is	Square	Pallas	The orb is	5` 11'
Your	Pluto	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	4` 21'
Your	N. Node	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	5` 21'
Your	N. Node	is	Square	Fortuna	The orb is	3` 21'
Your	N. Node	is	Opposite	Ceres	The orb is	0` 15'
Your	N. Node	is	Quincunx	Pallas	The orb is	1` 17'
Your	N. Node	is	Quincunx	Juno	The orb is	1` 08'
Your	N. Node	is	Sesquare	Vesta	The orb is	1` 47'
Your	Vesta	is	Trine	Ascendant	The orb is	0` 18'
Your	Chiron	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	2` 41'
Your	Fortuna	is	Conjunct	Midheaven	The orb is	1` 59'
Your	Ceres	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	5` 36'
Your	Pallas	is	Trine	Midheaven	The orb is	4` 03'
Your	Fortuna	is	Square	Ceres	The orb is	3` 37'
Your	Fortuna	is	Trine	Pallas	The orb is	2` 04'

Your	Fortuna	is	Trine	Juno	The orb is	4` 30'
Your	Ceres	is	Semisextile	Pallas	The orb is	1` 32'
Your	Ceres	is	Semisextile	Juno	The orb is	0` 53'
Your	Ceres	is	Semisquare	Vesta	The orb is	1` 32'
Your	Pallas	is	Conjunct	Juno	The orb is	2` 26'

### *Planets in Elements and Modes*

Fire	: q t y k ^ P {	Total = 7	Weighted Score = 9
Earth	: e i p O	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 4
Air	: w r j }	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 8
Water	: u o l \$	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 2
Cardinal	: q t y l k ^ O	Total = 7	Weighted Score = 9
Fixed	: w e o }	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 6
Mutable	: r u i p j P { \$	Total = 8	Weighted Score = 8

### *Weights Used Above*

Sun	= 3	Moon	= 3	Mercury	= 2	Venus	= 2
Mars	= 2	Jupiter	= 1	Saturn	= 1	Uranus	= 1
Neptune	= 1	Pluto	= 1	N. Node	= 0	Ascendant	= 3
Midheaven	= 3	Fortuna	= 0	Ceres	= 0	Pallas	= 0
Juno	= 0	Vesta	= 0	Chiron	= 0		

## **Introduction**

*The report that you are about to read is a first step in decoding the symbolic language of your birth chart. It explains the raw materials that you have been given for building a life. It outlines how the overall shape of your chart reflects the overall shape of your personality, what your greatest challenges are likely to be, the strengths you have been given to meet these challenges, and the main arenas you are given for playing out your life's drama.*

*In this report you may notice certain places where the information seems to be contradictory. This is to be expected, because people are complex. For example, in some situations we are shy and in others, aggressive. When you see repeated patterns, though, take special note: these are apt to be the dominant themes in your life.*

## **The Main Emphasis in Your Chart**

*The general distribution of planets around you at your birth is one of the things that shows the overall shape of your personality. Before taking a closer look at the details, let's stand back for a moment to see whether your chart contains any obvious emphasis in a sign, group of signs, or other division of the horoscope wheel.*

### ***Most planets are above the horizon.***

You tend to identify who you are with what you have accomplished in the world. This may make you highly competitive in establishing yourself within a definable lifestyle or career. Your trophy case or the diplomas on your wall may be a source of great personal satisfaction. It is important to balance your need for outer-world-accomplishments with care for your inner self. Also, take great care not to lose sight of the needs of your loved ones.

### ***There are few or no planets in Water signs.***

With very little emphasis in signs such as Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces, you don't carry the baggage of complicated feelings and hypersensitivity to your environment. This allows you to be forthright about your desires. Cool, detached, practical, objective and willful, you have a lack of sentimentality that can be a great asset in times of crisis and emotional stress. Your clearheadedness can lead you to great achievements.

It is easy, however, for you to be out of touch with your own emotional nature. You may feel that an emotional response like crying or moodiness is a sign of weakness that is best avoided. You may find it difficult to deal with those who express themselves from the heart. You end up not knowing how to react, or you may be uncomfortable expressing the appropriate feeling of response. You can also misread situations that call for intuition rather than reason.

Since your coolness and detachment may cause you to neglect the feelings of others, you may need consciously to practice relating to others in a compassionate, sharing and sensitive way. It will round you out to cultivate this nourishing side of yourself. Soften up and bend your beliefs a bit so you can serve those in need, for this is where happiness lies. When you let yourself go and dive into emotional waters, you may find that the humanity that has always been in your heart is drawn out into your personal world of expression.

## **Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama**

*In your birth chart, the Sun, Moon and planets play the central role. They are the actors in the drama, the moving figures on the stage, each with a character of its own. How these characters relate to each other, whether and how they clash or harmonize, whether they bring out each other's best or worst qualities, is shown by the aspects, or angles, between the planets.*

*Is the ongoing drama between two planets a continuing tension that periodically erupts into crises (conjunctions, oppositions and squares), a harmonious alliance where the two planets aid and abet each other (trines and sextiles), an uneasy truce full of ambiguities (certain other aspects in neither of these families), or simply indifference (no aspect at all)? Below you will see which pairs of planets are in aspect in your chart.*

*Each of the following sections lists the aspects in order of their general importance, with aspects involving the Sun, Moon and fast-moving planets coming first. You can get a further idea of their importance in your particular chart by going to the aspect table at the beginning of this report and finding the five or so aspects with the smallest number of degrees and minutes in the "The orb is" column.*

## **Your Major Challenges**

*We start with your conjunctions, oppositions and squares because these tend to point out the challenges that you have been set in life. Most people experience these aspects as problems, at least at first. Armed with awareness, however, you can come to view these so-called "hard" aspects as the blessings that they really are. These are the forces that spur you forward. When you face the challenges that these aspects pose, you grow in strength, confidence, wisdom and maturity.*

### ***Sun conjunct Midheaven***

This aspect makes the Sun extremely important in your chart. You have the energy, stamina and dedication to realize your goals and to become a success in your chosen line of endeavor. You are self-directed and are usually correct in the decisions you make, but if you would have others not judge you as being arrogant, listen to them once in a while and follow their advice — it will probably be complimentary to what you would have done anyway.

