

**The Goddess Report  
Chiron and the Asteroids**

**Astrological Report**

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Sun	Virgo	28°Vi01'	10th	01 02°Sg54'
Moon	Taurus	00°Ta49'	05th	02 03°Cp47'
Mercury	Libra	18°Li37'	11th	03 08°Aq17'
Venus	Leo	27°Le40'	09th	04 13°Pi24'
Mars	Sagittarius	07°Sg46'	01st	05 14°Ar38'
Jupiter	Leo	24°Le54'	09th	06 10°Ta37'
Saturn	Aries	09°Ar53'	04th	07 02°Ge54'
Uranus	Virgo	25°Vi02'	10th	08 03°Ca47'
Neptune	Scorpio	22°Sc13'	12th	09 08°Le17'
Pluto	Virgo	20°Vi44'	10th	10 13°Vi24'
Midheaven	Virgo	13°Vi24'	10th	11 14°Li38'
Ascendant	Sagittarius	02°Sg54'	01st	12 10°Sc37'
Chiron	Pisces	27°Pi30' R	04th	
Ceres	Virgo	13°Vi03'	09th	
Pallas	Leo	18°Le53'	09th	
Juno	Libra	00°Li15'	10th	
Vesta	Sagittarius	09°Sg49'	01st	

## Introduction

Astrology is an ancient science and art that has been in use for centuries. The planets are named after the Mediterranean gods of ancient Rome and Greece. This illustrates the awareness possessed by our ancestors of the synchronicity between the activation of life's archetypal energies and the movements of heavenly bodies that seem to measure the timing of these events.

The last few centuries have been an exciting time for astrologers. We have witnessed the discovery of the outer planets and watched them conform to the synchronistic meaning ascribed to them by their names, joining and expanding the pantheon of deities that dance through the horoscopes of people and political events. Astrologers have become comfortable with the extended astrological family that now includes Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, and these have been utilized in western astrology for most of the twentieth century. Since the dust has settled from these cosmic discoveries, astrologers have had some time to study the action of some other newly discovered heavenly bodies - namely Chiron and the asteroids.

The asteroids lie in a belt that orbits between Mars and Jupiter. It is now known that this belt is comprised of thousands of asteroids, but the first four were discovered many years in advance of the rest. These four asteroids were named after four major Olympic goddesses, which happened to redress the gender imbalance among the primarily male planetary deities that populate the horoscope. Thus it was that Ceres, Juno, Vesta, and Pallas Athena came along at the time of the birth of the women's movement in the nineteenth century. Astrologers do work with the myriad of other asteroids as well, but these four, with their associations to four of the most important goddesses, are the "standard" ones in use.

Chiron was discovered in 1977, and was named after the wise Greek centaur who tasted immortality. Chiron lies between Saturn and Uranus and occasionally passes within the orbit of Saturn. At first thought to be a comet or asteroid it is now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body.

The astrological portraits of the asteroids and Chiron have emerged through the observations of fascinated astrologers over the last century. This report informs you of their symbolic meaning and gives you insight into how they operate in your own horoscope.

## **Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart**

### **Chiron**

The astronomical body, Chiron (once thought to be a comet or asteroid, now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body) is named after the ancient Greek, centaur demi-god who was horse from the waist down and human from the waist up. Chiron's orbit, unlike that of the asteroids, lies between Saturn and Uranus, and is irregular in that it occasionally crosses inside the orbit of Saturn. This astronomical characteristic is symbolic of Chiron's reputation for being somewhat of a maverick.

Chiron was no ordinary run-of-the-mill centaur at the mercy of instincts and appetites. He displayed such self-mastery and was so wise and gifted in both the arts of healing and the arts of war and statesmanship, that he found himself mentor to heroes and kings and their sons. His service was of such value that he was granted immortality by the gods. Chance would have it that he was accidentally wounded in the foot by one of his own poisoned arrows, carelessly tossed by one of his fosterlings (Heracles). Since by this time he was immortal, the result of this mishap was that Chiron was condemned by fate to suffer eternally the agonies of a poisoned wound that could not be healed. In order to obtain release from his endless suffering, the wise old centaur decided to relinquish the mantle of immortality that had been bestowed upon him. He gave it, instead, to Prometheus (who needed it to be freed from the punishment he suffered for mocking the gods and stealing their fire). In this way, Chiron embraced death and found release from his suffering.

