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Your Chart Data

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Here are the elements of your birth chart or *horoscope* calculated for the moment you were born. The horoscope provides a permanent record of what surrounded life at its beginning. It is the blueprint from which the following interpretations are read.

Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Taurus	07°Ta39'	10th	01 14°Le02'
Moon	Sagittarius	07°Sg19'	04th	02 07°Vi03'
Mercury	Taurus	24°Ta15'	10th	03 04°Li34'
Venus	Aries	21°Ar48'	09th	04 06°Sc57'
Mars	Sagittarius	04°Sg21'	04th	05 11°Sg36'
Jupiter	Capricorn	26°Cp51'	06th	06 14°Cp32'
Saturn	Aries	00°Ar20'	08th	07 14°Aq02'
Uranus	Taurus	09°Ta28'	10th	08 07°Pi03'
Neptune	Virgo	16°Vi24'	02nd	09 04°Ar34'
Pluto	Cancer	26°Ca34'	12th	10 06°Ta57'
Midheaven	Taurus	06°Ta57'	10th	11 11°Ge36'
Ascendant	Leo	14°Le02'	01st	12 14°Ca32'

Horoscope of Birth

Your horoscope of birth is the blueprint of your personality and character as indicated by the position of the Sun, the Moon and the eight planets on the date of your birth. This section is devoted to each of these members of the solar system.

The planets are the antennae and arms of the horoscope, of which the body and soul are the Sun and Moon. No planet will ever cause you to act counter to the testimony of the Sun and Moon in their combined influence on you. Remember this when you proceed with the following readings. All planetary vibration must be considered in light of the basic solar-lunar readings, for these are your character, your basic nature, which the planets will help or hinder but cannot materially change.

According to the sign position of your Sun, one planet will be more important than the others and should probably be read first. Your Sun is in Taurus and your dominant planet is Venus. Not only the action of this ruling planet will be very important in your life, but also the attribute over which it rules. Thus Gemini, ruled by Mercury, lives a great deal in the senses; Libra, ruled by Venus, responds most readily to emotional stimuli; and so on. Study your ruler carefully.

Remember in all planetary readings that they work within the pattern of your solar-lunar nature; never against it. The synthesis of your horoscope from the following series of paragraphs to a working unit depends on your keeping this in mind, which will enable you to weld all the readings into a unified and significant whole.

Sun in Taurus and Moon in Sagittarius

You have a highly developed social sense. You are fond of people who must, however, be the right people. You'd rather stay home alone with a good book than be bored by dullards or surrounded by people you think uninteresting or declassé. You are able to get on well enough with all classes for you know how to say the right thing at the right time, and this quality of tact in human relations contributes much to your success, which frequently will have to do with a good many people.

You make a good executive, teacher, or lecturer; your manner of expression is forthright and direct and you make your sincerity and decisiveness felt. Your extremely stubborn nature expresses in a flexible manner, and you are able to talk all around Robin Hood's barn at the same time that you are sticking to your point and eventually driving it home exactly as you wish.

You have very high principles and will stick to them despite everything. A keen moral sense,

both in your own personal conduct and in the abstract for truth in its own right, makes you something of a moralist, and you're likely to sit in judgment on your friends and neighbors - though you may never let them know what you think about them. But your thoughts are your own just the same, and for those who transgress the laws of right conduct or fair dealing as you understand them, you have scant tolerance.

You're something of a gossip; you love a good yarn and will tell one at the drop of a hat. You are also a good listener, especially if the story being told has a touch of personal interest. A good deal of your sinning is likely to be done vicariously, in talking about, and probably condemning, the horrible actions of someone else.

You yourself, are pretty likely to walk the straight and narrow and find it rather pleasant - and a good deal easier than the harrowing excitement of the Primrose Path. You should cultivate precision of thinking and speaking, for a tendency to spin yarns in one way or another is very strong.

The story telling quality may be developed into creative ability as a writer of fiction, for then the artistic and expressive notes of your nature are brought together. Whether you actually create or not you have nice taste in a bold sort of way, and are fond of bright colors and brave new combinations which you manage to put together artistically, perhaps against all the established rules of color and design. You are in all ways a courageous person and despite your tact, when it comes to points of principle, will not mince matters even with the Judge himself. Here you stick to your guns admirably and tell the world in no uncertain terms what is what. You are, reasonable in argument and a fair debater. You can see the other fellow's viewpoint, answering it logically point for point, without losing sight of your own. Your qualities of magnetism, fair-mindedness, and imagination will lead you to success in either business or the arts and professions, depending on the aspects to the Sun, Moon, and Mercury.

Sun

The Sun indicates the appearance you will present before the world and the psychological bias which will dominate your actions. What you seem, and why, are told in the reading for your Sun. In many ways the Sun is the dominant force in your horoscope and in your life. Other influences, especially that of the Moon, may modify the Sun's influence, but nothing will cause you to depart very far from the basic solar pattern. For this reason a whole literature and a whole business have grown up around Sun-sign astrology; and many people exist who think there is nothing more to the horoscope than knowing what "sign you were born in" and what the Sun in that sign means. This is a mistake, as you will discover when you have read the influence of the other bodies. But throughout your reading, keep in mind always the basic influence of the Sun, and remember that all other influences must be interpreted in terms of it, especially in so far as other influences play a visible role in your life. You may think, dream, imagine, hope to be a thousand things, according to your Moon and your other planets, but the Sun is what you are, and to be your best self in terms of your Sun is to cause your energies to work along the path in which they will have maximum help from planetary vibrations.

Sun in Taurus

"I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all Summer."

Ulysses S. Grant, born in Taurus, April 27, 1822.

"In all movements, we bring to the front as the leading question in each case, the property question."

*The Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx,
born in Taurus, May 5, 1818.*

"From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs."

Karl Marx.

The singleness of purpose of the Taurean, his loyalty, his stick-to-it-iveness, spring from one source: his need for security. Self-preservation, the first law animating all assure in some degree, is the hub of the Taurean wheel of life; and the Taurean curls and dies within himself when security - emotional or material - is denied him. Not likely to be grasping, sure to be the embodiment of the idealist form of love, Taurus may himself, or herself, be quite unaware of inner motives, for self-analysis rarely important to this sign. Instincts are powerful and generally right - always right in so far as they serve the perhaps unarticulated motives of the Taurean, who, while not selfish in the ordinary material sense, sees to it that nothing interferes with the gratifying of his instinctual urge, self-preservation and its more abstracted form, self-fulfillment.