### ***Moon square Mercury***

As a child, you picked up some bad habits in thinking things through and expressing yourself. This may continue to give you problems as an adult. Tending to react in a knee-jerk fashion to situations without clearly analyzing them, you may say things and make decisions that you come to regret. Your task is to learn to discriminate between true intuitions and your passing mood. If you count to ten, (or even to a hundred) before making an important decision, the mood will pass so you can see to the truth of things.

### ***Venus square Saturn***

As much as you yearn for love and affection, you tend to regard the responsibilities of caring for someone else (and being cared for by him or her) as so overwhelming that you often choose not to get involved at all. This can make you seem very shy, cold and aloof. You respect maturity and wisdom rather than emotional displays of affection, and might be more comfortable relating to someone much older or younger than yourself. Try not to let your lack of self-confidence drive you completely into a shell.

### ***Venus square Uranus***

Your relationships do not seem to last very long and that bothers you. It's not that you are incapable of caring deeply, the problem is that you have a relatively short attention span. You need to feel that you can leave a relationship at the drop of a hat in order to feel comfortable. You must realize that it is unrealistic to expect others to be able to grant you this much freedom easily. You may appear to be undependable and irresponsible, but it may just be the best thing for all concerned if you do not try to hang on to relationships that have outlived their time or usefulness.

### ***Mars square Nodes***

You have such strong opinions and prejudices that you find it very difficult to fit yourself harmoniously into group endeavors that require mutual trust and cooperation. Your ego is so strong that you rarely allow yourself to be governed by any individual or group. If you have a choice, try to organize your life in such a way that you either work alone or are the person in charge. If you're the one in charge, try to listen to the others occasionally. You are likely to learn something valuable.

### ***Mars conjunct Midheaven***

You are very aware of yourself and what you need to accomplish in order to attain your life goals. Extremely self-confident, you are not afraid to make decisions, especially if they affect you directly. You are so independent that you may find it difficult to work well as a member of a team — and you also may be unable to delegate authority, preferring to do everything yourself. This, of course, can cause you to overextend yourself, so you must be sure that you properly marshal your energies lest you suddenly “run out of gas.”

### ***Saturn opposite Uranus***

Your life seems to be filled with endless small irritations that interrupt the smooth flow that you seek. This causes you to become extremely angry and frustrated, and you must vent that steam somewhere. Be careful not to let your loved ones bear the brunt of your wrath. Don't look for scapegoats, either. You must learn to strike a compromise between your desire to conform on the one hand, and your desire to be free on the other. This will head off temperamental outbursts and unplanned irrational acts.

### ***Uranus conjunct Pluto***

You belong to a generation that can effect positive and constructive change in society as a whole. You will sympathize with causes and concerns that have been unpopular and neglected in the recent past. The changes that you bring about will be known for their originality and will dramatically alter the way people look at things for years to come.

### ***Chiron opposite Pluto***

You may have faced an emotional loss that forced you to grow up at a very young age. Extremely serious and melancholy, you tend to spend many hours in deep contemplation. Fearful and obsessed with death, you may find it difficult to cope with the realities and stresses of everyday living. Therapy may help you celebrate life rather than fear death. You will then be more apt to relax, and will be able to help others as well as yourself enjoy each day.

### ***North Node square Midheaven***

Although you seem to do pretty well when you work alone and try to achieve clearly set goals, you often experience difficulty when you try to work within a structure that others have built. Your rather selfish, self-centered manner seems to cause innumerable personality clashes in most groups that you attempt to associate with. If it's necessary for you to work within a group structure, try to be more tolerant. Compromise and understanding are important if you wish to be truly successful and well liked.

### ***Chiron square Ascendant***

Preoccupation with your own needs has made you difficult to get along with. While you have learned to take charge of your life with little or no assistance, you also spend many lonely hours and have few friends in whom you can confide. You have the power to be a wonderful friend and work-mate. Learning to listen and interact with others may be difficult, but the rewards of friendship cannot be equaled. You'll find that things you once thought important are not as meaningful as they once seemed to be.

## **Your Sustaining Strengths**

*Trines and sextiles tend to work with a natural harmony that calls for little effort on your part. They show the things that you just seem naturally good at. Usually they point to the more positive parts of your nature, and act as support that you can call on in difficult times.*

*Because these aspects are so comfortable, they are not likely to push you to expand your limits or cause you to change. It is actually helpful to have a balance of hard aspects (like oppositions and squares) to stimulate you to grow, and soft aspects (trines and sextiles) to ease your passage and provide places to rest.*

*If you are blessed with a predominance of trines and sextiles, your life may tend to be placid and your nature serene. If so, remember that the world around you is probably sorely in need of these qualities that are yours to bestow.*

### ***Sun sextile Ascendant***

You are at your best in social situations, and find it easy to mingle your energies with others. You can be a positive force in bringing people together so that substantive things can happen. You understand how to deal with others, and they trust you. You tend to form relationships with men or authority figures, because you are comfortable with them and they with you.

### ***Moon trine Venus***

Your grace, beauty and sincerity attract others to you. You are like an oasis of peace and tranquillity in the midst of most other people's stresses and tensions. You deeply care about the needs of others and go out of your way to provide rest, safety and nurture. Your strong sense of what is aesthetically pleasing will allow you to be either an artist yourself or, at the very least, an admirer of the arts. But you are not very aggressive and tend to let life come to you. Should you find things getting repetitive and boring, make your daily routine more varied.

### ***Moon sextile Mars***

You are honest and forthright in expressing your convictions. No one will ever accuse you of being wishy-washy. You love a good contest (or fight or argument) and you get very emotional with respect to putting your point across. Because you anger easily, be careful not to get too caught up in things if you meet a lot of resistance. But, if allowed to fully speak your mind, you usually recover your equilibrium fairly quickly.

### ***Moon sextile Midheaven***

You bring a sense of enthusiasm and emotional sensitivity to whatever you do. You are quite intuitive about the needs of others and this assists you in your chosen field. Others trust you because you seem to understand them and sympathize with them. As such, they give you the emotional support that you need in order to feel comfortable. You project an openness and sincerity that makes you quite popular.