Astrologically, Chiron's placement in the horoscope indicates one's experience of the wound that does not heal, (or the wound that does not seem to heal, because although an important lesson may be learned through dealing with it, the wound seems to spiral around with another lesson on a deeper level). Chiron represents one's experience of woundedness and the nature of the wound. Second, by coming to terms with suffering through an acceptance of one's mortality, one arrives at a greater state of wholeness or healing. Third, Chiron shows how one comes into one's own as an elder or mentor who can provide healing and guidance to others. Thus Chiron also astrologically indicates the ways and means with which you can guide others, as well as the kind of mentoring and healing you seek for yourself.

### **Chiron in Pisces**

With Chiron in Pisces, mentoring and the healing process are associated with compassion, artistic sensitivity, and the fostering of a viable spiritual awareness. This applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. You may encounter mentor figures who are mystical, artistic, or sensitive in some way, or who

can help you navigate the choppy waters of spiritual pitfalls. You may experience wounding, inadequacy, or insoluble conflict arising from exposure to victim/martyr dynamics, addictions, spiritual exploitation, or the inability or unwillingness to distinguish "reality" from "non-ordinary" states. Spiritual escapism, or the habit of taking shelter in the cosmic state of oneness (or other addictions) as a way of avoiding the suffering of the world, can hinder the formation of a functional ego and healthy sense of self. Experiences such as these, or the loss of a spiritual mentor, are painful events that evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

### **Chiron in 4th House**

Chiron in the fourth house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with the home, family, and domestic or emotional security. In one way or another, the sense of a secure foundation and profound sustenance that is derived from early home life is likely to be damaged. The relationship with either the father or the mother (whoever is the more mysterious, less "present" parent) can be experienced as hurtful, inadequate, or rife with insoluble conflict. There may be painful issues to do with homelessness or exile, whether "real" or internally experienced as an ever-present sense of never belonging. A parent who is a healer or mentor figure may be unavailable because all their energy is given to "the sick and wounded," or perhaps there is an exquisite sensitivity to the woundedness of a parent who is dysfunctional as a result. Such early domestic experiences can have a wounding effect, and any dysfunctional defense mechanisms you use to deal with the painful issue can cause you further difficulties. Eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

### **Sun Opposite Chiron Orb: 00°31'**

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with the Sun. The mentor/wounded healer archetype within yourself is at loggerheads with your sense of self-essence or self-identity. Your sense of self and your ability to live from the center of your own creative essence may be strongly colored by a feeling of woundedness that can cause you to mistrust or fear your own core essence. Perhaps you fear that an inner self doesn't exist, is missing, or, if allowed to shine, will be found lacking or inadequate. Or perhaps you feel that all creative expression is pre-doomed to failure. To avoid the ultimate pain of such a possibility, you might, as a result, avoid trying to reconnect with an essence whose existence you now doubt. The original severance of that connection is the true source of your woundedness. Severance from or wounding caused by the father figure or other animus figures can cause you to shun male mentors or healers who could assist you. An attitude of pseudo-masculine posturing could prevent you from acknowledging your own woundedness and vulnerability, and prevent you from growing. Or perhaps you experience conflict because of mentor/healer types who don't permit or who subversively undermine your own creative expression of self-purpose. Resolution to these conflicts lies in meeting both needs: the need to connect with and trust one's inner self, and the need to heal old wounds through accepting guidance from others who have already embarked on the healing journey.

### **Venus Quincunx Chiron Orb: 00°10'**

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Venus. There's quite a bit of discord between the wounding/healing story and the whole issue of love, pleasure, beauty, and sensual enjoyment. You may feel that there could not possibly be anything healing about the Feminine. Perhaps you believe that suffering is a woman's lot, or the lot of those who dare to relate with women. On the other hand you may pursue pleasure and "the good life" in order to avoid some necessary healing work that is calling to be done and that, if ignored, leaves you in the place of denial and sabotages your opportunities to enjoy those pleasure pursuits. Or perhaps your concern with mentoring and wounding/healing work leaves no room in your life for pleasure and loving relationships. You may have been wounded in your need to feel loved, valued and appreciated, or to be found beautiful - or perhaps you have been made to feel ashamed of your sensuality or your musical or artistic ability. You may have difficulty feeling or believing that you are loved and valued as a result, even when you are, and thus might have difficulty expressing your own love for others. The way out of such dilemmas lies in learning both to embrace and heal one's woundedness and to accept the need for fun, love, and pleasure. This may seem like a stretch at first, but every paradox requires a stretch in order to go from conflict to resolution.