The Taurean will not interfere with you if you don't interfere with him in these essentials, but will fight like a bear at bay for his rights to these things. He is the easiest person to live with, if you are willing to live with him and not against him. Anyone who is going to get along with a Taurean must understand that to him or her cooperation doesn't mean doing things together; it means doing things peacefully, in a friendly manner, even if the things are done separately. This kind of cooperation annoys people who are less self-sufficient until they learn that the heart of the Taurean comes home to roost only if you don't try to coerce it, and will break itself against bars of any kind, even if the bars are put up by love itself.

The Taurean is so sure of his need for security that he resents any implication that he needs watching or holding; his instinct is to hold himself to what he needs and wants - and he can't by any force in the world be held to anything else. On the other hand, once he has polarized his instinct on an essential, he will cling to it with hands, teeth and toenails, and no one can tell him that it is unworthy, or wrong, or useless, or low. Once it is his, in that it satisfies his deepest needs, it is his forever, whether it be home, a man, a woman, ambition, love, money or anything. When the Taurean has determined in his deep and sometimes dark subconscious that his emotional or material security lies there, he goes there and stays there forever.

Following are the aspects to your Sun. In a general way, the trines and sextiles to your Sun make ease, contentment, happiness, luck; while squares and oppositions give you energy, drive, success, ambition. Conjunctions bring both energy and luck, and are translatable in terms of whether the Sun receives squares or trines, along with the conjunction. Similarly, squares and

trines to the Sun together bring success through work and perseverance, and luck develops in proportion to the work done and the effort extended.

Sun Conjunct Uranus Orb: 01°49'

A continuous nervous tension pervades you which you have to fight down and bring in line with the needs of your life. You have a quick sharp mind, highly intellectual if trained, but inclining to the sensational if left untrained, and in any case erratic, high-strung, and worrisome. Abstractions appeal to you more than realities; the intellectual more than the material. The result is that you are baffled, confused, and made nervous when the realistic world demands attention. You should practice relaxation and resist an impulse to get along without sleep, which you need if you are going to keep your nerves in shape. Your mind has a way of working overtime even when you are asleep - with the result that this position often accompanies attacks of insomnia. The nervous energy is given constructive bent, and through aptness, perceptivity, and perseverance you will go far along intellectual or creative lines. You are not cut out for business, though your versatility will permit you to do anything. You have a kind of pride in emulating Goethe's Universal Man, to whom no field was closed and who could master any branch of knowledge or endeavor. Health is an important consideration in your life, and you should take especial care that you aren't made ill by nervousness, worry, or by one of the so-called neurotic ailments. Your emotional nature, after having been pretty turbulent, settles down to a sort of cold, dispassionate, and analytical acceptance of human relations as you have found or created them. Impersonality and objectivity will show you the way to success and contentment - and you are well equipped to know the significance of the ideal state in which (to quote Walter Lippmann) "The intellect has become a passion, and the passions are cold." You discover interest in the occult, from which you could make a successful career or a stimulating hobby.

Sun Trine Neptune Orb: 08°45'

Your emotional and intellectual sides are nicely blended and give you a good deal of quiet charm and magnetism. Your intuitions are strong, and your critical faculties are aided by innate good taste. You are likely to have the wish to create artistically, but this aspect alone will not bring the power, though if other aspects to the Sun, Moon, Venus, and Mercury show creative powers, this will materially aid their expression and help to bring recognition. You have in any case a genuine appreciation for beauty, poetry, and music and will be found among the patrons of art galleries, operas, concerts, and the theater. This aspect also supports the health and aids the general material welfare.

Moon

While the Sun's position by sign determines what motives and urges dominate your life as it meets the naked eye, the sign position of the Moon tells the desire of your heart which may or may not be expressed or realized in your life. When you "know what you mean but you can't say it," it is your Moon that knows it and your Sun that can't say it. "Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears" are the thoughts of your Moon's nature. The wordless ecstasy, the mute sorrow, the secret dream, the esoteric picture of yourself that you can't get across to the world, or which

the world doesn't comprehend or value - these are the products of the Moon in your horoscope. When you are misunderstood, it is your Moon nature, expressed imperfectly through the Sun sign, that you feel is betrayed. When you know what you ought to do, but can't find the right way to do it, it is your Moon that knows and your Sun that refuses to react in harmony. Also, when you "don't know why I said that," it was your Moon expressing despite your Sun (if you are innerly satisfied with the involuntary speech), or the Sun expressing against the will of the Moon (if you are displeased with what has slipped out). Things you know without thought - intuitions, hunches, instincts - are the products of the Moon. Modes of expression that you feel are truly your deepest self belong to the Moon: art, letters, creative work of any kind; sometimes love; sometimes business. Whatever you feel is most deeply yourself, whether or not you are able to do anything about it in the outer world, is the product of your Moon and of the sign your Moon occupies at birth.

Moon in Sagittarius

Whatever mundane tasks your life may be occupied with, your spirit will range the earth and the universe, adventuring in the high hills and among the stars themselves. And to whatever task you bring your talents, you will touch it with a universality of approach; for the effort of your soul is to identify itself with large and broad concepts, and you will do it from whatever base your feet of clay must rest in. You are acutely aware of the limitations of the flesh, of the height of your desires, and of the "wide gulf that exists between intention and performance." In its worst form you will dedicate your life to making the paving bricks of hell: good intentions; and get no further. You always "mean well," and when you don't succeed, it is because your goal has been too lofty. "Not failure, but low aim is crime": no one understands this better than you. When you also understand that setting an unattainable goal is one of the means of escaping responsibility, you will be on the highroad to self-knowledge and therefore success. You must make your goal high, but possible of achievement; and you must learn to gear your methods to the tools that you can lay your hands on. Your soaring spirit is all too likely to ignore realities, to consider itself above good and evil, above the dust of earthly competition, secure in the mansions of the blessed to which you don't have to earn the key. Or you can go to the other extreme, envision high things, and so despair of achievement. You must take your picture of yourself as a broad and deep person, and paint it in earthly oils on a practical canvas. When you have learned the technique of life-as-it-is, you will be able to make your image of yourself stand forth in the light and color of success for all to see as clearly as you see it yourself.

