

# **You, the Woman**

## **Astrological Profile**

**for**

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## Your Chart Data

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Leo	08°Le06'	09th	01 06°Sc09'
Moon	Virgo	21°Vi03'	10th	02 04°Sg15'
Mercury	Virgo	00°Vi00'	10th	03 09°Cp51'
Venus	Virgo	07°Vi10'	10th	04 19°Aq06'
Mars	Libra	17°Li48'	12th	05 22°Pi11'
Jupiter	Gemini	22°Ge22'	08th	06 17°Ar10'
Saturn	Pisces	16°Pi20' R	04th	07 06°Ta09'
Uranus	Virgo	12°Vi55'	10th	08 04°Ge15'
Neptune	Scorpio	17°Sc14'	01st	09 09°Ca51'
Pluto	Virgo	14°Vi46'	10th	10 19°Le06'
Midheaven	Leo	19°Le06'	10th	11 22°Vi11'
Ascendant	Scorpio	06°Sc09'	01st	12 17°Li10'

Planet	Element	Mode	Elemental	Modal
Sun	Fire	Fixed	2 Fire	1 Cardinal
Moon	Earth	Mutable	5 Earth	4 Fixed
Mercury	Earth	Mutable	2 Air	7 Mutable
Venus	Earth	Mutable	3 Water	
Mars	Air	Cardinal		
Jupiter	Air	Mutable		
Saturn	Water	Mutable		
Uranus	Earth	Mutable		
Neptune	Water	Fixed		
Pluto	Earth	Mutable		
Midheaven	Fire	Fixed		
Ascendant	Water	Fixed		

Your astrological chart provides an amazing guidepost to the most important aspect of your life: an understanding of yourself. As a woman today, you face the challenge of discovering yourself within the context of many life experiences. You wear a variety of faces and play many roles, experiences which can both enhance and complicate your feeling of satisfaction with yourself and your life. Your astrological chart provides indicators which help to define who you are, strengthening an understanding of your needs on every level. Each chart is different in its make-up, and the myriad combinations of influences help to underscore the importance of each person as an individual. One thing you must remember when working with astrology: it is through your free will that you make choices. Your "chart" does not make you do anything!

We are finally acknowledging and realizing within today's world, that men and women experience life differently. The workings of your psyche, symbolized by your astrological chart, are likely to be experienced quite differently through your filter as a woman than they would be if you were born male. This report is designed for you, a woman in a world of change, a woman seeking to become whole.

Your natal, or birth, chart is made up of several factors. Drawn upon a circular wheel, your natal chart shows the positions of the planets relative to your place, date and time of birth. Everything is indicated symbolically, with each symbol having specific meanings. The planets, Sun and Moon are placed around the circle, and each is placed within a particular degree of a sign of the zodiac. The planets, Sun and Moon are energy bodies, and the astrological signs indicate how these energies work. Just as you are a complex of feelings, needs, drives and desires - your natal chart maps these qualities. You will also notice that the planetary symbols fall within particular segments of the circle. These segments, called "Houses", indicate the specific environments and relationships which are part of your life. You may find, upon reading your report, that there are a few contradictions. For example, one factor may indicate independence, while another shows strong dependency. It is not unusual to experience contradictions within yourself, and that is just what your chart illustrates about you! But when you reflect upon these qualities within the context in which they are explained, you may discover some self-illuminating facts about yourself. Self-understanding has a marvelous way of emphasizing your personal power!

## **An Overall Glimpse at Your Astrological Chart**

The astrological signs are defined by one of four elements: fire, earth, air or water. The fire and air elements have a yang (masculine polarity) quality, and tend to be more outgoing and assertive in their nature, whereas the earth and water elements have a yin (feminine polarity) quality, and are more receptive by nature. The elemental balance in your chart is determined by the amount of energy within each elemental sign. The factors added together to find this balance of energy include the Sun, Moon, planets and the angles of the Ascendant and Midheaven.

Your chart shows a strong predominance of earth energy, indicating that you are a "show me," kind of person. A practical, common sense approach to life feels most comfortable, and you'll most enjoy life when you have your feet on the ground. You're the earth mother type - with a natural inclination toward sensuality, practicality and conservation. In any situation, you prefer to build strength and stability and you may be oriented toward producing: at the end of the day, you're much happier if you have something to show for your efforts. But be very careful of a tendency to narrow your vision to the dimension of the physical plane. There are multiple levels of reality!

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. Your strongest mode of energy is mutable, conferring a powerful sense of adaptability to your personality. Your flexibility is your strength, but your distractible nature is your weakness. Sometimes you may feel like a circus juggler with too many objects in the air at one time, and you may need to constantly remind yourself to focus on the task at hand instead of leaving something midstream. However, you also have an adequate level of fixed energy, which helps you maintain your focus and stability in the midst of change, and aids in your ability to complete your obligations. Your weakest link is in cardinality, which indicates that you sometimes feel reluctant to get started, especially in new situations.