#### **Uranus Opposite Chiron    Orb: 02°29'**

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The wounded healer clashes with the forward thinking rebel who is a proponent of change. You may experience wounding that has to do with issues of the devastation wrought by modern technology or with illnesses that effect the nervous system, meridians, or subtle electro-magnetic energy fields of the human body. Iridology, reiki, acupuncture, and cranio-sacral therapy are some examples of the kinds of subtle-energy healing techniques that may be part of your wounding/healing journey. There may be a wound having to do with an extreme sensitivity to the collective unconscious of humanity and the ideals or thought forms that affect it. This can cause you to be swept away by the tides of social, political, or esoteric movements that promise freedom from certain types of restrictions but often just usher in a new form of enslavement. There may be an attitude of indiscriminate rebellion that leads to a perception of all forms of authority as a threat to freedom. This results in a resistance to the voice of one's own inner authority, and mistaking its promptings towards inner change and growth (which could be painful) for demands for conformity. If this inner voice is betrayed, then you ironically do end up selling out and joining the ranks of the order of the day, new and exciting as they may be. Through dealing with the pain caused by these experiences, you come to learn on a profound level that the only change that leads to freedom is a deep internal change involving one's own thought patterns, for they are the root of the behavioral and emotional habits that unnecessarily limit you. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for healing and the need for freedom exist within you, and that not only are they not mutually exclusive, the one need cannot be met without fulfilling the other! It's up to you to resolve this paradox. Your ability to do this may enable you to serve as a healer/mentor to others who struggle with similar issues.

#### **Neptune Trine Chiron    Orb: 05°18'**

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your capacity for compassion, sensitivity, and transcendent experience is a great resource that helps you to heal painful wounds (your own, or those of others). These wounds are likely to involve issues arising from a poor sense of

personal boundaries, feelings of victim-hood or helplessness, escapism via spiritual or substance abuses, or difficulty distinguishing ordinary from non-ordinary states of mind. A non-acceptance of human failings and the sufferings and evils of the world, and a desire to regress to a womb-like state can play a part in these problems. You may have a healing influence upon others via your artistic or musical gifts, your spiritual sensibility, or your compassion and psychic sensitivity. Your artistic expressions may touch the wounds of others, deal with healing themes, or be utilized in therapeutic settings. Dream therapy, dream journaling or visualization techniques may also be a part of your healing kit.

### **Pluto Opposite Chiron    Orb: 06°47'**

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Pluto. The mentor/wounded healer archetype within yourself combines with the urge for powerful and transformative experience in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. You may experience a personal sense of wounding due to issues involving death, sexuality, power abuses, destructive urges, or intense and deeply buried emotions such as rage, jealousy, or possessiveness. There could be an inability to perceive the destructiveness in oneself or others, or a lack of trust in one's own instincts and gut feelings; in either case, one's self-preservation skills may be impaired or wounded in some way. You may be attracted to exciting but dangerous experiences that tempt fate - until you get burned enough to recognize that something's got to change. The challenge is to learn to reconcile the need for healing and wise counsel with the need to deal with power and peak experiences. You need to make room for both needs in your life, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others. Once you have embarked upon your own healing journey, you can have a profound healing influence on others who are struggling with issues of power abuses and powerful or destructive emotional, archetypal, or sexual energies. Your avenue of healing or counseling may involve work with shamanism, initiation experiences, depth psychology, or primal or archetypal energies.

## Ceres

Ceres is the expression of the Earth Goddess archetype that has been worshipped in many forms by various cultures. This archetype has always been associated with mother earth, harvests, a transformational journey to and from the underworld, rites of passage, and the birth or resurrection of a fertility deity.

The myth of Demeter (da mater or "earth mother") and the sudden abduction of her dearly loved daughter Persephone by the lord of the underworld contains the same universal symbolism as other Earth Goddess myths. These myths may appear, at first, to be early explanations for the changing of the seasons. They are actually wise, rich, symbolic teachings on such profound themes as loss and renewal, death and rebirth, and the endless transformation that constitutes the very laws of creation to which this universe and everything in it adheres.