Following are the aspects to your Moon. Look to the trines and sextiles to give you charm and clear-thinking; and to the squares and oppositions to provide you with concentration and driving force.

Moon Conjunct Mars Orb: 02°58'

With any kind of break at all, this aspect will give you authority, power, and a commensurate financial return. Its material benefits work best in the horoscope of a man. In women it gives great charm, magnetism, and artistic ability, but doesn't produce the public acclaim that it does in a man's chart. In either case it gives great independence of spirit, frequently the result of early restriction. These early restrictions arose either in the parental home, or as the result of some

early illness which has left you with a psychological demand for success. This demand is compensation for a physical weakness of some kind, or for an inferiority complex. You have a quick, facile, and expressive mind, knowing how to deal with both individuals and large bodies of people. You are a fighter and a foeman worthy of anyone's steel.

In a woman's horoscope the quarrelsome tendencies are less marked after the girl has left her parents' home - previous to this, it makes friction between the girl and her mother; later, it develops in artistic or musical ability. Sexual tendencies are strongly marked and need guiding and controlling.

Here tact, self-assurance, and determination are added to the mental agility and energy; and a fixed ambition generally meets with outstanding recognition and success. There is likelihood of inherited wealth, or position from which to make wealth.

Moon Trine Saturn Orb: 06°59'

Character is your strong point: you have a keen sense of right and wrong. Your ideas run along conventional lines; you belong to the conservative, right-wing, pillar-of-society group, believing in noblesse oblige rather than in socialism. You incline to be serious, sober, a trifle proud and reserved, and maybe a little forbidding. Life is real and life is earnest to you, and you take yourself rather seriously. You inherit your mental traits directly from your mother, resembling her and her side of the family in your internal make-up if not in your appearance. Duty is important to you; you will never shirk a job and are capable of considerable self-sacrifice if you think your duty requires it. You are able to achieve this without self-pity, taking certain obligations for granted as your lot in life and approaching them with sobriety and philosophy. Concentrative powers are not strongly marked, and you have some tendency merely to accept what comes in the way of duty, without going out and creating opportunities for yourself. You lack aggression and that eternal tension that pushes men and women to the heights. Relaxation and contentment are your two worst enemies, for although they keep you from the blows of the world and allow you to maintain inner poise and calm, they also keep you from getting too far ahead. If you aren't contented you are likely to go on being discontented for a long time without doing anything about it. Control the restlessness of your body and put some restlessness into your mind, your spirit. What you need to do is work up steam in the boiler so that the engine can get places.

Moon Square Neptune Orb: 09°05'

This impairs the creative gifts, and your manner of thought and expression, intruding an unrealistic note into your notions and confusing practical issue with hazy and misty generalizations. In business, thought, romance, you have to keep your feet on the ground, for you love the clouds. You are capable of daydreaming by the hour and of concocting brave plans that would be marvelous - if you or anyone else could make them happen. This adds a sort of naive charm to your nature. You can believe in fairies, Santa Claus and ghosts, just as others can believe in Herbert Hoover, and your perpetual love for the mystic will intrigue those who love the innocent, the childish, the unspoiled. But all this doesn't help you much in the world of affairs, and an impractical approach to many things will stand in the way of your progress until such a time as you get your feet on the ground and hitch your wagon to a fence post.

Mercury

Mercury is the sense-impression antennae of your horoscope. His position by sign indicates your reactions to sights, sounds, odors, tastes and touch impressions, affording a key to the attitude you have toward the physical world around you. Mercury is the messenger through which your physical body and brain (the Sun) and your inner nature (the Moon) are kept in contact with the outer world, which will appear to you according to the index of Mercury's position by sign in the horoscope.

Mercury in Taurus

You are eye-minded; that is, you get your maximum sense contact with the world through sight rather than through sound. You get more from reading a book than from hearing a lecture. Silent movies are almost as good for you as talkies. Since what you see is important, you will always strive to make your surroundings as attractive as possible, and for this reason your home, or your office, will have some beauty about it even when it gets disorderly. Touch is well developed, and you visualize through your fingers - get an image in the dark of something touched, know how a fabric will look by feeling it - and conversely, how it will feel by looking at it. Taste and smell are fairly well marked, and hearing worst of all. You can shut out sound from your life and live calmly through a hurricane or the squawking of children that would drive others to distraction. You don't hear the sound of your voice accurately, and sometimes sound like you don't feel for this reason. Study elocution, and learn to pay attention to what meets your ears.

Mercury Trine Jupiter Orb: 02°36'

You have had a fine education, and a trained mind makes life easy. You are just, honorable, and somewhat proud of your mental achievements. You are anxious to impress people with your knowledge and very sure of yourself. This doesn't necessarily make you accurate and a tendency to elaborate tinges your giving out of information, though not in a way to make you untruthful. You philosophize a good deal, thinking in general rather than specific terms, and may be hard to pin down to details. You are judicial - this may accompany downright Puritanism and in any case contributes to the puritanical side of your nature. You incline to the professions, your mental bent being somewhat more philosophic and academic than the bent that normally leads to business. If by any chance you get into business, your ability to see things in the large will contribute to your advancement, and your integrity will be appreciated and rewarded. Keep your feet on the ground, for an inclination to go into generalities can destroy your business sense.

Mercury Sextile Saturn Orb: 06°05'

This adds to the intuitive faculties which in turn add to the reasoning power. You have a nicely balanced mind, capable of great concentrative action, probably on the critical or executive side unless other creative forces are shown in the horoscope. You are likely to have a wide variety of interests for you are accurate and profound, a student and philosopher, interested in ideas as well as in the practical workaday routine, for which you have a great capacity. You have

good insight and a good business head, not easily deceived. You're utterly honest and trustworthy, a stickler for duty and the sanctity of obligations. This aspect will do a good deal to balance an entire horoscope by giving you the power to control things through logical analysis.

Mercury Trine Neptune Orb: 07°51'

This aids intuition and reasoning powers; and with other indications of creative and concentrative gifts lends an inspirational quality to the work. If no creative power is shown this aspect is unimportant, giving balance to the mind, glibness and facility to the speech, and lending charm to the voice. You have a kind of detached and abstract viewpoint on knowledge, loving it for its own sake. You are thus anxious to satisfy your intellectual curiosity even with odds and ends of information that you may never use. It helps the memory and makes you a good story teller, for you don't forget much, and something is always reminding you.