### ***Mercury sextile Saturn***

You are slow and careful of speech, and tend to be conservative in the way you do things. You prefer to work in a methodical, precise manner, and find it hard to tolerate others who are sloppy, clumsy or lacking in self-discipline. You can be trusted to design a project well and carry it through to its final result. You are not, however, comfortable in fluid situations that demand rapid decisions that can radically alter the course of events.

### ***Mercury trine Uranus***

An iconoclast, you are impatient with traditional ways of doing things. You have the gift of perceiving new and different approaches to problems. Your curiosity leads you to explore uncharted and highly technical areas of knowledge, including subjects (like astrology) that most others regard as bizarre and crazy. At times, your mind whirls so fast that your energies become scattered and your efficiency drops radically. When you notice this happening, stop and get some rest. Recognize when your battery has run down too low.

### ***Mercury trine Pluto***

Once you have become interested in something, you dive into it with such intensity that you often lose track of things that are peripheral to your central interest. Hobbies become obsessions, and chosen careers are pursued with a totality of absorption that borders on compulsion. You have the ability to convince others of your conclusions. Just be careful not to use any underhanded tactics to assist you in converting others. No one likes to be bullied.

### ***Mercury sextile North Node***

One of your more positive character traits is your sociability. You like nothing better than to get together with friends for a long chat about mutual interests. You need the give-and-take of sharing ideas with others. You work and think much better in a group environment, and can become uncomfortable if left to your own devices. You delight in joining groups that are sympathetic to your interests. Your good humor and ready wit make you an ideal companion or workmate, and this assures your popularity.

### ***Venus sextile Mars***

Your need to give affection is as strong as your need to receive affection. Indeed, you do not feel in control of your life unless you are involved in some sort of mutually reciprocal love relationship. Sex and its many pleasures are a constant source of delight to you. You project an earthy sensuality that naturally attracts others to you. You are also very creative, with the ability to portray completely through art your very real and heartfelt emotions.

### ***Jupiter sextile Saturn***

You have a common sense approach to things that is refreshing and inspires confidence in others. You can maintain a proper balance between idealism and practicality. Your good judgment is invaluable in a business setting and generally assures you that you will more than likely be able to accomplish whatever goals you set for yourself.

### ***Saturn trine North Node***

You seem to function best in social situations in which you can chum around with just a small group of friends and acquaintances. You appreciate more sedate and mature individuals and, once your friendship has been given, you'll be loyal for life. Although you're not interested in broadening your social sphere, you have the ability to make a major contribution to your neighborhood or community if it's in your best interest to do so. You won't put out any extra energy for extremely idealistic causes, but practical solutions to tangible problems will goad you to immediate and effective community action.

### ***Uranus sextile North Node***

You can be an exciting and agreeable companion as long as others don't try to tie you down with any sort of long-term commitments. Your boundless energy and enthusiasm bring a sense of excitement and fun to any community project that interests you. You have a rather short attention span, but once you take on a task, your innovative ideas are usually appreciated by others. You can improve relationships of almost any type by introducing change and variety into your daily doings — and if you don't, you'll soon become bored and will want to move on.

### ***Chiron trine Neptune***

Optimistic, spiritual, and idealistic, you have a never-ending faith in the human spirit. Compassionate and sympathetic, you always keep your door open to those in need, including stray animals and others not as well off as you. Your naivete and sweetness endear you to whomever you meet. Since you always lend an ear and a helping hand, people enjoy being in your company. Professions that utilize your admirable qualities include being a religious leader, teacher, counselor, evangelist, or spiritual healer.

## **Rounding Out the Picture**

*Two other families of so-called “minor” aspects add yet more information about the way the planets relate to each other in your chart. Semisquares and sesquares (also known as sesquiquadrates) share the dynamic, crisis-prone nature of the square but need to be quite exact in order to be felt.*

*Semisextiles and quincunxes connect signs that are totally unrelated to each other. They can have an odd, unsettling quality, indicating problems or issues that it's hard to get a grip on. They are like interesting puzzles that call for a creative solution.*

### ***Sun semisquare Venus***

You are physically very attractive. Usually this a blessing, but at times it causes you problems. There are times when you would rather not be noticed, but this seems to be impossible and you appear to be your own worst enemy. This may cause you to feel uncomfortable and angry and insecure, and you will find it difficult to articulate your feelings because you are shy and soft-spoken by nature. Be aware that this will be a continuing problem. Learn to use it to your best advantage whenever possible and try to develop strategies so that you can maintain your privacy and peace of mind.

### ***Sun semisquare Saturn***

You pride yourself on being dutiful and mature and responsible. You constantly choose the most difficult assignments because you do not feel alive unless you have something to push against. Be careful not to become too puritanical and prudish — others have a right to be fun-loving and frivolous at times, even if it is not your cup of tea.

### ***Sun quincunx Neptune***

You are very sensitive to the needs of others. This can sometimes be a problem for you because you are also aware that your own needs are often quite different from those of the people around you. You get quite frustrated when you find yourself sacrificing your own needs for the sake of others. But you are not very demonstrative by nature and rarely speak up for yourself, thus compounding your difficulties. Your self-image and self-confidence need to be bolstered at every opportunity. It will be very important that you live with positive, upbeat people or you will be overwhelmed by the negativity of those around you.

### ***Sun semisextile Chiron***

Fair-minded and benevolent, you will nevertheless turn your back on anyone who has betrayed your confidence. You place great value on honesty and enjoy being recognized for your achievements. Make sure that the desire for fame and for pleasing others does not override the quality of your work and the morality that guides you. Powerful, magnetic and influential, you may at times be overcompensating for feeling different and alone.

### ***Moon quincunx Uranus***

You do not seem to trust your own emotional responses or the emotional responses of others, and this annoys you terribly. Your usual way of proceeding involves having you try to get very close to someone and then panicking and having some sort of unplanned emotional outburst that drives the other away from you. Because this really was not your intention, you get very frustrated and embittered. You must look to your early childhood upbringing in order to understand why this pattern is at work. Perhaps you had an unfortunate experience with your mother — or the person who played that role for you — wherein you were denied the love and security that you should have had and you are now repeating that pattern over and over. Either learn to live alone and like it or seek the advice of a respected counselor to help put this problem in a proper perspective.