When you view your chart as a whole, you'll notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the top half of the chart. This hemisphere strength indicates that you are driven by a need for recognition, and that you can be quite comfortable in the public eye. Career may have a high priority for you, and if you are not employed outside the home, you may be quite busy in community or civic affairs. You are drawn by the world, and your need for validation is most easily satisfied when your achievements are acknowledged and respected in some way. You may be quite influential in the lives of others, and have strong potential as a leader, teacher or mentor. However, you also need to remember that you must allow some "down" time, and that your home and family may provide an important security base.

You may also be concerned with the areas in your chart which appear to be empty. Never fear, these houses are not really vacant! You are just not placing as much emphasis in these relationships or environments, or you may be satisfying these needs through other dimensions of your life.

## Projection of Your Real Self

Sometimes showing the world who you really are is not easy, and sometimes the world may not respond as you had hoped! It's helpful to take a look at the differences and similarities between the attitudes, impressions and images you project and the person who resides at the core of your being.

With your Sun in Leo you're likely to radiate a sense of regality and power, even if you're just sitting at home in your old jeans. Although you may not demand to be the center of attention, you can certainly carry it off when the spotlight is on you. You're driven by a need to create and express yourself, and enjoy playful people and situations. When challenged your pride can get in your way unless you develop some objectivity about yourself, which can be a tough job if you're too self-absorbed. It's okay to think of yourself as royalty some of the time, but just remember that others may not see you that way!

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Scorpio. Through this quality you project an aura of intrigue, and may not like to be the center of attention. Even if you are comfortable with attention, you are not comfortable with a loss of privacy and may have secrets from even your closest friends and companions. Your gaze may be intense, as though you are looking through someone - which you just might be, since you are likely to be quite perceptive. Pluto, the planetary energy associated with your rising sign, is in Virgo in your chart. This influence adds a keen sensitivity to your physical body, and taking care of your health is a natural part of your life. Your concern for quality shows in the way you dress and live, and you may be most at ease when you're in control of your environment.

With your Sun in square aspect to your Ascendant, you may sometimes feel that everyone is always on the defensive with you. You may even have learned to avoid asserting yourself just to avoid the pain of confrontation. But there are times when you do need to take a stand or when you need things to go your way. Learning to ask for assistance is quite different from demanding it, and you'll gain greater support from others if everyone feels empowered.

With the energy of Venus in sextile aspect to your Ascendant you may feel a greater sense of ease and self-acceptance. Your easy grace and charm are directly related to your sense of self-worth. Your energy and vitality radiate an inner beauty which has a direct effect upon the way others see you, and you may love the experience of creating your self-image. You have a good sense of color and style, and may enjoy wearing beautiful clothes and jewelry. But you can be a bit self-indulgent, and need to set reasonable limits - especially in the realm of sweets, which can be your downfall.

There are many different facets of the Moon in your chart. But when it comes to your identity, your Moon speaks volumes about who you are at the deepest level: the soul of your being. Your Virgo Moon strengthens your sense of discrimination, and underscores your need for perfection. The problem can be the yardstick you use to measure that perfection, and you may be frustrated with your own humanity and vulnerabilities as a result. You may be more sensitive to criticism, but can also be highly critical of yourself and others as a part of this desire to have

your life exactly as you feel it should be. By directing your need to make improvements toward positive ends, you'll feel much happier with yourself and with others. That means you may have to let go of the idea that everyone (including yourself) and everything will meet your high standards all of the time.

## **Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self**

Although the temptation is to think that just because you are a woman you are in touch with your inner feminine self, this is a much more complicated task than it appears to be! First of all, the model for the true power of femininity has been lost over recent history and is now becoming re-energized. Recovering this power is a personal task for each woman, and learning to use feminine power constructively on a collective level is another challenge for today's woman. This process is the cradle of self-healing, and provides the essence of your personal security.

The primary energies associated with your inner feminine self are the Moon and Venus, but Neptune and Pluto are also significant in your experience and expression of this part of your psyche. The Moon is the energy which filters through your subconscious self, and tells the story of your connection to the part of you which provides nurturing, support, care and comfort. The person who projects the model for your Moon energy is your mother, and you see her through the lens of your own emotional matrix, signified by the Moon. As you mature, you learn to send this energy into the world, but to be truly effective, you must first own this energy and know how to use it to care for yourself!