Mercury Sextile Pluto Orb: 02°19'

You are fascinated by the enigmatic or bizarre, and your thinking is geared to gaining a deep understanding of the mysteries of life. Because of this, you are a natural researcher and student of the occult, the sciences, psychology and astrology. You aren't satisfied by the dogmas or theories that others are content with; your search is for a personal truth, a notion of your place in the cosmos. Although you are secretive by nature, there is nothing that gives you more pleasure than digging into other people's secrets. Your determination helps you to learn a subject in considerable depth or to get to the bottom of neighborhood gossip. You have to exert yourself to develop your mental resources, since you are apt to coast along, learning only what comes easiest. Concentration and discipline should be cultivated. Once they have been developed, you can use your powers of persuasion to lead others gently.

Venus

Venus is the emotional antenna of your horoscope. Through Venus, impressions come to you from the outer world because of which you feel and react emotionally. The position of Venus by sign at the time of your birth gives the key to your attitude toward these emotional experiences. As Mercury is the messenger linking sense impressions (sight, smell, etc.) to the basic nature of your Sun and Moon, so Venus is the messenger linking emotional impressions.

Venus in Aries

Your reaction to emotional stimuli is highly personal. You will do anything for someone you love, and little for anyone or any group that has not won your personal affection. Love, sympathy, human kindness are all related to yourself; you are therefore not a great humanitarian, nor especially interested in group social problems. But you may be much interested in society - that is, social gatherings, social position, social graces. You are warm and even ardent when you feel you are loved, but can also be touchy with friends and easily offended. This is a somewhat narrowing position for Venus, and with it you should make a conscious effort to find sympathy and understanding for people whom you don't love and who never will love you. By universalizing the Venusian vibrations you broaden your whole nature, widen your interests and

give greatest scope to your abundant emotional vitality, which benefits you in direct proportion to the number of individuals whose problems you are able to take to your heart.

Venus Square Jupiter Orb: 05°03'

You have an expansive emotional nature; what you lack in intensity you make up in variety. You are extravagant, with both your affections and your finances. You aren't a good manager of funds and spend freely for love or for pleasure. If you are a man gold-diggers find you easy prey; and if you are a woman your vanity proves expensive. This is a somewhat idealistic position, heightening the love-nature and giving you a curious sort of ideology with respect to love.

Venus Square Pluto Orb: 04°46'

You are more aware of love's burdens than its bliss. You do want a permanent, growing love relationship, but you seem to attract the type of people who aren't willing to give as much as you need. With time you will learn the positive meanings of love, which will be all the more precious to you because you already know the pains. One of the things you may become more aware of as you experience love is that your relationships reflect your own inner turmoil; as soon as you start respecting yourself as you are now, you will find that you attract a giving, loving person more easily. Marriage could occur out of a strong need for financial and emotional security. Some of your love affairs could be secret ones, possibly with married persons. An intense love affair for which you are forced to give your all could bring about a transformation.

Mars

Mars is the energy principle in the horoscope. His position by sign indicates the channels into which energy will naturally flow, and the uses to which energy will most easily be directed. It is the planet through which the activities of the Sun and the desires of the Moon express in action - through which your body and your mind react to the sense impressions of Mercury and the emotional impressions of Venus. Mars is in the same sign with your Moon, this gives great capacity to make use of the innermost aims, and to make the inner desires articulate and practical.

Mars in Sagittarius

You lead your energies into physical channels. Exercise is important to you; vigorous activity helps both body and brain. Any tendency to become studious or bookish will have an admirable balance here, for this is one of the most vital positions of Mars, leading to proficiency in sports and a love for games and contests of all kinds. You're a gracious winner, a cheerful loser: the excitement of the game itself is as important to you as winning. This detachment of spirit carries over from the realm of sports into the realm of learning, and you are capable of high scholastic achievement, more likely in belles-lettres than in science. You love to generalize, and may be irked by the details of life: a love of order is not usual with this position of Mars, and must be studiously cultivated. A kind of haphazard, slapdash way of going at things should also be overcome - you try to move faster than possible sometimes, and trip over things or over your own feet. For this reason you have to be careful of accidents. Also, you have to beware that, by

keeping your eyes fixed on high and far off things, you don't miss the essentials of life. All well enough to have your head in the clouds, if your feet don't stumble on the path. Many things are forgiven you because of the loftiness of your aims; but you should never forgive yourself for failure because your aim is high. Remember that the hill of dreams has its base in the earth, and that anyone who would reach the top must first fight his way through the brambles on the lower pathways.

Mars Sextile Jupiter Orb: 07°30'

One of the indices of wealth, either inherited or made by your own efforts or both. This aspect frequently accompanies a rich marriage. Large ventures provide income and security. This is no scrimping and accumulating aspect, for materially you do things in the grand manner. You are something of a gambler, and willing to risk it all in a game of pitch and toss. You're pretty lucky, which may account for your willingness to try. Business hunches are sound. Your financial structure is solid, and you're able continuously to add to the superstructure. Congratulations!

Mars Trine Saturn Orb: 04°01'

You are a builder, willing to start at the bottom of a career and work your way deliberately to the top. There's nothing flimsy about the structure you build. This may make you an actual architect, or it may make you figuratively an architect of your own fate, laying your plans far in advance, and working soundly for their accomplishment. You have an excellent balance of boldness and reticence, aggressiveness and tact. You know when to fight and when to run away, when to push your affairs and when to let them bide their time. Your great asset is a sense of balance and proportion. Your judgment is excellent, and you always know where you are going and how each brick, however small, is going to fit into the eventual product. Your driving force is terrific and always well aimed. Material "luck" rises from carefully laid plans and great power and wealth may easily accrue.

This is one of the best of all aspects (except those to the Sun and Moon) for self-reliance, progress, and sound success, the extent and nature of which will depend on other indications. But as insurance that your energies will find constructive and progressive outlet, you wouldn't want anything better than this.

Mars Trine Pluto Orb: 07°47'

You work like a detective or researcher, taking an idea or project and pursuing it until your understanding has penetrated to its core. You may not react quickly and there are times when you don't act at all; what is important to you is effectiveness and efficiency. If anyone can find the shortest distance between two points, it is you. This isn't an index of laziness; it is a measure of your desire not to waste time, energy or resources.