### ***Moon quincunx North Node***

You feel such a strong affinity with those in need that you are always joining groups and organizations in an attempt to assist them. When you devote too much time to these charitable needs, you sense that your own personal needs and those of your family are suffering. But you don't really know how to deal with the guilt and frustration this causes because you have made a serious commitment to the group or groups you have joined. Try to learn to limit your charitable activities a bit. You'll be much more effective if you're less frustrated — especially if you don't feel that you're neglecting yourself and your family. It's OK to say no every once in a while.

### ***Mercury semisextile Mars***

You have an annoying habit of forming very strong opinions about things and then defending them as if you have been personally attacked. You find it difficult to accept criticism, even the constructive kind, with grace and civility. The worst thing about it is that you are aware that it is going on and you get frustrated when you cannot control yourself. This tends to make you even more irritable and grouchy, especially when you try to suppress your natural inclinations. You must realize that your cherished ideas should not be used as weapons to bludgeon your opponents. Try to relax more and not take yourself quite so seriously.

### ***Mars quincunx Uranus***

Even though you are usually very aware of what you want in life, often, just as you are about to reach the goal, you do something that sends you off in another direction. This completely upsets your plans and bothers you greatly — you seem to be your own worst enemy at such times. Your rashness and impulsiveness and quickness to anger can brand you as undependable or undesirable and cause you problems with authority figures. The solution to this recurring personal pattern is one that will be very difficult for you to deal with. You must learn to discipline yourself, to become more patient and to accept more gracefully the limitations that society imposes on everyone. The more that you can do this, the less frustrated you will be.

### ***Jupiter sesquare Pluto***

Once you have formulated your plans for future growth and development, you have the ability to marshal an incredible arsenal of resources in order to bring about your goals. You combine enormous will power, drive and charisma and others offer you assistance because you cut so impressive a figure. But be careful to keep everything on the up and up — don't get too cocky or pushy or self-confident or you may experience delays if you accidentally offend anyone along the way.

### ***Neptune quincunx Ascendant***

You have a great need to positively interact with others, especially with those you care about deeply. But you often fall into the pattern of giving and giving to those you love, with nothing ever coming back to you. This leaves you feeling martyred and frustrated and you do not know how to break the cycle. There are two ways of handling this. First, make sure that those to whom you minister are worthy of your care and then serve them with no thought of any reward. Second, avoid negative people at all costs. They tend to drain your energy, reinforcing your feelings of worthlessness. Positive, upbeat people, on the other hand, invigorate you.

### ***Pluto quincunx Midheaven***

The way that you want to proceed in attaining your life goals is often at odds with normally accepted patterns of behavior. At times, you are so concerned with getting to your objectives that you will trample on the rights of others, perhaps doing underhanded or sneaky things behind their backs in order to gain the upper hand. You must learn the lessons of tact and humility if you would truly succeed. It would be a hollow victory indeed if you attained your goals but had the respect of no one, including yourself. The temptation to manipulate others for your own good will be strong, but resist it you must.

## **Houses: Bringing the Planets Down to Earth**

*The positions of the planets in the zodiac, and the aspects between the planets, are nearly the same for everyone born on a given day. But the houses reflect how the planets were arranged around you and you alone, at a given hour and minute, and at a given place on Earth. Houses therefore personalize the planets, showing how they relate to your own particular life.*

*The meanings of the twelve houses echo those of the twelve zodiacal signs, but are more specific and concrete. For example, the second sign, Taurus, is much concerned with the material world, whereas the second house deals with your actual possessions: how you feel about them, and how you acquire them.*

*The house delineations that follow show how the affairs of each house are flavored by the sign that lies on its cusp. Since houses are sometimes larger than signs, a house may also have one or more signs completely enclosed or “intercepted” within it, in which case you will find additional material about the intercepted signs in a house. Most important, you will learn below in what areas of life the planets — the main actors in your drama — are disposed to be most active, and how the way each planet operates is influenced by both its house and its sign.*

### **House 1: Your Interface with the World**

*The first house focuses on the basic equipment that you have been given for interacting with the world: your body and your physical constitution, your face, your appearance, your personality, mannerisms and the way you present yourself. It may not be how you see yourself, but it is how others tend to perceive you, and you should be aware that it has an important effect on how you are accepted in social situations. Planets in the first house tend to be strong and “out-front,” especially when they are close to (that is, conjunct) your Ascendant.*

#### ***Gemini on the First***

Extremely active by nature, you like to get around, meet people and do varied things. Very restless, you just can't seem to stay put. To keep your mind stimulated, you need to be involved in several projects at once, and may be known as a Jack-of-all-trades. You like to read, write letters and talk — constantly. Seemingly ageless, you will always appear much younger than you really are. Adaptable and inquisitive, lively and versatile, you are always open to new ideas and experiences. Because of the high nervous tension that you always seem to have, you may find athletic activity a good way to burn off energy. To counter a tendency to experience things only superficially, it would help occasionally to make an effort to dig in and absorb things at a deeper level.

### ***North Node in the First***

You tend to be a real “social creature.” You prefer the social whirl of your friends and acquaintances — your need to express yourself creatively is done so much better in group situations than if you were on your own. You’re also a good friend and a trusted acquaintance and should be justly proud of that. While you’ll be among the first to stick up for the goals and needs of your group, try not to become overly dependent on your social acquaintances. There are certain situations that demand that you be able to act on your own and for your own personal good. You may have to go out of your way to learn the skills necessary to become self-reliant. It will be worth the extra effort.

### ***North Node in Cancer***

You genuinely enjoy meeting other people, but you’re at your best if you can do so in the comfort of your own home. Not liking to leave your home or neighborhood for any extended period of time, you prefer others to come to you. Those who do come in contact with you are struck by your caring and obliging nature. You really do make them feel at home. You form the closest ties, however, with members of your immediate family, especially your parents and children. You’re at your best when attending or organizing family reunions.