On a more personal level, the Ceres myth deals with the severance of the bonds of love and/or attachment. When we experience love as we have known it being taken from us, we can feel as if we have been cast into a realm of eternal darkness, never to return to the world of the living again. We may then be unable to let go of the past, reliving it again and again in our minds - protesting and resisting the present, and demanding that it somehow hand over to us the treasure that has been snatched away.

Yet as with Demeter, who chose to forgo her divinity and wander in the world of humans, after which she was reunited annually with her transformed daughter, it is only when we can give up notions of eternal paradise and immortality that we can relinquish old attachments. Only when we have been humbled by and have accepted those mysterious cyclic forces beyond ourselves that we can be restored to a state of plentitude and abundance in the here and now. Then we can truly understand how our cup must be emptied in order to be filled afresh.

Ceres in the birth chart thus describes what one really cares about, and the way one nurtures others (and needs to be nurtured oneself) in a parental kind of way. It also indicates where one may tend to cling, the kind of separations that can be traumatic, and what one may be required to give up (or share with others) in order to grow. It can also indicate the ways in which we seek for something that seems to be missing, something we didn't get enough of, as well as the ways that can help us mourn such a loss. As with Demeter and Persephone, Ceres can also indicate the kind of experience that constitutes a rite of passage - the most profound transformation: the death and rebirth of the self.

### Ceres in Virgo

With Ceres in Virgo, nurturing is expressed in an efficient and orderly manner, and is associated with the mastery of practical skills, discipline, and competence. Nurturance is expressed more through training and guidance and through being useful to others, than through emotional affection. Lack of this kind of nurturance at an early age can result in lack of discipline and difficulty in coping with practicalities and problem solving. This lack could be a

source of grief, through which you learn how to develop these qualities for yourself and, thus, to encourage them in others. You may also extend care to others through nutrition, health services or labor activities. On the other hand, your own personal nurturing experience may have involved an excess of criticism or an overemphasis on doing things "right," in which case perfectionism and a critical attitude towards the self and others can result. Eating disorders could be also be associated with these difficulties. Troubles with health or with efficient functioning could serve as transformative experiences for you, ones that initiate you into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

### **Ceres in 9th House**

Ceres in the ninth house indicates that you can nurture others through encouraging them in their search for knowledge, universal truth, and expansion of mind. You may also enjoy giving to others through helping them to broaden their cultural horizons via exposure to foreign language, travel, or philosophies (especially those that emphasize harmony with the earth, teachings of the Feminine, or the practical sharing of the earth's resources). These interests may be expressed through publishing, teaching, ministering, or provision of legal assistance. You may awaken to such teachings as a result of archetypal experiences of loss and return encountered in connection with legal proceedings or issues of higher education. The integration of parenting and the pursuit of higher education can be a major concern for you. You may unconsciously seek a parent-figure in your mentors or teachers, for you yourself feel a parental-type love when teaching or guiding others.

### **Mars Square Ceres Orb: 05°17'**

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Mother/daughter meets the masculine god of war! Your need for or experience of parent-child bonding seem to be at odds with your fighting spirit and warrior skills. Perhaps your own assertiveness or aggressive tendencies were thwarted by an overly forceful parent, or not given encouragement. Or perhaps you feel that nurturance and caring are not consistent with or undermine the masculine qualities of risk-taking, competitiveness, and confrontation. Such types of conflict may have their roots in your past parent-child experiences or in your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties with maternal or warrior figures. The lesson here is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for assertive, forceful action belong to one and the same person. Both need to be met consciously; this corrects the natural tendency to unconsciously project one of them out onto others, which can result in difficulties with aggression or anger.

## Pallas

As with goddess-myths associated with the other asteroids, the myths that pertain to the warrior goddess Pallas Athena reflect socio-historic upheavals as well as archetypal themes. One of the most interesting aspects of Athena's myth, as it has evolved, is the changing nature of her birth. In her earliest form she was said to have been born of Lake Triton in Libya, home of the legendary amazons. Her worship was brought to the Greek islands much later by the Libyans themselves as they emigrated across the Mediterranean sea. The story of her birth reflected this migration, for she was then said to be born of Metis - a sea goddess. Further evolution of her myth reflects the encounter of the goddess worshipping peoples with the patriarchal people invading Greece from the north: Metis (whose name means Wise Counsel), pregnant with Athena, was devoured by the invaders' god, Zeus, who later gave birth to a fully grown and fully armored Pallas Athena from his head. Later versions of this myth omit altogether any mention of Metis, and depict Athena as having been conceived without a woman's involvement.