Jupiter

Jupiter is the feeler you have out in the world for opportunity. Through it the chances of a lifetime are passed along for consideration according to the basic nature of Sun and Moon.

Jupiter's sign position indicates the places in which you will look for opportunity, the uses to which you wish to put it, and the capacity you have to react to and profit by it. Jupiter is ordinarily, and erroneously, called the Planet of Luck. It is "luck" in so far as it is the index of opportunity; but your luck depends less on what comes to you (Jupiter) than on what you do with it (the total personality). Opportunity appeals to you along lines laid down by your Jupiter.

Jupiter in Capricorn

This position presents opportunity to you through very practical glasses. Anything will appeal which helps present you as an authoritative and consequential person, and you will follow most readily those beacons that lead to the mountain tops of public acclaim. You combine daring and caution in a nice mixture. Money is not important in itself, though it may be as a means to power or as a symptom of success. You will risk money to get fame or power; but you'll never risk fame or power to get money. Because you see only such opportunities as tend to advance you in the eyes of the world, irrelevant by-paths and blind alleys don't distract you, and you plug mercilessly along the only path you see, leading upward and onward to the High Place.

Jupiter Sextile Saturn Orb: 03°29'

You have in this aspect the best possible insurance against want and poverty for no matter how bad things may be, you always seem to get what you need. When everyone else is broke you can fish a dollar out of acme place. In a similar way, when you're broke, someone or some thing will come to your rescue. Even in an otherwise weak horoscope this aspect is so strong that it takes the edge from the worst cuts of life, holding up your head and your fortunes, and giving you, in varying degrees, dignity and security which by careful and conservative expenditures you can make into wealth. You are an excellent manager of funds and can stretch a dollar to the limit without being penurious or petty. You simply know how to get your money's worth, and, being utterly fair and honorable, are just as willing to give fair value when you're on the selling end. You won't fleece others, and you won't be fleeced yourself. You can deal with large numbers of people and, having an eminent sense of justice in abstract as well as practical matters, you make a fine judge, minister, social worker, or executive. Whether you are prominent and powerful or quiet and reserved, your character wins you respect and a certain prestige and authority in whatever sphere you move. This is an aspect of maturity and may not be felt before the thirtieth year in any except the security sense. Under it you will develop steadily and forcefully as you grow older and in middle and later life feel the stability that you derive from these two most powerful of the planets.

Jupiter Opposite Pluto Orb: 00°17'

Your optimism and faith in yourself are high but unrealistic. You are apt to set your sights on the mountaintop without perceiving or thinking about the rocks and brambles which litter the path to your goal. When you assess your strengths, you are likely to add up a series of nonexistent ones while overlooking those which are actually at your disposal. In the same manner, you do your best to avoid any situation or person who may challenge you to live up to your high self-esteem - the very thing you need to build a strong image based on fact, not fiction. A willingness to accept full responsibility for your actions, some degree of compromise and a more practical attitude are the keys of your success.

Saturn

Saturn indicates the direction that will be taken in life by the self-preservative principle which, in its highest manifestation, ceases to be purely defensive and becomes ambitious and aspirational. Your defense, or attack, against the world is shown by the sign position of Saturn in the horoscope of birth. Saturn is in the same sign with your Venus, your defensive attitude toward emotional experience makes for apparent coolness in love, and difficulty through the emotions and human relations; you are conservative in finance, and generally "lucky-in-cards-unlucky-in-love".

Saturn in Aries

Your defense mechanism is directed toward self-defense and self-justification. The problems of living constitute to you a direct frontal attack of the world on your own personality, and the vindication of this steals the show from concerns of material progress and security. In its worst form this makes for narrowness, self-centeredness, touchiness, up to and including delusions of persecution. All the forces of your nature unite to defend the ego, which imagines itself badly used and in need of the maximum protection. From this can arise an almost unbelievable capacity to misunderstand others and a sort of chip-on-the-shoulder attitude which defies others to understand you. Carried upward and onward and broadened into spheres of usefulness, this makes you deeply desirous of self-betterment, capable of long, arduous mental work by which you succeed in making yourself the sort of person who will not require defending, but whose genuine traits will be the best defense against the world's attack. Not usually accompanied by introspection in any marked degree, this position, developed on its best side, makes you an aware, alert, profound personality. You eliminate the need for defending yourself by becoming an effective person when you have learned what every good general knows: that the best defense is an attack - and when you have marshaled your forces to attack life, instead of following your natural inclination to draw them around in a bristling ring of defiance.

Saturn Trine Pluto Orb: 03°46'

You are an efficient, diligent worker whose stamina and stick-to-it-iveness keeps you plugging away until you achieve your ambitions. You try to maintain the status quo, using your excellent organizing abilities to find more efficient work methods. Discipline and hard work come naturally, but a more creative approach may have to be cultivated.

Uranus

Uranus in a general way relates to the neuro-mentality, creative originality or individuality, and his position by sign in the horoscope tells the direction along which you will seek to express your most characteristic self in creative and original effort. With Uranus in the same sign as Mercury, Uranus indicates acute awareness, quick reaction to sense impressions and experience; a hair-trigger mind. With Uranus in the same sign with the Sun there is great nervous activity, high-strung nature, original, creative or eccentric behavior.

Uranus in Taurus

This is a "property" position, and favors wealth if other things in the reading don't upset the promise. Uranus in Taurus tends toward individualism in property matters. At worst this makes a selfish and self seeking person; at best a socially-conscious and highly effective crusader for Security (Taurus) for all (Uranus). This position adds glamour to the nature; a steady fire burns within, drawing from the world and from individuals the love which is so important when the warm-hearted Taurus is illumined by the brilliance of Uranus.

Uranus Trine Neptune Orb: 06°56'

This aspect occurs very seldom and when it does, amounts to a world condition and requires rather special factors in the individual horoscopes to make it show forth. In general, it is a supporting aspect of material benefit, helping to improve a good horoscope and lending some support even to a bad one. It inclines to a practical interest in the occult. It sharpens the perceptions. There is danger of mental confusion through occult studies. You have an inventive and unconventional nature. You may be dreamy, mystic, sensational. President Franklin D. Roosevelt is representative of the race of giants which this aspect is capable of producing.

Neptune

Neptune relates to the deepest wells of the subconscious, inherited mentality and spirituality, indicating what you take deeply for granted in life.