## **House 2: What You Own and Value**

*The second house goes a step outward from your own person and has to do with resources that you possess, including money. It shows your attitude toward what you own or would like to own: what you crave and covet, what you most value, how you go about getting it, how you take care of it, and whether or not you hang on to it. By extension, it can also indicate your sense of values: not just material things but also the attitudes and ideas that you hold dear.*

### ***Cancer on the Second***

You tend to be cautious and conservative with your own personal resources. You are sentimentally attached to what you have and will only share it with those to whom you are emotionally committed. Security, the feeling of being loved and wanted and needed, is an issue that looms large in your life. When you feel secure, you are very sensitive to the needs of others and will go out of your way to accommodate them. When you feel ill at ease or threatened, you withdraw and become very stingy, moody and ill-mannered. You are at your best when dealing with the public — your innate sensitivity to its needs allows you to be effective and caring and this assures success. You love to spend money and time on your home, family and children. When it comes to investments, security is uppermost in your mind.

### ***Leo on the Second***

You devote a great deal of time and energy to accumulating personal possessions and property. You have a great flair for the dramatic and you want whatever you define as “yours” to bear that stamp as well. You prefer lush, elegant, posh surroundings. Quite ostentatious at times, you are very conscious of the fact that your home and clothes are props which assist you in presenting yourself to others — and you delight in finding just the right setting to properly display yourself. For you, meals are banquets and casual get-togethers become grand and important events. Life is fun and brilliant, especially when your budget can afford it.

### ***No planets in the Second***

The second house of your horoscope contains no planets. This means that you tend not to be overly concerned about what you own, and that your attitudes and value structures are most likely integrated into your character as a whole. If outside influences upset this balance and cause these issues to become more important than usual, it will probably be only temporary.

## **House 3: Your Immediate Surroundings**

*Going a step further out from your own body and possessions, the third house has to do with your immediate surroundings and how you interact with them. The first “social” house, it describes brothers and sisters, neighbors and anyone who just happens to be near you on a daily basis. It also describes daily communication and transportation: letters, phone calls and emails, and routine journeys such as commuting to shopping, school or work. The first “mental” house, it governs early education and basic skills training, paving the way for higher education in the ninth house which is directly opposite it in the chart.*

### ***Virgo on the Third***

You are known as a “detail” person. Your orderly, practical mind delights in taking things (file cabinets, daily living routines, diets, etc.) that are untidy and chaotic and cataloging and categorizing and scheduling them so that sense can be made out of them. This tendency to analyze and to impose order on everything makes you very critical of anything that you consider to be out of place. Make sure that this tendency does not get out of hand or you will pick up the reputation of being a nag or nit-picker. You delight in organizing your own personal affairs to a fare-thee-well and take great pride when your life is working practically and efficiently — like smoothly running clockwork.

### ***Uranus in the Third***

Your mind is very quick, innovative and original. You have the ability to quickly grasp complicated subjects and are attracted to new and unusual ideas and concepts. You love to be the first one to know about something new. Pranks and practical jokes appeal to you and you will go out of your way to shock others with your outrageous conduct or lifestyle. Extremely nervous at times, you tend to be quite undisciplined. Your attention span is quite short and you seem to need constant new stimuli in order to be effective and functional.

### ***Uranus in Virgo***

You, and all your peers, will be known for the degree of intensity with which you dislike normal everyday routines and chores. You will go out of your way to invent innovative, unique and timesaving ways to perform the various mundane routines and duties of living. You will be attracted to all manner of practical and useful gadgets — anything that will make your daily life more exciting.

### ***Pluto in the Third***

Whenever you get interested in anything, you go whole hog. Your involvement is total, complete and all- absorbing, never superficial or casual. A very good investigator, you tend to form opinions only after a thorough analysis of all sides of the question. Once you have formed your opinions, you are very good at persuading others to adopt them. You enjoy sharing what you know and are sometimes overly zealous about it, especially when you meet any resistance.

### ***Pluto in Virgo***

Your entire generation was born at a time that saw profound changes in society's attitude toward work, duty and responsibility. There were also fundamental changes in attitudes toward personal health and nutrition.

## **House 4: Where You Come From**

*Being at the very bottom of the wheel, the fourth house is both where you originate and where you come to rest. As such, it describes your parents and ancestral background, and later the home or protected space into which you retreat each day for nourishment and sleep. A deeply personal house, the fourth is concerned with security and peace of mind, the safety of loved ones, and how you care for others and yourself. The place of your roots and the earth beneath your feet, the fourth house rules the house or apartment where you live and also real estate in general. In your trajectory through life, the fourth house shows your origins and where you are coming from, just as the tenth house and Midheaven describe your career and where you aim to go.*

### ***Libra on the Fourth***

Your home is a place of refuge for you, a place without stress or tension. You spend a great deal of time, effort and expense in finding the appropriate refined and elegant furnishings so that you and those with whom you live will be able to relax and take it easy. You hate to live alone, delighting in and learning from the give-and-take of relating to others. You are a warm and gracious host or hostess, but you prefer to stay emotionally detached from guests and family. You fear the obligations and responsibilities of deep emotional ties and would rather be a friend and pal. Your innate tact and diplomacy allows you to keep your home running smoothly.

### ***No planets in the Fourth***

You have no planets in the fourth house. This means that home and family are not likely to be major issues for you, or demand much time and energy on your part. For further information on how you handle the issues of security and peace of mind, look to the house and aspects of your Moon.

## House 5: Playtime

*After being nurtured and restored in the fourth house, you are refreshed and full of energy for play and creative pursuits. Replenished by dreams, you have creative ideas. Nurtured by your parents, you are ready to have your own children. Fresh from the security of home, you are ready to trust the universe and take risks. For all these reasons, the fifth house traditionally rules the child in you and the children around you, your own personal creativity and self-expression, plays and amusements of all sorts, gambling and speculation, and courtship, love affairs and romance. This is an outgoing house, but it is still beneath the horizon, in the territory of your heart's desires.*

### ***Scorpio on the Fifth***

For you, fun and games are serious business — once you are attracted to a particular form of amusement, you pursue it so obsessively that others wonder where the lighthearted fun disappeared to. You have the same attitude toward love and lovers. Your emotional reactions are so deep, overwhelming and complex that you soon decide that you cannot ever be without your lover and will do anything and everything to bind him or her to you forever. Be careful not to be overly manipulative or pushy or the opposite effect will occur — and your loneliness will be devastating. You tend to prefer relationships that are secretive and sometimes illicit, usually because you distrust dealing openly and directly with your complex emotional reactions.