Later myth also portrays Athena as bringing about the destruction of both Pallas and Medusa in what appears to be sociological evidence of the attempt to destroy goddess worship. (Pallas, Athena, and Medusa were the three faces of the Libyan version of the triple goddess.) In one of these myths Zeus tricks Athena into killing her Amazonian sister Pallas during a friendly competition. Another myth relates how Athena helped King Perseus to cut off Medusa's head by giving him a mirror to use so he could avoid her deadly gaze. Yet, as much as these myths might have been used as evidence of the wise Athena's denunciation of the Feminine, they also contain symbolism that indicates how Athena preserved the goddess trinity. For, upon the death of Pallas, the grieving Athena placed her sister's name before her own. As for her attitude towards Medusa, she bore Medusa's image upon her breastplate and distributed her blood to healers as a regenerative medicine. The symbolic importance of the mirror in the Perseus-Medusa conflict also hints at Athena's wisdom and gift as a mediator in teaching how to reconcile opposites by seeing in oneself the disowned qualities that are projected onto opponents.

Pallas Athena signifies wisdom and creative problem solving in which a holistic view of conflicting or opposite elements (the Masculine and the Feminine) is required. This sense of fairness is backed up by a willingness to defend or fight for the underdog. Thus Pallas Athena is also associated with fighting for causes. She represents the application of practical skill and creative intelligence in order to best be of service. She was the goddess of war (defense, originally) as well as the goddess of wisdom and culture - patroness of the civilized arts such as pottery, sculpture, weaving, architecture, and animal husbandry. Pallas Athena can also represent the denial of one's own gender in an effort to cope with situations that require the skills of the opposite gender in order to survive, as well as the struggle to rediscover and reconnect with essential qualities of one's own sex. Androgynous conditions and healing through feminine wisdom, energy balancing or conflict resolution are also expressions of the Pallas Athena archetype.

### **Pallas in Leo**

Pallas Athena in Leo denotes perceptive insight or intuitional skill when it comes to individual self expression. You may be particularly inventive or subtle in your ability to create, perform, express yourself, play the romantic, or otherwise make an impression (difficulty may arise if this becomes a kind of attention-getting crusade), and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. Your creative expressions may center around themes of defending a cause, or the balancing of the Feminine and the Masculine. These creative or dramatic skills, along with a strong sense of self confidence that can inspire others, may be put to use in the defense of some cause or underprivileged group - perhaps children (see Pallas Athena's house position, below). Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in an ability to work with therapies that encourage the development of one's creativity or that involve play or artistic or dramatic expression.

### **Pallas in 9th House**

Pallas Athena in the ninth house burns with zeal over philosophical, religious, or legal matters (anything pertaining to the quest for "truth") as well as over matters that broaden the mind: higher education and foreign cultural exchange and travel. You can adapt with ease to a foreign country, language, or philosophy and make yourself quite at home in it, grasping its cultural wisdom and treasures with a knack that impresses its own people. You like to put your skill and understanding of foreign languages and belief systems to practical use, and you have a creative genius when it comes to doing so. You are a wise and practical teacher, and your approach to education expresses this. Difficulties can arise if you express an attitude of fanaticism or crusading over your belief system or cultural interests.

### **Mercury Sextile Pallas Orb: 00°16'**

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Your intellectual-communicative abilities and your cultural and socio-political urges mutually enhance each other. You appreciate fine or thought-provoking literature and intellectual discussions, especially when the topic revolves around issues of the arts or non-traditional gender, cultural, or political issues. You may enjoy networking with community projects that support these issues, perhaps supporting them through your writing or communicative skills.

### **Jupiter Conjunct Pallas Orb: 06°01'**

The asteroid Pallas Athena is conjunct Jupiter. Your sense of faith and enthusiasm is intertwined with your creative and cultural sensibilities. You have a deeply philosophical bent of mind and an innate sense of wisdom. You may have a gift for teaching, or picking up foreign languages. You may serve your favorite cause through your ability to bridge the cultural gap or by your skill at mediating conflicts between differing belief systems or cultures. You can instill faith and optimism in those who feel downtrodden or defeated. You may derive a deep sense of meaning out of life (or quest for answers) from cultural roots.