Neptune in Virgo

This position of Neptune brought the depression and the beginnings of a New Age. Those born under it will come to maturity with a new slant on social and political matters, a new assurance of the dignity of work, a new consecration to humanity and to service. Your deepest wells of consciousness understand these things, and throughout your life unselfishness will be the keynote of your best expression. To learn early that the ego is of only secondary importance is to give yourself your surest foundation for happiness and success. You work best, you play best, you love best when your mind isn't on yourself. Learn the value of work for its own sake and you give yourself the best key to contentment. Your Uranus is in Taurus, individual and collective security can be made mutually to serve each other. Awareness of big social, collective, political, economic forces, and identification of yourself with them, enables you to get the detached view of the world and yourself which will encourage you to draw on the deep and abiding strength within yourself and use it to gain the peace of mind and happiness you need.

Pluto

Pluto relates to the ability to let go of things, to get rid of irrelevant prejudices and outdated habit patterns. It relates to subconscious feelings, inner urges and repressed emotions. A strong Pluto gives the ability to see the hidden side of life, and thus bestows power on the native - power which can be used for good or ill.

Pluto in Cancer

Love, family, the heights and depth of love - security in the strongest sense of the word - form the center of your search for ultimate reality. You have the ability to dig deeply into yourself and, from the understanding that you gain through introspection, to construct a theory of the emotional values which have meaning for others in your environment. You are respectful of tradition, but this is not a blind faith. You are more concerned with building on the past to find meaning in the present and future, rather than destroying tradition and trying something new and unproven.

Current Transits

The current transits are calculated exactly for the date shown. Lewi wrote text only for the aspects that he considered to be the most significant and only those are shown in this report. The dates shown only represent the times when the aspect is exact; its influence is felt for weeks, months, and sometimes even years around this time. A planet will often make the same aspect several times in one year before it leaves that area of the zodiac and moves on. This is due to the planet appearing to go backward or retrograde for a period of time and crossing and recrossing the aspect point. When this happens the effect of the aspect can be spread out over a considerable time and in this report the aspect and text will be printed for each time it becomes exact, although this series of aspects represents only one pass through this phase of its cycle. Remember that each transiting aspect is part of its over-all cycle and indicates a change of direction as well as an event. The cycle for a planet is the time it takes that planet to travel the entire 360° of the zodiac, beginning at the point where the planet is found at birth (the conjunction point), moving to the 90° point which Lewi calls the "lower square", then moving to the opposition or 180° point. Then it begins to move back towards the starting point, at the 270° point, or 90° away from the starting point, the planet is at its "upper square", and then it returns to the conjunction point where a new cycle is begun. Lewi will occasionally refer to these points in his text by name. In general all transits, whether of a planet to its own place or of one planet to another, mark cycles of growth beginning at the conjunction point, growing through the first square, fully grown at the opposition point, beginning to recede at the second or upper square, and finally starting a new cycle as it reaches the conjunction point again.

How long any aspect will be in effect is determined by the speed of the planet making the aspect (the first planet, i.e. Mars in Mars Opposite Sun). One Mars cycle is about two or two and one-half years and so a Mars aspect will last about 20 to 30 days. Jupiter takes about 12 years for its cycle and so its aspects could last around 4 months, while Saturn with a 29 year cycle will last 9 months or even more if it turns retrograde. Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto are all long range aspects and usually represent a time of 2 or more years. While Saturn and the outer planets indicate long range influences in your life, Mars aspects will identify important months and Jupiter will identify important years. Not every occurrence of these will be of striking importance. But within a larger Saturn cycle or Uranus period of great importance, these briefer influences will be found to act as the second or minute hand of the clock of destiny, as Saturn, or Uranus, or both, act as the hour hand.

Mar 12, 2002 - Mars Conjunct Sun

Your danger at this time is temperament, temper, a tendency to feel your own importance too strongly and to get into trouble because of it. Also, unless you have the endurance of an ox, you

will tire yourself as Mars transits your Sun, and fatigue is likely to lead to strife, breaks and separations. Translate your energies to work, activity, detached application to a job or task; and don't get touchy or allow personal reactions to interfere with efficiency. This can be a romantic period; your magnetism is high, and you are likely to get what you want if you moderate your demands and use more persuasion and less insistence than you want to. Intuitions can go wrong, and you need the balance of strict mental discipline to bring out the best of your energies. However, it is an excellent time to go after what you want, and marks periods of important decisions and moves. You have to exercise considerable judgment about the starts you make, for things begun while Mars is conjunct the Sun are likely to break down when Mars opposite Mars is reached on Apr 20, 2002. You have probably made a lot of false starts in your life - with high enthusiasm begun things that looked flowing, and been forced by circumstances or temperament or both to abandon them shortly thereafter. This is a difficult combination and requires a good deal of self-education and caution. Your energies don't work smoothly, and you have to school yourself by "main strength and ignorance" to learn the right time to start things and what to start. You should distrust your intuitions at Mars conjunct Sun, embark on things carefully at this time and hold yourself flexible till after Mars opposite Mars on Apr 20, 2002 is past. Best to start new ventures when Mars is conjunct Mars (next on Jan 23, 2003) and stick to them, ignoring the temptations to changes that are offered both now and when Mars is opposite Mars.

Mar 15, 2002 - Mars Conjunct Uranus

Expect temperament, haste and anxiety. Your nerves require watching. These problems can lead to illness from fatigue and nervous exhaustion. You risk accidents (literal and figurative!) from excess speed and lack of care over details. Watch temperament. Accidents in the realm of human relations result from overemphasizing the ego and minimizing the other fellow's viewpoint. Inventiveness abounds; originality is in the saddle; but you can't get your best and truest ideas over to any good advantage, and simply make trouble if you "try too hard." Store them up for a later time when you express them better and when other people listen to you more readily. Look out for machinery, travel, electricity; avoid danger, be careful getting on and off trains and crossing streets.

Apr 5, 2002 - Mars Conjunct Mercury

Sharp wits help if you use them right, hinder if you get smart-alecky with them. Snap judgments, quick speech, sharp retorts and anger make trouble. On the other hand, keen perceptions give you the edge on others; you express yourself readily and to good effect if you keep emotions and personalities out. Sensory perceptions and powers of observation are increased. Creative powers mount; rapidity of mental processes enables you to do more than usual. Mental fatigue can result; budget time for relaxation and sleep. Any tendency to insomnia is emphasized; also to temperament, temper and self-will. This is a good time to sell, bad time to buy. Business is active, judgment shrewd. Sign no papers, don't commit yourself permanently; the picture changes too rapidly. Avoid strife, especially over trifles. Distrust intuitions; put deep trust in hard work and pure reason.

