

Basic Astrology Report

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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Michael Jordan

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Sagittarius	8°Sg18'	7th	
The Sun	Aquarius	28°Aq14'	11th	
Mercury	Aquarius	2°Aq29'	10th	
Venus	Capricorn	13°Cp02'	9th	
Mars	Leo	10°Le00'	4th	
Jupiter	Pisces	19°Pi03'	11th	
Saturn	Aquarius	15°Aq30'	10th	
Uranus	Virgo	3°Vi28'	5th	
Neptune	Scorpio	15°Sc39'	6th	
Pluto	Virgo	11°Vi11'	5th	
Chiron	Pisces	9°Pi42'	11th	
The North Node	Cancer	29°Cn17'	3rd	
The South Node	Capricorn	29°Cp17'	9th	
The Ascendant	Taurus	21°Ta46'	1st	
The Midheaven	Aquarius	0°Aq44'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Trine	Mars	1°41'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Uranus	4°49'	Separating
The Moon	Square	Pluto	2°53'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Chiron	1°23'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	0°12'	Applying
The Sun	Opposition	Uranus	5°13'	Applying
The Sun	Quincunx	The North Node	1°03'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	Mars	7°30'	Applying
Mercury	Semisquare	Jupiter	1°34'	Applying
Mercury	Quincunx	Uranus	0°58'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	The North Node	3°11'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	The South Node	3°11'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	The Midheaven	1°45'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	Neptune	2°37'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Pluto	1°50'	Separating
Mars	Opposition	Saturn	5°30'	Separating
Mars	Quincunx	Chiron	0°18'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Neptune	3°23'	Separating
Jupiter	Sextile	The Ascendant	2°42'	Applying
Saturn	Square	Neptune	0°09'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	5°57'	Applying

Pluto	Opposition	Chiron	1°29'	Applying
The North Node	Opposition	The Midheaven	1°26'	Applying
The South Node	Conjunction	The Midheaven	1°26'	Applying

INTRODUCTION

This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on Earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and Earth; and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences, and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

LIFE GOALS

*If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it;
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.*

Longfellow, *Elegiac Verse* 1880.

Just as the Sun is the centre of the Earth's Solar System, so does the Sun play a vital role in your life on earth. Your life goals are linked to your Sun – its zodiac sign and its position in your chart. Contrary to popular belief, the Sun isn't the only planet to be considered in a person's chart, but it is an important component. The Sun gives you an indication of how you can shine in your life. You will feel truly alive when you're living the traits indicated by your Sun. Therefore it's likely that you will spend much of your life on a journey to self discovery, aiming to incorporate these traits into your life. Understanding the energy of your Sun is a good starting point to understanding yourself and your purpose in life.

Your Sun is in the eleventh house of your birth chart meaning that you're a sociable person, who makes friends easily with people from all walks of life. You feel most at home when amongst a group of like-minded people. Success in achieving your life goals is likely to be gained through your connection with other people, in particularly those who have attained a high position in society. A loyal and honest person, you benefit greatly through your friendships, alliances and group affiliations. Other people recognise the worth of a trusting and decent friend and treat you well. You've lofty ideals and like to share a common goal with other people. For these reasons your profession may also be linked with working with groups of people, particularly one with a humanitarian cause. You've many hopes and visions of what you want to achieve in your life, and can inspire others with your ideas. However, you do need to learn the ability to focus on one thing at a time, otherwise you are in danger of failing to achieve your goals through scattering your energies in different directions.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Aquarius indicating that you're unconventional, friendly, unpredictable and innovative. Anything new and original will appeal, particularly if it goes against convention. You like to test ideas that have never been thought of before. At best this can be a exciting quest into unexplored territories. It can, however, be an indiscriminate rebellion against tradition. Not that you will mind, for you're a strong believer in people having the freedom of individual expression and not being oppressed by society's expectations. A regular livewire, you've an electric quality about your personality, which makes it difficult for you to sit still for long and also makes you attractive to people from all walks of life. In fact you prefer to mingle with groups of people, often adopting the adage 'the more the merrier'. You may also enjoy working in a group which fights a particular cause. Ironically, while championing the cause for individual freedom, you also have a knack for seeing the needs of humanity as a whole. For this reason you may find that issues such as the environment and world peace are close to your heart. However, any world news can spark your creative ideas for change. Astrologically speaking the Sun is said to be in detriment in Aquarius, thereby giving emphasis to any difficulties you may have adapting your personal desire for individual freedom to the needs of society as a whole.

The Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Uranus in your birth chart indicating that you're

impulsive and determined to be an individual. You want to do things your own way and will dig in your heels if anyone tries to stop you. You've the ability to be a unique and original leader, but you need to be wary of letting your impatient and excitable nature stand in the way of you achieving your life goals. If you're not careful you're easily embroiled in various dramas over perceived or, in some cases, real injustices. This could range from a minor conflict with a sales person or major battles with authorities. This tendency to clash with other people probably originates from your childhood relationship with your father or a father figure. It's likely that you were a wilful child, who liked to have the freedom to learn through experience rather than through parental advice. Of course the extent of your rebellion depends on other influences in your chart. You may have clashed with a strong-minded male parental figure, either through head-on conflict or passive lack of co-operation. Possibly the loss, or absence, of a strong male during your childhood meant that you were given too much freedom and lacked appropriate parental guidance. It's also possible that in your mind you feel that you were not given enough freedom. Given your need for individual freedom, you may have felt trapped. Either way, as an adult, you struggle to curb a tendency to lash out whenever someone else or circumstances appear to stop you getting or doing what you want. This can result in a feeling of being isolated or separated from loved ones or society. However, it's more likely that your own wilful nature is preventing you from achieving your goals in life. You need to find the right mix of respecting your own original identity and the needs of other people. Once you've achieved this balance then you're free to pursue your unique talents, and to succeed in reaching your goals.

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is also in the eleventh house of your chart. There's a popular song that has a line "I'll get by with a little help from my friends", and this could be your theme song. You've many true and fortunate friends, some who hold prominent positions in society. Your friends do their best to support you emotionally, and perhaps even financially, so that you can achieve your life goals. This is fortunate because you've high hopes of achieving success in your life. You're popular amongst your friends, a real social success, and the resulting benefits are considerable. You also like to belong to groups of like-minded people, and these associations can also prove beneficial. Whether you realise it or not, your optimism and cheerfulness are an inspiration to your friends, and they too can benefit from their association with you.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Pisces in your birth chart indicating that you are a kind-hearted person, who is interested in pursuing matters of the heart rather than of the intellect. This doesn't mean that you're not intelligent. Quite the contrary. It's simply that you're an intuitive and sensitive person, who wants to contribute to humanity in a meaningful way. You want to reach other people through the emotions and the heart. For these reasons you could be involved in charity work, or helping a spiritual group spread its message, or nursing sick and unfortunate people, possibly even animals. You're the original champion of the underdog. You're also on a search for spiritual meaning in your own life, which could lead to studies and overseas travel. Travel by water may particularly appeal. Once you've discovered some meaning, you could be a spiritual or religious teacher. You are a perceptive person, possibly with psychic abilities, and you've a great deal to contribute to the world. Astrologically speaking the planet

Jupiter is considered to be in a favourable position in the zodiac sign of Pisces meaning that you're likely to succeed in your goals.

What an idealist you are! It's doubtful that life would ever live up to your high expectations or that you could achieve all that you dream of. This is because the planets Jupiter and Neptune are connected in your chart. Don't despair. You may be idealistic, but you're also talented and possibly inspirational in some aspect of your life. As a result you're likely to achieve many of your hopes, but not all of them, and perhaps prove to be an inspiration to other people. Possibly you've a talent for music or the arts, or perhaps you're a gifted teacher or philosopher. You're certainly compassionate. Whatever your creative talent, your active imagination needs a positive outlet, one that can inspire you and perhaps other people. You're capable of reaching for the stars, as long you acquire the self-discipline needed to develop your abilities. Your spiritual beliefs may also play a prominent role in helping you achieve your ambitions.

HOME

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.*
Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd is* 1868.

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a birth chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is placed in the seventh house of your birth chart suggesting that your primary relationship plays a key role in your life, dominating your moods and actions. It's likely that you marry at a young age, but if not you put a lot of time and energy into searching for the right person to share your life. The life of the single person isn't an easy one for you and you can be quite restless in your endeavours to find a partner. If you're married then you're sensitive to the feelings of your partner and keen to put them at their ease. You're likely to either adapt your behaviour to please your partner, or to rebel against his or her influence. The influence is the same in that his or her behaviour is dictating your mood swings. The problem is that you can allow your primary relationship to be too dominating, sacrificing your own needs and desires to the other person. At worst, your partner is fickle and not worth the effort that you're expending. This is an extreme representation of the astrological influences. It's also likely that your partner is simply changeable and of an unsettled nature, seeking change and stimulation through travel and work. Therefore you simply need to reassess your priorities and to work towards a balance between loving compromise and self-assertion. This position of the Moon in your chart isn't favourable for legal conflicts. Therefore you should be wary of entering into any legal battles, because you could find yourself on the losing side. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the seventh house of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your personal ambitions.