### **Neptune Square Pallas Orb: 03°20'**

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Neptune. The need for creative

mental challenge and socio-cultural expression collides with issues around sensitivity, spirituality or addictions. You may feel that a spiritual or religious outlook limits the creative, inquiring mind and stifles one's personal creative expression. Or perhaps an involvement in political or social activism rules out an interest in spirituality, which is perceived as too passive in the face of issues of social injustice. Conversely, the need for spiritual or transcendent experience may lead to a severing of socio-cultural ties, through the embracing of a foreign spiritual tradition. Idealism, escapism, or the deification of wise protector figures can lead to feelings of spiritual disappointment or betrayal. The trick is that the need for creative/cultural expression and the need for transcendent experience both lie within yourself. And both need a healthy expression in your life in order for these types of conflicts to be resolved.

## Juno

Juno (whose Greek name is Hera) is an ancient Queen of Heaven Goddess dating from that matriarchal period when the sovereign Deity was female and reigned alone, presiding over the mysteries of birth, motherhood, and the various phases of reproduction. Mythology relates how she was seduced by Zeus, married him out of a sense of honor, endured a marriage characterized by power struggles over issues of fidelity and bearing a line of descent, as well as how she went into retreat occasionally in order to renew and center herself. Her myth parallels the history of social upheaval in the lands where she was worshipped. Northern invaders struggled to impose traditions of patrilineal descent and the worship of their chief god, Zeus, upon the indigenous matriarchal cultures of Mycenaean Greece and Crete. Over a period of hundreds of years of cultural conflict, the two divinities were forced to share the altar. Thus, in addition to her authority over matters pertaining to childbirth and motherhood, Juno has come to be associated with issues of socially acknowledged relationship, legal marriage, marital fulfillment through commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

Juno represents both the need for relationship and the refusal to accept inequality within the context of a relationship. She represents the struggle to balance the need for intimacy with the opposing need for freedom - needs which both partners have, although one of these needs may be projected onto the partner. She can also represent the need to take marriage as a sacred trust, a way that leads to spiritual fulfillment through the reconciliation of the opposites in a state of union.

On another level, Juno can represent the way in which one feels rendered powerless by conflict in spite of sincere effort and irreproachable conduct on one's own part. The harder one tries, the more inadequate one's efforts seem to be, for there is a tendency to cling to old methods when circumstances have changed and a whole new paradigm is needed before the way clear can be seen. This frustration can sometimes lead to self-depreciation and loss of faith in oneself. Juno thus symbolizes the transition state between old and new ways of being, where the old fails to meet the needs of the times and the new is not yet manifest. She describes the need for a kind of spiritual self-rejuvenation that is needed in order to see oneself through times of utter disintegration into the future that awaits. Juno in the horoscope thus represents the ways in which we need to renew ourselves, and where our ability to adjust to changing circumstances is most tested.

Since marriage proved to be this goddess' testing ground, Juno in the horoscope also indicates the qualities associated with one's marriage partner and the ways in which one handles intimacy/freedom needs as well as the jealousy and insecurity that often accompany this balancing act. Juno's position describes the nature of any control issues, the ways in which such power struggles get enacted, and the type of sacred cows that need to be relinquished so that the path to marital fulfillment can unfold. Juno's placement in your chart can refer not only to your

mate (or the way that you perceive your mate), but to the relationship and to your own behavior in a committed relationship as well.

### **Juno in Libra**

With Juno in Libra, the qualities you seek in a committed relationship are harmony, equality, and a mutual awareness of the other person's needs. You appreciate a partner with artistic or musical skills, and a sense of good taste - a true lady or gentleman. Someone idealistic, who understands that Yin and Yang, the Feminine and the Masculine, must support each other in order for true harmony to be achieved. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy or powerlessness when it comes to such matters, or that your partner is doing all the expressing in this regard (or vice versa). This could be a source of difficulty when it comes to intimate relations. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled with fairness and consideration for each other, otherwise uncooperative or competitive behavior can result.