Apr 20, 2002 - Mars Opposite Mars

Ideas are numerous but likely to prove more bother than they are worth; this not a good time

for starting new ventures. Aim to quell restlessness, and stick to the line established about a year before, giving it perhaps some new twist, but not deviating from it in any radical particular. Temperament runs high; emotions are likely to be troublesome; self-will is an obstacle. It is a good time to go away on a vacation. But it is a bad time to try to get away from any established thing permanently. In the life check-up, these periods, recurring about every two years, mark tension, stress, new obligations connected with established things - sometimes a break or change which, in all probability, did not work out as well as it was expected to and forced a new start again a year or less later.

Apr 24, 2002 - Mars Opposite Moon

Fatigue leads to strife, so relax. There may be illness and you may lose your grip on things. Refuse to take yourself too seriously. Go to bed and rest instead of brooding; you'll avoid strife and trouble thereby. Force no issues. Energy may find its expression in some glamorous romance which may or may not be important, depending on other long-range transits in force at the same time with this.

Jul 1, 2002 - Mars Square Venus

Social and romantic glamour leads to excesses, sometimes to strife, quarrels, separations. Minor loves and friendships break up, but important relations are merely strained; and indeed this frequently adds glamour to a deep love, intensifying its beauty. A break here, unless contributed to by some more important transit, is a sure index that the feeling wasn't very deep or important anyway. Avoid excess spending and stay away from temptation if you're interested in sticking to the conventions.

Jul 8, 2002 - Mars Conjunct Pluto

This transit represents a strong alliance of similar energies. A sense of mystery pervades otherwise mundane events. Agressiveness peaks. Care should be taken to secure your holding, protect your possessions and yourself, for this transit includes some vulnerability to the principle of redistribution. You might be knocked off your throne for no apparent reason. You could emerge from this period thinking the universe is a quixotic, capricious place, or you could take events as keynotes of respect for structure and self-care.

Sexual energy will be high. You could find yourself surrounded by irresistible people, and the tendency is to think that the veil between you and them is much thinner than it really is. Take time to treat people respectfully. Take this opportunity to de-objectify your world view and adopt a more service-oriented demeanor. Depending on how successfully you have mastered life's trials, this could be a time of "icing on the cake". Just make sure the recipients of your "death blows" are the nasty loitering ghosts in your own psyche, not the people on the street whom these ghosts resemble.

Jul 8, 2002 - Mars Opposite Jupiter

This will generally not amount to much, but periods of loss through risks or gambles or through over-enthusiasm or bad business judgment are frequently marked by it. The outlook is too enthusiastic to let sober reason dominate; but this generally brings nothing but minor

extravagance. This transit might mark some major material setback due to a combination of bad judgment and bad luck.

Jul 17, 2002 - Jupiter Conjunct Pluto

This is a meeting of the Mentor and Transformation principles - perhaps a collision. Jupiter can inflate optimism to a bursting point. You are closer to walking on water - or at least trying - than ever before. You are also closer to the meaning of death. Take care you don't seek out death or becoming overly controlling of your destiny. This is a time to let things unfold somewhat at a distance. Jupiter is opportunity, and chances will come to you during this transit. This is a great time for study. You will have powers of concentration; use them to reach deeply into the antechamber of your soul. You will seek out knowledge above and beyond the call of duty of the class curriculum and ally yourself with people and books that will transform your attitudes forever.

Jul 18, 2002 - Jupiter Opposite Jupiter

This aspect occurs six years before and after the conjunction and marks a turning point in your career, when things begun then take a new twist and plans are revised accordingly. There can be a minor peak of accomplishment in which you finally receive the encouragement to continue the line you have been following. Changes in pace and direction should be adopted only after sober thought, for what happens here is of more far-reaching significance than you are likely to realize at the moment. This influence of itself seems innocent enough, but really marks a period that you will later look back on as having indicated the course of your life for a long time to come.

Jul 25, 2002 - Mars Square Sun

Domestic matters are important. This transit frequently times a move from one house (or town or locality) to another, or some important decision in the private life. New starts work out if well considered and unmotivated by temperament. Social activity is increased; you have lots of friends around you. This is a good time to begin new ventures for quick completion, ventures which have a bearing on your longer-range plans. This is a good time to clean house, redecorate, etc. The home is likely to be upset, and it's wise to make the upsetting literal and to some good purpose, instead of figurative and quarrelsome.

Jul 28, 2002 - Mars Square Uranus

This transit is not usually important except as a marker of temperament and minor strife. But at one of these periods some major break due to temperament - some sudden shift in the pace and direction of the life - is likely to occur. The individuality is suddenly awakened to broader horizons, greater worlds to conquer, and determined to shake off the shackles of restraint. In undisciplined persons this will mark periodic temperament, rages, rebellion and strife; also accidents and setbacks due to lack of nervous coordination. In normally disciplined individuals all but one or two of these periods should be comparatively inconspicuous. But the one or two may be memorable and probably nothing to be proud of.

Aug 20, 2002 - Mars Square Mercury

Quick speech, thought and actions make strife and trouble. Be silent, cagey, noncommittal. The quick retort makes trouble. Wrong decisions often come in one of these periods, which recur about every six months and need careful watching. Sometimes the most casual remark results in a lasting grudge. Mountains (of trouble) grow out of molehills (of speech). It is best to be silent.

Sep 5, 2002 - Mars Square Mars

This transit indicates a period of hard work and abundant energies, which causes no trouble unless major disruptive influences are in force. There is a slight tendency to talk too much, boast and be arrogant, but the swiftness of the pace generally carries you through without major trouble. Look ahead, work toward and plan for some major development to take place coincident with the conjunction of the transiting Mars with your birth Mars which will occur around Jan 23, 2003. Frequently this transit marks the busy start of something that matures at the next Mars conjunction to Mars and should be viewed with that in mind. Protect health and nerves from excess; be objective and detached; and let reason rule the emotions.