### ***Neptune in the Fifth***

Very imaginative and creative, you like to invent beautiful dreams and fantasies. Lovers and partners are seen as romantic figures, larger than life and without flaws. You also like to put yourself in the role of someone who rescues others from great peril or distress. Try to make sure that those whom you help or love are worthy of the sacrifices you are willing to make for them or you will end up disillusioned and disappointed. If you have children, you will also tend to idealize them and work long and hard to make their path through life smoother. Remember to encourage them to stand on their own two feet and make their own decisions — you must learn to let go.

### ***Neptune in Scorpio***

You, and your entire generation, are extremely interested in anything deep and mysterious. You will explore and idealize the benefits that can accrue from the study of the occult, healing and psychology. You are willing to experiment with substances like drugs in order to push your understanding of your inner being to the extreme.

## House 6: Taking Care of Business

*After the candle-lit dinner comes the credit-card bill. Courtship is followed by the nitty-gritty of married life: babies, diapers and saving up for college. After your creative impulse comes the need to learn the technique of actually making something. And if you overexpend your energy, you get health problems. The sixth house rules taking care of business on an everyday level. This includes your job, paying bills and keeping the house clean. It also includes maintaining your body with medical checkups and a daily regimen of nutrition and exercise. In the old books it ruled servants, and it can by extension rule the way you offer service to others. It also ruled useful animals, particularly small ones like cats, dogs, chickens and pigs. Today this usually means small pets, which exist in the personal, intimate part of your life that is signified by houses that lie below the horizon.*

### ***Scorpio on the Sixth***

You tend to become obsessed with your work if it peaks your interest. You then drop everything else and totally immerse yourself in what you are doing. You are willing to do the necessary research and investigation in order to find out how best to approach a given project — and the more challenging (and dangerous) it is, the better you seem to like it. You work with an intensity that makes your coworkers uneasy because they are just not as attached to the job as you are. As such, you can be trusted with important and confidential material — once you have given your loyalty, it can be forever. Your major health difficulties are caused by not dealing with stressful situations as they occur — when you postpone them, they have a tendency to burst out of you in an uncontrollable fashion.

## House 7: Relating One-to-One

*If you courted in the fifth house and woke up in the sixth yoked to another in a daily routine, the seventh house gives you a chance to hammer out a relationship of true equals. The goal is wedded bliss and a true sense of relatedness, but along the way there may be fights as you each define your individuality and establish your own territory. Not only is the seventh the traditional house of marriage, it is also the house of open enemies, your sparring partners in life. In general, since the first house is you yourself, the seventh house, directly opposite, is the other person in a variety of situations. Besides signifying a marriage or sparring partner, the seventh house rules business partners, or those on the other side of a desk, such as consultants, lawyers, therapists or astrologers.*

### ***Sagittarius on the Seventh***

You seek a partner who can help provide you with a sense of overall direction and purpose in life. Emotional considerations are not as important for you in relationships (either business or personal) as are the integrity and high-mindedness that a potential partner can bring to you and therefore allow you to focus your energies on something that is important and beyond yourself. This will help to liberate you and make you feel unencumbered. Once the ground rules of the relationship have been set, you will allow each other more individual freedom than most relationships can support — you are rarely jealous or possessive of each other.

## **House 8: Giving It All Away**

*Having achieved a relationship of equals in the seventh house, you are ready to give up your separateness in the eighth, merging in sexual union and becoming one on a deep emotional level. If the second house was about grasping and possessing, the eighth is about sharing and letting go. While the second rules your own money, the eighth rules how you deal with other people's money and how you pool resources. On a mundane level the eighth rules taxes, but on a fundamental level it can rule giving up anything you value, including your ego and even your body. In relaxing your grasp on what you find most dear, you may find that you are really not as dependent on it as you thought. In relinquishing, you achieve a new level of freedom, and feel lighter, renewed and more alive. Related to all this, the eighth signifies mysteries such as death and resurrection, magic and the occult, and the deep parts of the psyche that are beyond our conscious grasp.*

### ***Capricorn on the Eighth***

You have a no-nonsense, practical, but very earthy approach to sex and sexuality. You are uncomfortable with all the romantic trappings associated with courtship, but you thoroughly enjoy all the carnal delights. You have a businesslike, direct approach which can sometimes destroy any spontaneity, but you are eager and willing when your attention has been aroused. You are cautious and careful about investing your resources and you are willing to save and wait — and save and wait — for just the right moment as a part of a larger, carefully considered plan of personal growth and development. Your preference to avoid gambling and speculation and your efficient, common sense attitude contribute to making you a good financial advisor.

### ***Aquarius on the Eighth***

You have a detached and intellectual approach to sexual matters. You carefully and completely analyze the pros and cons of any potential liaison before committing yourself to it. The main disadvantage here is that spontaneity has been thrown out the window, but the relationship may stand the test of time because you are probably quite sure that you are interested in maintaining it almost before it has begun. Once you have made a commitment to another, you can come up with unique, original and inventive ways to explore your sexuality. Your ability to remain cool, detached and unemotional also allows you to be a prudent and careful investor, but you are not averse to taking a calculated risk every once in a while.

### ***Moon in the Eighth***

You have very powerful emotional responses which, at times, are difficult for you to keep under control. You experience constant mood swings, running the full gamut from elation to depression in a continuing cycle. These radical mood shifts are a part of a cycle of personal growth and evolution — you should learn to develop enough objectivity to observe it. Even though your feelings are often intense, you tend to prefer to keep them to yourself. However, be careful not to suppress feelings of anger and frustration entirely or you may either become ill or you may just let it all out at the most inappropriate of times.