With the Moon in the sign of Sagittarius you've an emotional need for adventure and independence, and will feel all of the impatience of a horse being held on a tight rein if your adventurous nature is thwarted. This is despite the fact that you may be headed in the wrong direction. The destination doesn't really matter, for you've an instinctual urge for travel and exploring – any path will do, particularly when you feel the urge to escape from the stresses of daily life. Sometimes your explorations involve travelling around the globe, while at other times you're content to explore the academic halls of knowledge. Philosophy and religion may particularly appeal. Once your quest for mind-expanding knowledge is somewhat sated, you may seek to change from the role of enthusiastic student to inspiring teacher. Fun is also important. When feeling under stress, you like nothing more than to go out and enjoy yourself. Anything which offers light relief will do. This can range from discussing the philosophical side of life

over a cup of tea with a friend, to taking up a new hobby or taking flight to distant lands.

The Moon is making an aspect to Mars in your chart indicating that your home life is active and boisterous, rather than a peaceful environment. Fortunately you're an impulsive and emotional person, who prefers action to becoming bored by inactivity. You're likely to feel more comfortable when faced with a challenge. For this reason you may enjoy working around the house or working from home. It's possible that your need for an active home life stems from your childhood home environment, which was busy and boisterous. Perhaps your mother, or a strong woman in your household, was vivacious and dynamic, possibly even fiery. In some cases male members of the family can display these traits. Either way at a young age you learnt how to enjoy a spirited home life, which you've carried into your adult life. You need to be wary of a lack of sensitivity to other people's feelings. Not everyone is as feisty as you. You could also try to avoid becoming embroiled in arguments with women. This could be difficult as you're impetuous, liable to act without thinking. Mostly you enjoy the challenge of new activity, but at times your vigorous nature can land you in hot water.

The Moon and the planet Uranus are connected in your chart suggesting that your home life is unusual and changeable. It could be that you've difficulty settling down in one place, or that you live in extraordinary surroundings. In some way your family life is unusual. This isn't necessarily a negative experience, although it could be upsetting. Perhaps you, or a member of your family, have an unusual hobby which has taken over the household, or necessity requires that your family often changes residence. The erratic nature of your household probably stems from your childhood experiences. Perhaps your family was different from traditional families, or circumstances led to emotional upsets in the family home. It's possible that you suffered from a sense of insecurity as a child as a result of changing family life. Your mother, or an important mother figure, may have been an unusual or unstable influence in your early childhood. A continuing sense of a lack of security in your home and family may be a source of emotional distress, as you struggle to come to terms with conflicting emotions. However, you're a resourceful, inventive and independent person, and will eventually learn to blend your individual need for excitement and stimulation in the home environment with a need for comfort and security.

The Moon and the planet Pluto are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're an intense and emotional person, prone to extreme highs and lows. You love drama and intensity, because these give you a sense of being deeply connected to your loved ones, and to the world. It's likely that your family and home life are periodically emotionally volcanic. This can be problematic if other members of your family don't desire the same level of intensity, particularly if they're seeking peace and quiet at home. If this is the case your needs are directly opposed to your loved ones', which may not concern you, but could result in dramatic changes in your personal life. This is also a problem because you've a deep sense of commitment to your personal relationships, and feel betrayed if others don't share this commitment. It's likely that your need for emotional intensity originates from an early childhood experience, probably linked with your mother or another strong woman figure. Your relationship with your mother is likely to be immersed with intense feelings, perhaps even stemming from a life-or-death situation. You may feel positively or negatively about your mother. Either way your feelings are likely to be strong. You're a resourceful person, and can rely on your own resources to solve most problems. You

need to find a creative outlet for your intense nature, something that will totally absorb your attention. Perhaps you would enjoy property development, or renovating your house. You're a powerful person with leadership skills, and a need for a challenge.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

*There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit
and encourage a will to learning, as is praise.*

Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.

Our academic schooling and learning through life experience are linked to the planet Mercury. This planet stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. It tells us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.