Your Virgo Moon strengthens your sense of connection to your feminine self, and adds a steadiness to your emotions. Your instincts about the best ways to do things are usually right on the mark, which can be a little irritating to those who would take a more haphazard approach. As a woman of discriminating taste with an eye for quality, you're not likely to settle for anything that falls below your standards - including a mate. The high standards you set for others are nothing compared to the standards you hold for yourself. In fact, you might gain a great relief by simply giving yourself a break from time to time and letting your hair down. Otherwise, you can become nagging and hypercritical, just because you are concerned about getting everything done in the best possible manner. You may have a particularly powerful sense of body awareness and may go out of your way to maintain your physical health. Eating a natural foods diet which centers on simple nutritional balance may even help you maintain your emotional balance. For you, the mind-body connection is especially crucial, and taking steps to keep your spirit, soul and body in healthy condition will definitely improve the quality of your life. Although you can accept most physical limitations with a matter-of-fact kind of attitude, you are not likely to appreciate being sick since you are oriented toward producing something by the end of the day. But you can also adapt when necessary. Striking a few requirements from your list of expectations may have a marvelous healing effect on your life as a whole. And finding a reasonable outlet for your critical sensibilities is necessary to help you maintain your sanity. Developing greater tolerance for yourself and for others is your key to finding greater joy.

With your Moon in a square aspect to Jupiter, you may feel restless, and may not be entirely at home with the idea of limitation - any type of limitation. You expect a lot from yourself. When you're feeling low, you can overindulge in spending, eating or playing just to get that feeling of fullness which seems to be lacking. To develop the strength of your femininity, you need to have ample outlets through which to express your generosity and caring. You must also learn that nurturing yourself does not always mean overdoing it. You also need ways to sustain your enthusiasm, which means learning to pace yourself so that you remain excited about a project (or relationship) long enough to complete it.

Your Moon is in opposition to Saturn, which can add a level of seriousness or strictness to your personality. It may seem that you've always had to be responsible and may have carried responsibilities which were beyond your years when you were younger. You may also have felt some disappointment when you were a young girl and have sensed that you were not good enough unless you followed a particular set of rules of behaviors. As a result, you may be overly cautious when it comes to allowing yourself to be emotionally open. You can also be too judgmental of yourself and of others and can block your feelings quite effectively when you are in a vulnerable situation. However, you may realize that what you thought to be a satisfactory control of your feelings was instead a repression of your deeper needs. And it is here that you have your work cut out for you. Determining what is right and wrong at a deep level of truth, instead of at a level of fear or prejudice, requires a great deal of courage. This is especially true when it comes to knowing what you need, because you may feel that there is something wrong with being who you are or with satisfying your needs. You may also feel that you have been shortchanged by being born a woman. If this is the case, try to determine where you learned this. In your relationships you may opt for what is practical, and that may seem much safer than being too experimental. That's okay as long as you can still express your needs and fulfill them. And you may find exceptional healing through your experience of becoming a mother, but only if you can remove any resentment you may feel about the process! You can be a wonderful teacher, a protective guide and a steadfast shelter for your children, and may, through the experience, find that you are giving yourself that same support you so desperately needed when you were a child.

Through the flowing energy between your Moon and Neptune in sextile aspect to one another, your sensitivity and imagination are strengthened. Your compassion extends to all forms of life, and you may display a profound reverence for life. Your spirituality is an integral part of your life, and you may need time each day to reach within and connect with your deeper essence. You can be quite sensitive to the feelings of those you love and may respond before they even have a chance to verbalize their needs. As a mother, your connection to your children can be quite profound, and you can be a powerful force in helping them discover their own creativity. Others may rely on you to provide help and support when they are in need, and you are usually happy to accommodate them. Getting involved in your community may seem quite natural for you, and the spiritual support you feel when participating in a project which positively alters the quality of life is wonderful fuel for your soul. If you take everyone at face value, you can be victimized, since unscrupulous individuals are likely to recognize your vulnerability. Even in legitimate circumstances you may end up giving more than your fair share simply because you have difficulty walking away when someone is in need of help.

With your Moon conjunct Pluto in your chart your emotional intensity is difficult to miss. You can be quite compulsive, and when you are in a "groove" may find it difficult to get out.

Men may be especially intimidated by your sensuality, and if you have control issues, you may even project an aura of power which can overwhelm any man who gets close to you (at least occasionally). You may also be somewhat intimidating to other women, especially if you harbor a mistrust of women. The connection you feel with your mother may be especially strong, and it is quite possible that you felt inundated by her emotional needs in a very powerful way when you were younger. If your mom had difficulty handling her own emotions, you may have some leftover resentment toward her which needs to be released in order to heal that relationship. Conscious awareness of this aspect of your part can make a big difference in the way you relate to others, and if you sense intimidation or blocking, you can back away a little to help diminish the intensity of your own energy - if you really want to let someone into your inner sanctum.