Sep 6, 2002 - Jupiter Square Sun

Publicity and public affairs favor you and tend to go to your head. You may get careless with money, extend credit too far, and thus lay the basis for later regrets. Restraint brings you gain through important people. You profit by pull, if you are willing to use it as a stepping stone to work and honest effort. Avoid over-extension of ego and authority; be content to take a back seat. Use opportunities, not to promote fame or prestige, but to build foundations on which these may rest in the future. Protect health from excess; some danger of physical setback through self indulgence or overwork. Raises of salary come automatically, if at all, and you gain little by demanding. Rest assured that you will get no more and no less than you deserve, and that the intrusion of the ego is more likely to bring disappointment than favors.

Sep 10, 2002 - Mars Square Moon

Fatigue leads to strife, so relax. There may be illness and you may lose your grip on things. Refuse to take yourself too seriously. Go to bed and rest instead of brooding; you'll avoid strife and trouble thereby. Force no issues. Energy may find its expression in some glamorous romance which may or may not be important, depending on other long-range transits in force at the same time with this.

Sep 24, 2002 - Mars Conjunct Neptune

Super intuition gives you uncanny insight into motives and methods of other people, but not always into your own. Practice self-analysis. You swiftly feel your creative power, of which you can make good use. Beware sensationalism, sentimentality, self-indulgence; fight subconscious urges, suppressed desires, and make your inner ego work for you along constructive lines. This is an excellent period for creative work, for impersonal use of magnetism for business ends and aims and for social popularity. You have glamour that attracts others: be sure it attracts the right kind of people and for the right reasons. The Old Adam rears his head and may require

discipline.

Nov 18, 2002 - Mars Opposite Venus

Heightened emotions make romance, which is favored if you keep it within the bounds of reason and convention. Impulsive acts, with or without a future, are frequently found in these recurrent periods. Glamour surrounds your approach to life; you are susceptible to the opposite sex and they to you. This transit frequently indicates the time of marriage within the period of a longer transit that favors it. If the era of romance is past, this indicates an active and on the whole satisfactory social period; business progress; extravagance with money; a sudden urge to go places and do things - and perhaps a chafing at the marital bit which should not be taken too seriously. Energies work through emotions and passions, which in turn work overtime and should be gently disciplined though not entirely submerged. Often, for obvious reasons, this transit indicates the conception of children, especially if it occurs while Mars is conjunct your sun or conjunct your Mars.

Nov 26, 2002 - Mars Square Pluto

This transit represents a strong alliance of similar energies. A sense of mystery pervades otherwise mundane events. Agressiveness peaks. Care should be taken to secure your holding, protect your possessions and yourself, for this transit includes some vulnerability to the principle of redistribution. You might be knocked off your throne for no apparent reason. You could emerge from this period thinking the universe is a quixotic, capricious place, or you could take events as keynotes of respect for structure and self-care.

Sexual energy will be high. You could find yourself surrounded by irresistible people, and the tendency is to think that the veil between you and them is much thinner than it really is. Take time to treat people respectfully. Take this opportunity to de-objectify your world view and adopt a more service-oriented demeanor. Depending on how successfully you have mastered life's trials, this could be a time of "icing on the cake". Just make sure the recipients of your "death blows" are the nasty loitering ghosts in your own psyche, not the people on the street whom these ghosts resemble.

Nov 26, 2002 - Mars Square Jupiter

This will generally not amount to much, but periods of loss through risks or gambles or through over-enthusiasm or bad business judgment are frequently marked by it. The outlook is too enthusiastic to let sober reason dominate; but this generally brings nothing but minor extravagance. This transit might mark some major material setback due to a combination of bad judgment and bad luck.

Dec 13, 2002 - Mars Opposite Sun

This transit is likely to mark periods of quarrels, strife, disagreements, difficulty in getting along with people. It is therefore a good time to lie low and be silent; to observe and do your duty without argument or fuss. Conserve strength: there is a tendency to go to extremes. Adventurousness and romance run riot and kick up a lot of trouble. New contacts are exciting but not necessarily of any permanent worth. If other transits indicate a generally good period,

increased energy here can bring good results; under negative transits you should lie as low as possible and avoid getting into trouble. There may be accidents or illness.

Dec 16, 2002 - Mars Opposite Uranus

This transit is not usually important except as a marker of temperament and minor strife. But at one of these periods some major break due to temperament - some sudden shift in the pace and direction of the life - is likely to occur. The individuality is suddenly awakened to broader horizons, greater worlds to conquer, and determined to shake off the shackles of restraint. In undisciplined persons this will mark periodic temperament, rages, rebellion and strife; also accidents and setbacks due to lack of nervous coordination. In normally disciplined individuals all but one or two of these periods should be comparatively inconspicuous. But the one or two may be memorable and probably nothing to be proud of.

Jan 8, 2003 - Mars Opposite Mercury

Quick speech, thought and actions make strife and trouble. Be silent, cagey, noncommittal. The quick retort makes trouble. Wrong decisions often come in one of these periods, which recur about every six months and need careful watching. Sometimes the most casual remark results in a lasting grudge. Mountains (of trouble) grow out of molehills (of speech). It is best to be silent.

Jan 24, 2003 - Mars Conjunct Mars

This is a period when new starts should be made, new plans put into execution, new ideas promoted. Energies work along their most characteristic line and can be utilized to excellent advantage. Control natural impulses if you have any that get you into trouble, because now is the time when you are "being yourself" and it is your business to be your best self, not your worst. You are starting a two year cycle and should establish the line you want to continue on for the next twenty four months. Seek new contacts, new avenues of self-expression, new channels into which to direct talents and energies. Beware lest anger and temper - letting go because you're feeling your oats - interfere with your best development. In your life check-up you will find that these recurrent two year periods marked with great consistency periods of important decisions, developments, activity and changes.

Jan 28, 2003 - Mars Conjunct Moon

The urge to express yourself induces you to express your most temperamental self. In emotional people this marks, as it recurs every two years, some tension and inner turmoil directly related to the inner self that they are trying to express in the world. It leads to strife, unconventionality, inner discord which transfers itself to the outer world. It is an excellent time for a vacation or for lying low and forcing no issues. Frequently the transit marks ill health for yourself or your mate. The best result of this transit is awakened and increased self-knowledge. One of these periods in the life check-up will frequently mark a major emotional experience that you have never forgotten. The inner nature is brought rudely into contact with realities, and false notions are stripped away, frequently with great personal upheaval.