### ***Moon in Aquarius***

Very freedom-oriented, you must always be able to do what you wish, no matter what. You become stubborn and recalcitrant when others try to force you into a mold. You are a true democrat — you are not a follower, but you enjoy being with those who are like-minded. You appreciate emotional self-control — you practice it yourself and you look for it in others. You solve problems, including emotional ones, with your brains and intellect, not your feelings. Try to be tolerant of those who have powerful and obvious emotional responses — not everyone is as objective, cool, dispassionate and detached as you are.

### ***Saturn in the Eighth***

Your life is filled with major transformations and changes, but they usually have a negative effect on you. This is because you tend to regard any new direction as a death, an ending, and you grieve for what has now been lost. You must learn instead to regard them as births, as new beginnings or new directions that will present new challenges for you. Because of your fear of change, you tend to withdraw and are unwilling to share what you have with others. This overly cautious approach to resources has its good side, though — you are unusually well qualified to care for the property and resources of others.

### ***Saturn in Pisces***

Your tendency to think that your life is out of control is based on an unreasonable fear, probably connected with an unfortunate experience with the person who filled the father figure role in your early life. Learn to take responsibility here and now for your own life. Try to stop having unrealistic expectations about guide figures. Remember that they are merely human, with all the same faults and self-doubts that you have. When you get confused or uncertain, try to simplify your lifestyle — things will then become easier to bear.

## **House 9: Expanding Your Awareness**

*Approaching the highest point in the sky, the ninth house wafts you up and out of your rut, giving you a broad and lofty view of the terrain beneath. Whereas the third ruled basic schooling and short trips, the ninth rules higher education and long-distance travel. It removes you from your everyday routine so you can see the overall pattern, the overlooked connections between things. It rules all-embracing concepts (such as your philosophy of life) and institutions (like religion and law) that stand over society and keep it bound together. It can also signify your teachers and mentors, your library, and all else that broadens your outlook.*

### ***Pisces on the Ninth***

Your philosophy of life and living is not based on wide reading in the standard schools of philosophy or religion. You receive your knowledge and guidelines as the result of your intuition or imagination. You tend to prefer to live your life in surrender of your own ego, as long as by doing so you can assist those who are less fortunate than you. You have inner visions of the way things should be, but it is usually difficult for you to enunciate them — you are not good at proselytizing. You would rather let your lifestyle of selfless service be an example of your philosophy. You are attracted to causes that reflect your own high ideals and philanthropic concerns and you will devote time and energy in their service.

### ***Mars in the Ninth***

Your beliefs and opinions (and prejudices) have become an ingrained part of your nature. For someone to attack or question one of your cherished ideas is just as if they were to attack you personally. You tend to react immediately and aggressively. You are at your best when you have a cause to fight for. Just be careful to avoid becoming too self-righteous in your pursuit of your goals. Others have a right to hold opposite points of view.

### ***Mars in Aries***

You are very independent and self-assertive, and you have lots of physical energy. You are not satisfied unless you can be the first to do something. As such, you are more comfortable in leadership positions than you are as an underling. When you are challenged by anyone for anything, you delight in the competitive process and will fight long and hard for your beliefs. You are bold and courageous and often act without thinking. At times, in your zeal to get ahead, you can be tactless and offensive. Remember that cooperation with others can speed progress toward your goals because of the support you will get.

### ***Chiron in the Ninth***

An effective and influential teacher, you developed your own unusual outlook on life at a very young age. A precocious but serious child, you may have been admonished and teased for being “different.” A superior attitude could have prevented you from cultivating lasting friendships. Your independent streak and singular manner of self-expression will serve you well as a writer, publisher, teacher or raconteur. Success will be forthcoming once you realize that you are equal to, not better than, your peers. Always remember that students are your very best teachers.

### ***Chiron in Pisces***

Intuitive and imaginative, you may have difficulty in verbal communication. This often gives the false impression that you are confused and unintelligent. You may have been teased by other children, leaving you feeling vulnerable and distrustful. Retreating into the sanctity of your own world may have filled many lonely hours. Your compassion and sensitivity can contribute to your success in the helping professions. You are a wonderful friend who is ready to answer the call when anyone needs you. Therapy is an excellent way to improve self-esteem and to view yourself as the remarkable and unique human being that you are.

## **House 10: Your Public Self**

*If the fourth house showed your roots and where you came from, the tenth shows what you are ultimately aiming at in life. Whereas the sixth shows your daily job and how you make a living, the tenth signifies your career, your personal contribution, your reputation and what you become known for. Some astrologers also believe that the fourth house signifies one parent, and the tenth signifies the other. The tenth-house parent is most likely the one who prepares you for the world. The closer a planet is to the Midheaven, the more likely that planet is to be the major significator of your life's direction.*

### ***Aries on the Tenth***

You tend to think so well of yourself and your potentials that you believe that there is nothing that you cannot do with your life. Very ambitious, very optimistic and very confident in yourself, you are willing to take career risks that others would not even begin to consider. It would be best for you to seek a career in some highly competitive field where you can rise to the top and become a leader of others. You are much more comfortable in giving orders than in taking them. Your impetuosity and devil-may-care attitude sometimes gets you into hot water. It will be difficult, but you should try to learn to look before you leap.

### ***Sun in the Tenth***

You want to make your mark in the world and to be in charge of your own destiny. If your past and early upbringing has supplied you with proper goal structures and a sense of discipline and dedication, you should have no problem attaining your desired ends. A consummate achiever, you must learn to cooperate with and tolerate and respect the authority figures in your life in order to ease your path.

### ***Sun in Aries***

By nature, you are very energetic and high-spirited. You are fiercely independent — you must be first in everything you do, and you enjoy taking risks. You are the one who will rush in where angels fear to tread. Quite brilliant at initiating new projects, you are terrible at following them through to completion. You are an enthusiastic leader but you tend to be a reluctant follower. Often you are quick to anger, but you usually recover just as fast, regretting later things you said when you were upset. One of your best traits is that you are simple and direct, blunt and honest — just be careful you do not hurt others' feelings. Your need to be competitive at all costs may provoke resistance from others, but, as long as you maintain your usual Sunny good humor, this should not prove to be a major problem for you.