### **Juno in 10th House**

Juno in the tenth house indicates that career or social standing is interwoven with one's committed relationship. You may gain social status through marriage. The marriage could stand as a symbol before the public, with one person experiencing marriage to a leadership figure as a full-time career in itself, complete with its own burden of responsibility (this is a common astrological signature of political wives, for example). Or you may simply experience that kind of dedication to your own career, or to your mate's - the sense of being wedded to that which fulfills you (or your partner or the relationship) and lets you contribute to society. At any rate, career and professional concerns will be a primary focus in the relationship. The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

### **Moon Quincunx Juno Orb: 00°34'**

Juno forms a challenging aspect with the Moon. Your emotional and instinctive responses are interwoven with your need for intimate and equal relationships, but in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to war with each other. The struggle for equality and autonomy within a partnership may conflict with the need to have your own emotional needs met. Or perhaps you feel emotionally threatened by relationships that stress issues of equality and you respond by avoiding intimacy altogether. One partner may expect mothering from the other, or try to manipulate the other through emotional power plays. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for freedom within a relationship and the need for emotional comfort can and do co-exist within yourself (and in others). These needs are not mutually exclusive and you may need to find ways to meet them both, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others (especially your partner).

### **Sun Conjunct Juno Orb: 02°14'**

Your Juno is conjunct the Sun. The need for intimacy and a mutually supportive relationship blends with your very sense of identity and creative purpose. Your sense of self is strongly

colored by your struggles for equality and autonomy within the relationship. You may associate partnership with the furthering of your essential purpose in life, or perhaps you associate your life-purpose as one of supporting your relationship and your partner's goals. You are attracted to partners with a regal, benevolent, bearing. You may need breaks from your relationship in order to renew your own sense of self and your ability for creative expression.

**Uranus Conjunct Juno    Orb: 05°13'**

Your Juno is conjunct Uranus. The rebel meets the liberated partner! Your partnerships may be characterized by a revolutionary or unconventional flavor, or by a sharing of humanitarian or activist ideals. The need for spontaneity, excitement, and change may be an important theme for you when it comes to relationships or choice of a partner. Equality with a committed or intimate relationship is a major "must." One partner may support the other's personal process of individuation or their futuristic vision.

## Vesta

The asteroid Vesta (Latin) is named after the ancient Greek goddess Hestia, first born of the Olympian deities and last released by her father Cronos (father Time), who at one point swallowed all his offspring. Thus she denotes the beginning and the end - alpha and omega - and serves as a reminder of the source from which all things originate and to which all must return. She represents the preservation of sacredness and the state of connection to formless Essence. As such, she is the only Olympic deity not worshipped anthropomorphically; she is symbolized only by the altar and its sacred flame. Thus she also represents any sacred space - be it temple, sweat lodge, or meditation corner - that acts as a container in which we may center ourselves, and feel the presence of Spirit. In ancient times Vesta was worshipped both in the city center as the flaming altar, and in every home as the central hearth whose embers were literally passed on down through the generations from mother to daughter when the daughter married and established her own hearth. In this manner Vesta came to represent the perpetuation of the spark of life, and of civilization and one's ancestral and cultural roots.

In early matriarchal societies, priestesses honoring Hestia maintained a connection to this spiritual essence (represented by a sacred flame that they tended night and day). They offered themselves in sacred sexual union in order to teach the divine aspect of sexuality and the need to remain aware of the sacred while engaged in physical life. The priestesses remained unmarried and committed to none but themselves and their worship. Their sons (conceived anonymously during ceremonial summer solstice rites) served as year-kings when there was no royal heir. These customs were finally abolished when patrilineal traditions were enforced and the priestesses were compelled by the Roman king to serve as keepers of the new (patriarchal) civilization and to observe vows of celibacy. To break these vows entailed a cruel death penalty. In exchange for the relinquishment of their sexuality, matrilineal customs, and true spiritual function, the priestesses (Vestal Virgins) were granted freedom from paternal control.

Vesta's sacred flame represents, in the yogic tradition, the kundalini force which, when properly awakened and channeled, leads to spiritual development. Thus, astrologically, Vesta has come to represent both spirituality and consecrated (or desecrated) sexuality. This can include a wide range of sexual expressions such as abstinence, renunciation and celibacy, the celebration of spiritually honored sexuality, sexual idealism, and the sacred whore. Astrologically, Vesta stands for that which provides us with inner sustenance; the way in which we are pulled back to our core or inner self; and the struggle between this and the demands of the outer world. Vesta represents the way in which we long to bless others with the fruits of the spiritual resources we have found within ourselves, but it is also the need to retreat and preserve our inner sanctuary against any disrespectful intrusion. Vesta is associated with dedication, focus, and commitment. She represents those things that helps us focus, the way in which we dedicate ourselves with heart and soul, and that for which we are ready (or compelled) to make a sacrifice. The things indicated by Vesta's position in your chart may be things that you feel compelled to give up or sacrifice, often out of a sense of spiritual compulsion. Yet they can also be the very things that evoke your dedication - leading to a sense of deep inner fulfillment when you are willing to

make some sacrifices on their behalf. Keep this paradox in mind as you read on, for Vesta can express itself one way or the other - or both!