The planet Mercury in the tenth house of your chart signifies that education plays a major role in your life, either as a student or a teacher. You're a bright, intelligent and capable person who is considered an asset to your workplace. On the whole it doesn't really matter what career path you choose. What is important is that your career choice offers intellectual stimulation. You don't like to be bored. Career possibilities include writing, teaching, business, sales, media work, transport, printing and administration. It's also possible that you juggle more than one job at a time, or that you're a contract worker preferring the stimulation of different environments to the security of one job and one workplace. You could be a successful business person, putting your organisational abilities to good use. You work well in positions of authority, but are likely to have one person as your superior rather than holding down the most senior position. You need only to beware of over-committing yourself in your eagerness to take on a variety of tasks.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Aquarius indicates that you're brimming with original and unique ideas, which you want to share with all of your friends and colleagues. You enjoy exchanging ideas with other people, particularly friends and groups of people. You have a wide range of interests, and an ability to converse on a variety of topics. You're particularly interested in the new and original, and also in subjects which affect the world as a whole, rather than individuals. For this reason you may delve into environmental issues, science, metaphysics or politics. You're an inventive thinker, capable of communicating your original ideas to others. At times, however, you rebel against old and traditional ideas, chafing at the bit when you stumble across the more staid thinkers of the world. You like to think of the world as one large family, and can't understand small-minded thinking such as racism. On the whole though your understanding of human nature stands you in good stead for helping others to see your point of view.

The planets Mercury and Mars are combining in your chart in a manner which suggest that you and your communications with other people tend to be fiery. This can be positive, particularly if you're a spokesperson for a group or person with a cause. You've good intellectual powers, a shrewd and clever mind. However, you're impulsive and quick-tempered, and it's more likely that you spend much of your life mopping up after misunderstandings. Your own perceptions of yourself may be that you're enthusiastic and perceptive, but others can see you as aggressive and critical. Without realising it you easily create opposition from other people through your impulsive actions or sharp tongue. You're talkative and enjoy a fiery discussion, but inadvertently you're driving others away and forcing them to adopt your opinion. It's also possible that you're quick to take offence, believing that others are criticising you when it's you who need to learn compromise. For these reasons you may have difficulty in your early

childhood education and schooling, and indeed until you've learnt restraint and tolerance. This is particularly true of risky ventures, which tend to attract your attention. You need to be more cautious. Otherwise you're likely to suffer loss through a rash of business deals, law suits and dodgy contracts. You may benefit from an interest in sports, the military, and business.

The planet Mercury is making an unfavourable aspect to the planet Jupiter in your chart indicating that you're likely to encounter obstacles in your education. This could be for a number of reasons. Perhaps you've so many ideas and plans that you're not sure which ones to follow, and as a result never seem to get started. It's also possible that you've many unfinished projects, because your attention span is limited. Perhaps you lack good judgement. In all of these scenarios your intentions are good, but you lack the discipline to accomplish your goals. You make promises you can't keep and are prone to exaggeration. As a result your credibility is generally low. You may even become the subject of scandal and gossip. Of course this all depends on other influences in your chart. And the good news is that you learn a great deal from your mistakes, growing older and wiser with each passing year. As a result you're likely to overcome your obstacles, and achieve your goals, particularly in the areas of communication and education. It's also possible that you choose to communicate your experience through teaching, writing or public speaking.

The planets Mercury and Uranus are making unfavourable contact in your birth chart indicating that your education and communications with other people are fraught with difficulty. Although you've an active and intelligent mind, you've so many original thoughts and ideas that you find it difficult to express them. This is true for your verbal and written communications. You also have trouble concentrating for long periods of time, needing the stimulation of constant change and new topics of interest. For these reasons you're likely to encounter problems in your early childhood education, particularly if you attend a school that has a traditional approach to education. You're more likely to shine in an education system which encourages independent and free thinking. At any age you're likely to react to authority figures, showing a defiant and audacious attitude. Perhaps you don't realise that you've a tendency to thrust your own radical thoughts and ideas onto other people, without listening to their own opinions. You wilfully defend your right to have different views and can fail to appreciate other people's points of view. You need to learn to respect all forms of communication and thinking. You don't mean to be thoughtless, it's simply that you're so often restless in your search for stimulation. One of your major struggles in life is with discontentment. In fact you may be ahead of your time in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. With a little patience and tolerance, you'll be successful in helping others understand your unique and innovative ideas. Writing, publishing, advertising, science, astrology and electrical affairs may all be of interest, although any unusual subject will catch your attention.