### ***Mercury in the Tenth***

Your career will involve the use of your mind or perhaps the development of some skill that demands great hand-eye coordination. Advanced training and education will be important to you, not only because you have the aptitude for it, but also because you can apply the things you learn in practical and concrete ways. You are very good at expressing yourself through speech or writing, and may well be attracted to a career in teaching, travel or communications.

### ***Mercury in Taurus***

A careful, deliberate thinker, you like to present ideas visually and concretely. Abstractions are difficult for you to understand. To merit your attention, things must be practical and useful. A perfectionist, you enjoy being skillful and dexterous in your chosen craft. You are cautious and conservative in your thinking, and are slow to change your opinions. You are more apt to respond to an appeal to your feelings than to an appeal that is based on logic or reason.

### ***Jupiter in the Tenth***

Your self-confidence and generally optimistic attitude allows you to interface quite well with both partners and competitors. You are trusted because of your reasonableness and good judgment. This offers you the opportunity to attain considerable success in your chosen line of work. You are truly altruistic by nature, and your career will prosper if, in it, you can constantly deal with significant human problems, like justice or social reform. But ,at times, you get puffed up with your own importance — watch out that you do not become overly self-righteous or arrogant or you will lose the good will of others that you value so much.

### ***Jupiter in Aries***

The way that you grow and develop is by being an uncompromising individualist. You have a great need to be yourself and to explore your latent talents and abilities. Do not be afraid to let yourself go and develop self-confidence and pride in your accomplishments. But try not to become so self-centered that you ignore the needs of others. Also, you may have to build up your self-discipline in order to focus your energies properly.

## **House 11: Your Circle of Acquaintances**

*The eleventh is the last house of relationships: not brothers, sisters and neighbors who just happen to be around you, not one-to-one partners, but the circle of friends and associates whom you actively choose. It shows the way you make and keep friendships, the organizations you join, the networking you do, and the general way you interact with groups. After you have established yourself as an individual and learned to form personal relationships with others, you are ready to think about the common good. This is why the eleventh often signifies groups dedicated to social or other sorts of collective improvement.*

### ***Taurus on the Eleventh***

Once you form a friendship or association in common with others, your loyalty and devotion can be counted on forever. Your alliances and group networks are usually a reflection of those you encountered as a very young person and may be closely related to important familial or cultural or neighborhood contacts. You value the interaction and mutual benefits that such associations bring and will work long and hard to support and defend your friends because you consider them to be an integral part of your extended family. It is almost impossible for anyone to get you to change your mind when it comes to your friends, unless they can be shown to be traitorous or scandalous, and even then you will try to rehabilitate them rather than abandon them.

### ***No planets in the Eleventh***

The eleventh house of your horoscope contains no planets. This does not mean that you will never have friends or associates or that you will never be active in groups that express your philosophy of life. It simply indicates that these are not paramount issues for you. From time to time, influences from outside you may cause you to become more active in these areas, but this will be temporary rather than life-long.

## House 12: The Hidden You

*The twelfth house is where planets go just after they have risen. Here planets are still wet behind the ears, blinking in the sunlight and unsteady on their feet. Feeling completely vulnerable, planets in the twelfth tend to hide. Their energies can become repressed and secretive, and sometimes they lurk as complexes in the subconscious. This is why the twelfth is associated with self-sabotage, with hidden enemies, and with prison and whatever else makes you feel confined. The traditional association with hospitals and prisons suggest that constructive ways of dealing with twelfth-house problems include helping others who are similarly repressed or confined. Also, some with a strong twelfth-house emphasis become successful as undercover workers or as the power behind the throne.*

### ***Taurus on the Twelfth***

You have ambivalent feelings about the necessity to be cautious and conservative in certain important situations. While you normally live your life very liberally, floating freely from situation to situation and relationship to relationship, at the very root of your nature you are uncomfortable. You yearn for a solid and stable lifestyle in which you do not have to deal with uncertainty and the unknown. In order to allow this for yourself, you will have to “decondition” yourself to the point where you can begin to do things — like save for the future — without feeling guilty or feeling that you might miss out on something. Things will probably improve for you along these lines the older you get.

### ***Venus in the Twelfth***

Although a very loving person, you tend to be shy and reserved about expressing your true feelings. You are afraid of being rejected by others should you become too exuberant — you find aggressiveness personally offensive. You must learn to trust others and yourself, too. When you are able to relax and not feel threatened, you are very giving to others, especially those who are in distress.

### ***Venus in Gemini***

You are friendly, warm, open and tolerant toward others. You love variety in relationships, indeed you may even prefer to maintain more than one relationship at a time. Very witty and humorous, you have the ability to amuse and please others. This makes you quite popular. You love to play the field and thus find it difficult to settle down and make any deep emotional commitments. Your innate charm and vivacity makes you welcome most everywhere you go.

## A Mirror of Your Uniqueness

*This report is based on the position of the Sun, Moon and planets at the moment of your birth, as seen from the point on Earth where you were born. Such an arrangement of planets and stars will never be repeated in exactly the same form. Like the genes that determine your body and temperament, your astrological chart is made up of the same basic parts that other humans have, but the arrangement of these parts is uniquely your own.*

*You could think of your birth moment as a seed that contains the potential for how you will unfold. The arrangement of the planets at your birth does not, however, cause your body structure and temperament in the way that the patterning of your DNA causes it. Instead, the planetary positions at your birth employ the language of symbols to mirror who you are. Like a mirror, your chart enables you to see yourself from outside yourself, and it therefore extends your point of view.*

*To use a different analogy, your chart shows the deck you've been dealt, the raw materials you are given from which to fashion a life. Nobody's perfect: we are all given our special problems to solve and our special strengths and beauties. In knowing what you have to work with, you will be better able to make use of your gifts, fill in (or at least be comfortable about) what you lack, and grow in the life directions that are right for you and you alone.*

*Instead of assuming that there is one norm for everyone, astrology attempts to show the special pattern that is right for you. In doing so, it can give you clues as to how you can more fully and consciously fill the unique role that you have been given in this lifetime, and enrich the world with the gifts that only you can bestow.*