### **Vesta in Sagittarius**

Vesta in Sagittarius indicates that faith, spiritual teachings, and a belief system are the things that help you focus and center yourself. You use them both to go inward and get in touch with yourself, and to then move outward and commit your focused energies with dedication, zeal, and even sacrifice (described further by Vesta's house position, below). In other words, these are the things that evoke commitment from you. For you, the sense of a quest is important when it comes to sexuality as well, for through it you can experience the most spiritually fulfilling aspects of sex. On the other hand, your commitment to spiritual and religious ideals may compel you to renounce sexual activity altogether, or to adopt the sexual morals dictated by your faith. It is possible that, through one-pointedness, you focus so much on the importance of the quest or the belief system that the means becomes an end in itself and you lose sight of the goal these things are meant to serve. If this happens, you can blind yourself to your true path of fulfillment, to your intimate partner, and to those who follow other paths. This can leave you feeling disoriented and out of touch with yourself, and tempted even to renounce all that you have believed in. By learning to constantly re-anchor your quest in your sense of inner spiritual presence, you can renew the sense of inspired dedication to your goals.

### **Vesta in 1st House**

Vesta in the first house indicates that your very sense of identity is bound up with some kind of sacrificial dedication or intense focus on your own goals or spiritual quest. This focus may be centered around your own identity, or the effort to establish a sense of your own true self or the link between the self and Spirit. This focus can be so one-pointed or compelling as to exclude yourself from an involvement in committed relationships with others. For you, the spiritual quest may be a highly personal one, with a need to follow your own inner spiritual authority and no one else's. People may perceive you as a priestess-like figure or spiritual authority - someone who serves as a representative of Spirit, and perhaps, of spiritual sexuality. Issues around the sacredness of sexuality - the violation of which is considered desecration - could be important concerns that have an impact upon your sense of self. There could be a denial of the sense of self, one's own sense of existence, or identity. You may feel committed to the effort to transcend the ego, and to renounce all sense of personal identity, name and fame, image, etc.

### **Mars Conjunct Vesta Orb: 02°03'**

Your Vesta is conjunct Mars. Your fighting spirit and masculine energies are fueled by your capacity for intense focus and self-sacrifice. This capacity for sacrifice is manifested through your boldness and willingness to defend or protect your particular "sacred cow." You may dedicate yourself to the development of your martial skills, or to a reclaiming of the sacredness and honorable expression of the Masculine. It is also possible that you experience a sense of sacrifice of rather than to these things.

### **Saturn Trine Vesta Orb: 00°04'**

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Saturn. The need for commitment to a cherished goal and your capacity for self-sacrifice are nicely complemented by your sense of discipline and realism. You are able to take a balanced approach towards the integration of career/breadwinner activities with issues of spiritual commitment and/or sexual fulfillment. You can balance your outer worldly life with the fire of inspiration that burns within. Your organizational ability and your sense of duty can be put to use in the support of that which connects you to the sense of the sacred.

This sums up your report for Chiron and the asteroids in your chart. An astrological chart is like a blueprint of the human psyche, with its great and dramatic cast of archetypes. And each human psyche is like a unique, one-of-a-kind carpet woven from many beautiful threads of many different colors. Chiron and the asteroids are five of those threads.

This report has described each of those five threads by house and sign, and has even described what happens when one of those threads is intertwined with other single threads (the other planets). And this does give you some kind of overall picture. But the best way to understand the pattern that all the threads make in their weaving of the whole unique carpet, is to consult an astrologer skilled in chart interpretation. The astrologer can make a big difference in helping you piece together the puzzle of your chart so that, in the end, you can see the beautiful carpet where once, perhaps, all you saw was a tangle of threads. Hopefully, this report will help you to understand some of the magical threads that are woven into your life.