RELATIONSHIPS

*Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love isn't love
Which alters when it alteration finds.
Shakespeare Sonnet 116.*

The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

When the planet Venus is placed in the ninth house of your birth chart relationships are a source of spiritual and philosophical inspiration. It's important that your primary relationship be with a person who can meet you on the same intellectual level, or be a willing student of yours. Intellectual matters are not a strain, but are a source of great pleasure. Whereas some people are focussed on their daily lives, you prefer to be thinking about matters further afield. Therefore you enjoy activities that stretch your mind and help you escape from the mundane world. You enjoy travelling to other countries, meeting people and experiencing different cultures. Religions also hold an intellectual interest. Your travels abroad are likely to be successful. You're also hospitable and enjoy meeting people from other countries, who are more than happy to return your hospitality at a later date. You seem to spend so much time travelling to and from other countries that your friends are hardly surprised to hear that you're likely to marry a foreigner. In some cases you marry a person with spiritual, scientific, literary or artistic inclinations. These inclinations reflect your own interests. Academic study and lectures also hold a great appeal, again because they are intellectually satisfying. If you enjoy reading, then you're more likely to read a literary work or serious study, rather than a light novel. Depending on other influences in your chart, you're likely to form a good primary relationship and enjoy good fortune in life. In some cases though you could suffer through disappointment in not achieving your ideals.

With Venus in the sign of Capricorn you're shy in relationships, slow to form friendships with other people but, once you've committed to another person, then you're steadfast in your efforts to maintain the relationship. This is particularly true of your primary relationship. Not one to be distracted by romantic illusions, you may appear to be reticent, almost cold, in the first throes of love. This is partly because you're timid, but it's also because you like to weigh up the pros and the cons to any new relationship. You're a great believer in the adage "actions speak louder than words" and you like to observe other people's actions. You form relationships slowly, but they are enduring. Your head isn't ruled by your heart, although you like to think that you've a good balance. This is fortunate because you're ambitious in relationships, seeking a partner who is of good character and good standing in the community. For these reasons you may have more difficulty in your relationships earlier in life, seemingly missing out on the flurry of social contacts being experienced by your more flighty friends. It's later in life that your relationships flourish and you're placed in positions of trust and responsibility through your liaisons with other people, particularly people in authority. It's also later in life that you stand to profit through your

relationships, either financially or through promotions in your social standing.

The planets Neptune and Venus are connected in your chart indicating that you yearn for romance in your primary relationship. Whether you realise it or not, you're seeking an ideal and perfect partner, who may only exist in fairy tales. If you're not careful you'll become disillusioned with the imperfections of relationships and seek solace in a fantasy world. You need to face the realities and imperfections of yourself and your partner as much as possible. This doesn't mean that you need to completely rule out romance and idyllic love. In fact it might help if you're able to escape with your loved one to a romantic setting, away from the demands of everyday life. Coming to terms with the reality of your relationship simply helps you obtain a better understanding of your primary relationship, and helps prevent you becoming disillusioned. In other words taking off the rose-coloured glasses means that you can make a proper assessment of your primary relationship. As a result you'll experience fewer feelings of resentment and disappointment because your partner fails to be perfect, and you won't be in danger of overlooking some major flaws such as drug addiction or deceit. With the right partner you'll enjoy a sense of peace and fulfilment. You may also enjoy artistic or spiritual pursuits together. You're ardent and loving, responding quickly to your partner's need. In turn you benefit from acts of kindness, love and appreciation.

The combination of the planets Venus and Pluto in your chart indicate that you enjoy commitment and challenge in your personal relationships. Unlike many other people, you're not afraid to make the necessary changes demanded within close relationships. In fact you prefer change, especially if the alternative is a staid and steady relationship. You like to be consumed with love and passion, and are happiest when with a partner who feels the same way. You can be disappointed when others fail to soar to great emotional heights and plummet the emotional depths by your side. You want intensity, perhaps even a little drama, in your primary relationship. You're fiercely loyal and committed, and expect as much from your partner. Problems can arise when you don't feel a strong bond with your partner, or if that bond is threatened, particularly by another person. You're a jealous person, and quite capable of seeking revenge when wronged. You need to be careful to choose the right person as your primary partner – someone who reciprocates your love and passion. Otherwise you can waste a lot of time and energy trying to make a doomed relationship work. You may also benefit from directing some of your energy into an all-consuming project, such as fighting for human rights or an intensely creative pursuit.

MOTIVATION

*Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.
To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.
Horace, Epistles 65- 68BC.*

Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

With Mars placed in the fourth house of your birth chart your early home life is full of troubles, which colour your view of family life throughout the rest of your life. Family quarrels and unpleasantness seem to pervade your home life, no matter how much you try to avoid them. You're more likely to fight for your rights within the family, rather than try to soothe over troubled waters. Perhaps you also have to protect other members of your family. Your relationship with both of your parents may be troubled, or it could be only your father who seems to block your independence and cause strife. Some astrologers claim that the position of Mars in the fourth house of a birth chart can mean difficulties with a father, either quarrels or perhaps even an early death. You may be keen, at a young age, to get on with the process of asserting your independence and leaving the nest. However, as a young adult you have difficulty settling into a peaceful home environment, continuing to experience problems within your family. As a result you may move home on a regular basis in search of a more stable and peaceful environment only to find a railway line built nearby. In some cases you can suffer loss through theft or fire and therefore would benefit from security systems and fire alarms. You would also do well to avoid speculating in property investments as you're likely to lose money. On a more positive note, as you grow older you learn to handle your home life with aplomb. After all, you've had a lot of experience to learn from. You might benefit from building a workshop or gymnasium, where you and can let off steam when family life seems too onerous. And there's always the modern-day option of living on your own!

The planet Mars in the sign of Leo indicates that you have an honest and straightforward approach to life, meeting most of life's challenges head on. You're fearless and independent in your own life with the ability to be a strong leader for others less forthright. You're a passionate and generous individual with the ability to take other people under your wing, as long as they show some appreciation of your gifts. For these reasons you're often promoted to positions of authority and public prominence. You have a strong need to express your personal creativity, enjoying centre stage in most of your activities. You may even literally take centre stage in a theatrical performance or on a podium, as you have natural flair for the dramatic side of life. You're a formidable friend and foe as you have strong will power and the confidence to carry through most of your adventurous objectives. You need to be wary of becoming too arrogant and taking on more than you can handle.

Conflict is likely to be a key feature of your life because of the influence of the planets Saturn and Mars in your chart. When these combine in an unfavourable manner it leads to troubles and

discord. You're probably well aware of the difficulties that you face in some areas of your life, finding it difficult to motivate yourself to overcome them. Other people and circumstances seem to stand in the path of your success, which is frustrating. In some cases you could be frustrated by a physical illness, which prevents you working towards your ambitions. It's true that you shouldn't neglect your physical health, because you could be prone to illness and harm through accidents. You may find that resentment and thoughts of revenge are ways in which you motivate yourself into action. Of course you would do well to avoid acting on these feelings, otherwise you could end up in violent disputes or in trouble with the law. This influence in your chart can indicate achieving notoriety, which is very different from achieving success. It's possible that you've difficulty remembering a time when life didn't have its problems. Perhaps you had a tough life as a child either through difficult family circumstances or because of a strict and harsh parent figure. Of course much of this scenario depends on other influences in your chart. On a more positive note you're confident and ambitious, capable of driving yourself and others to achieve your objectives. You can be motivated by the thought of achievement, and are likely to succeed through hard work and self-discipline. In fact you're determined to succeed in certain areas of your life. Your will power can be indomitable, particularly when you've determined on a course of action.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

The road up and the road down are one and the same
Heraclitus, *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker* c540-480BC.

The planet Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets. This planet is also linked with our ambitions, and how we approach the practical side of life. This planet often represents the professional side of our lives.

The placement of the planet Saturn in the tenth house is an important statement in a birth chart, and one that can be a positive influence or have dire effects, depending on other aspects in a chart. On the one hand with positive aspects, you're hard-working with an ability to overcome early adversity in your life and earn the respect of other people. As a result you gain a respectable position in society and achieve your ambitions. You've the ability to rise above adversity through a willingness to shoulder responsibility and persevere where others would lapse behind. On the other hand with negative influences, you could experience delays and setbacks in your career, either through your own lack of integrity or through no fault of your own. If this is the case then you're likely to face financial ruin in any business enterprise, obstacles and disappointments in your professional life, or dishonour in public office. In some astrology schools, the planet Saturn is considered the lord of Karma, meaning that this planet forces us to reap the consequences of past actions whether in this life or in a previous one. It's possible that through living your life with the utmost integrity you may be able to avoid any adverse effects of this placement, but it's also possible that you can't avoid your destiny. Acceptance and a willingness to live with some adversity can be of great benefit.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Aquarius signifies that you're a sociable and affable person, who has the ability to work well in groups and organisations. You seem to make friends effortlessly and to benefit from your contacts with other people, particularly in your chosen profession. You're thoughtful and able to communicate with people from all walks of life. In fact you're a faithful friend and co-worker with a gift for creating mutually-beneficial contacts. Your work is often original and innovative, drawing the attention of other people. Sometimes you work in fields that are a little off the beaten track, but you also have the ability to be quite profound in any situation which requires original ideas. The fields of science and metaphysics may feature strongly in your life. Astrologically speaking the planet Saturn is considered to be favourably placed in the sign of Aquarius which means that you're likely to benefit through your contacts with other people, enabling you to achieve your ambitions in life. It's also likely that you form a fortunate marriage union.

An unfavourable combination of the planets Saturn and Mars can indicate difficulties in your profession, particularly in partnerships or companies. You need to be careful to avoid litigation, which you're likely to lose. Of course this depends largely on other influences in your chart. Nevertheless you need to act with the utmost integrity within your career to ensure success rather than scandal.

The planets Saturn and Neptune are combining in your chart suggesting that you've difficulty achieving your career ambitions. It's likely that you're a highly creative individual, but that you either lack the confidence to follow your true path, or the ability to make your dreams a reality. This doesn't necessarily mean that you aren't successful in your career, but rather that something is missing. It could be that you're dissatisfied with your career choice, because you're not following your true vocation. It's also possible that you enjoy your work, but aren't being paid well, which leads to frustration and disappointment. No matter how much other people urge you to stand up for your rights, you believe that you're not in a position to do so. The problem may be that you've difficulty stepping back and appropriately assessing all of your options. You lack the confidence to pave your own professional path, afraid to leave the security and comfort of your current job, or you're too busy chasing rainbows to manage your career. At some stage in your life you're forced to learn to believe in yourself, to find the right mix of creativity and practicality. Once you've made steps along this process you gain the confidence to continue. Like a child learning to walk for the first time, you're soon off and running.

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a birth chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

With a Midheaven in the sign of Aquarius and ruled by the planet Uranus, you'll be attracted to any career which gives you the freedom to express your unique talents. You're ingenious and original, and likely to choose a career which reflects these talents. You may also choose an unconventional career path. You don't like routine and may feel trapped in a traditional office job. You prefer to work in a field where you believe you can make a difference, help humanity in some way. For these reasons it's also possible that you'll change professions at least once in your lifetime. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include American zany actor Gene Wilder, jazz musician Miles Davis, Australian green politician Bob Brown and ballet dancer and choreographer Sir Robert Helpmann.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY

The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; one must sense him everywhere but never see him.
Gustav Flaubert, *Correspondence* 1857-64.

The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

The planet Uranus is in the fifth house of your birth chart suggesting that you've unusual, perhaps even unconventional creative abilities. This could be that your artistic talents display quite an unusual sense of taste, or that you're creative in a more scientific or metaphysical sense. Either way you like to be original both in your hobbies and your work. This placement also indicates unusual love affairs, and unconventional relationships with children. Perhaps you're too busy pursuing your creative interests to have time for children, or perhaps an unexpected event has prevented you from having children. If you do have children of your own, then they are likely to be independent, perhaps even unusual in some way. It's also possible that you and your children enjoy daring recreational activities together. In some cases you could suffer through a separation from your children, or could even lose one of them. Scandal is likely to be a part of your life if you indulge in your fascination for love affairs. Gambling, or any kind of speculation, is also likely to be a rocky road, which is best avoided.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Virgo from 1962 - 1968. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Virgo indicates that you belong to a generation which focuses on the practical details of humanity. Medical research, the balance between work and leisure, the links between mind and body come into focus. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

The planet Neptune placed in the sixth house of your chart means that your health is likely to be a concern, either aiding or abetting your creative projects. At worst, you may suffer from a chronic disease or from allergies, or from recurring illnesses. It's likely that these illnesses were more prominent when you were a child. The good news is that your adult life is less likely to be plagued by ill-health. However, you may still have a heightened sensitivity to your immediate environment, and must adhere to strict hygiene at all times. You can benefit from clean, pleasant

and peaceful surroundings, but you're also likely to suffer in stressful or unpleasant situations. You're likely to be sensitive to foods and alcohol, and need to pay close attention to your diet. You should make sure that all eating utensils are clean, and that you eat only the freshest food obtainable, avoiding too much animal fat. Your acute sensitivity can also be linked with drugs, including medical drugs. You need to avoid narcotic drugs, and take care with prescribed medical drugs. Discuss your sensitivity with your doctor. You may benefit from natural medical therapies, particularly any which include diet and lifestyle in the diagnosis. You're also likely to benefit from moments of seclusion, perhaps time spent with nature. If you're self-employed then you're likely to be able to be in control of your own environment. However, if you work in an office, you should warn your co-workers and employees that you're sensitive to your environment, enlisting their help in keeping your working space clean and hygienic. There's a chance that your workmates may not be supportive, as this placement of the planet Neptune can sometimes indicate that you experience difficulty and loss through the deception of your co-workers or employees. You may also decide to use your own experiences to benefit others, pursuing an avenue of employment which is linked with health and hygiene.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Scorpio from 1955 - 1970. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Scorpio indicates that you belong to a generation which has the ability to passionately pursue spiritual values. You face a battle between your material desires and the desire for a spiritual way of life. You know the value of regeneration rather than stagnation, and may play a role in changing the world.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.

Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

The planet Pluto is in the fifth house of your birth chart indicating that you've a powerful need to express yourself creatively. This could be through an artistic project, a unique talent in your field of work, or a hobby. It's likely that a hobby might command so much of your time and energy that it threatens to impinge on other areas of your life. You might choose to make your hobby your career so that you can further pursue your talents. Children may present difficulties in your life. You may have difficulty having children of your own, or you could discover that their demands are impinging on your creative activities. As you a result you struggle to find the right balance between spending time with your children, and spending creative time on your own. You need to be careful of being too dominating in your behaviour towards children. You should also be wary of becoming involved in love affairs, which could become obsessive.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Virgo from 1957 - 1972. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Virgo suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global health and environment. Your generation possesses the ability to transform the way the world sees health. Medical research, world-wide diseases, medical discoveries, and the links between mind and body are focuses for this generation.

PURPOSE AND JOY

*He who binds to himself a joy
Doth the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise*
William Blake, *MS Note-book*.

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

Your North Node is in the third house and your South Node is in the ninth house of your birth chart indicating a quest to understand interactions between people. You need to make sure that your belief systems aren't too judgmental, and therefore preventing you from communicating with other people. Your purpose is linked with finding a viable form of communication.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Cancer and the South Node in the sign of Capricorn denoting that you're destined to overcome inner pride and to learn to tolerate your own failures. You've a tendency to make life harder than it need be. This is based on the past when you had to work hard for people's respect. You need to learn humility and to express your emotions honestly so that you can nurture others with your wealth of wisdom.

The South Node and the planet Mercury are combining in a way that suggests your communication skills are highly-developed, but you need to avoid your tendency for talk rather than action. You're being challenged to stop scattering your energy in all directions and put your communication skills to good use so that you can achieve your purpose.

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can

help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Taurus is considered "feminine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to wait until you feel comfortable before pursuing your purpose. You're also likely to depend on other people to take the initiative. Taurus is also a Fixed sign denoting fixity of purpose, resolution, self-reliance and independence.

Structure, stability and reliability are the cornerstones of your life. Your primary motivation is for security, in particular material security, and you aim to achieve this security through practical feats. It's likely to be a slow process towards successfully achieving your purpose, because you'll not be hurried. In fact you need to be wary of becoming too fixed in your comfort zone. The positive side of this tendency is that when you do commit to a course of action, then you can be relied on to come up with the goods. Your decisions are based on careful consideration, and you'll tenaciously follow through with actions. There's a strong emphasis on the physical side of life with this Ascendant. For instance your purpose may be linked with a physical activity. It's also possible that you're physically attractive to other people. This, combined with your reserved charm, enables you to achieve your objectives. Your organisational ability may play a key role in your life's purpose. Life experience also features prominently in your life, providing you with the wisdom needed to accomplish success.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Taurus is linked to what is called the third eye, spiritual insight and wisdom. You need to ensure that your desire for material security doesn't stand in the way of you fully expressing your spiritual wisdom and intuition. Your purpose is connected to creating beauty and manifesting spiritual plans, and using your spiritual insights in a practical manner. You might find the Biblical saying a useful affirmation: "You will know them by their works".