Your Moon is in the first quarter of the lunar phases, indicating that you approach the fulfillment of your desires and needs in an immediate manner. Your impatience with yourself and with everyone else around you can stand in the way for true fulfillment, but it is that same immediacy which is part of your chart. Your impulsiveness can seem quite "unfeminine" at times, since the old myth of femininity had much to do with "waiting for the prince." You are here to form a new quality of relating to life: the quality of fresh expression and spontaneity. You are here to project a powerful sense of identity, and achieving a sense of wholeness between your inner and outer self is an important part of your self development. The archetypal quality of "The Mother" represented by this moon phase elicits your strong connection to the natural rhythms of conception, creation and birth. You may even enjoy a positive element of freshness and new life in your projection of yourself as a woman. You'll not appreciate others trying to shelter you too much, but may need to find a few touchstones which will allow you to rest until you venture out into your next experience with life, love and happiness. Your weakness may be a lack of objectivity, and it can be difficult to find and own your power until you have mastered some skills which add greater objectivity to your sense of self and reality.

Through the energy of Venus you express your feminine wiles, and also locate the part of yourself that needs to be emotionally expressive. Your sense of inner beauty and feelings of personal worth are also functions of Venus. Venusian energy is part of your connection to other women, and the placement of Venus in your chart can tell you a lot about your openness and acceptance of your own femininity. Although your Moon may indicate your basic emotional nature, the manner by which you express your feelings is frequently through Venusian energy.

Through the energy of Venus in Virgo you love the simple things of life. Your delight in the beauty of spring flowers, a kitty's warm purr, a baby's soft skin and the wrinkled smile around your lover's eyes make life worthwhile. Little escapes your eye for detail, and you appreciate excellent workmanship and self-expression. Your own natural beauty radiates best when unencumbered by excess, and you may sparkle in soft colors and elegantly tailored attire. Comfortable, soft, flowing garments may be your preference whenever possible, but you can also look great in a silk suit. You may have little time or tolerance for excess, and although you may enjoy romance, may not go out of your way to create it. However, you do know what you like, and once you've developed trust in a close relationship, may be quite open about your preferences. It's easy for you to be overly critical of yourself and others, partly because you notice everything and have such definitive taste and favorites. You can also be tolerant, although you have to work to develop this skill to its fullest extent. You may find it difficult to experience the love you dream about, especially if the guy who catches your eye turns out to have dirty

fingernails. Give him a bar of soap and see how he cleans up before you strike him from your list entirely.

With Venus and Uranus in conjunction aspect, you are attracted to the unusual and may be somewhat experimental in your sense of style. This includes your style in relationships, which is definitely centered around a need to break some of those old outmoded ways of loving and being loved. Taking on subservient roles or giving up your independence could be impossible for you. You may also prefer to dress in a manner which flies in the face of convention, and it probably looks good on you. After all, you are doing this to attract what you want. The only problem is figuring out exactly what (or whom) that might be - since your feelings could change tomorrow.

Although the planets Neptune and Pluto move very slowly and are generational in nature, they do have an influence upon your psyche. These energies define much about the collective experience which shapes your inner self. You're experiencing Neptunian energy when you're in the midst of reverie, when you're deep in dreams and when you're feeling compassionate. Neptune drives your imagination, the realm of illusion and your psychic sensibilities. Because Neptune is difficult to grasp on a physical level, there is a lot about this energy that can be problematic, and when you are caught in the negative grasp of Neptune, you can give in to addictive behaviors, escapism and deception manifesting. But you do have a way of channeling this energy. It is through Neptune that you find the heart of compassionate love and understanding. This is the doorway to your inner self.

With Neptune in Scorpio, you are part of the generation of women, born from 1955 to 1970 who are forging new frontiers in the sexual revolution. This is not only in terms of human sexuality, but also extends to the roles men and women play in regenerating society. You are the generation who will grapple with issues of control and whose influence in the arenas of human rights will cover the entire spectrum from conception, to birth, to sexual lifestyles, to choices in death. As you are maturing and making these choices, you may resist the idea that some belief system or government should dictate the choices you make in these intimate situations. But you must also create a vision which goes beyond these old systems and which encompasses a true compassion for the experience of life and the pain and joy of choice on every level.

Pluto represents the primordial essence. It is from this level that all transformation occurs: birth, death, illness and healing. It is also here that the powerful kundalini force continually regenerates itself. This is the space of all creation and all power. It is the space of origin: the Great Mother.

You are part of a generation of women born from 1957 through 1972 who have Pluto in Virgo. It has been your challenge to develop a true awareness of the relationship between mind, body and environment. You've blasted through many of the mysteries of the way humans function - at physical, psychological and sociological levels. Additionally, you may be seeking a way to improve the quality of life and are likely to be dealing with repairing mistakes and fixing things as much as you are creating new options. At an individual level, this energy prompts you to determine ways to improve yourself.

## Owning Your Inner Masculine Self

For centuries, women were not allowed to assert themselves in the world, and carefully learned the role of supporter of their "men." Those who failed to respond in this manner were frequently shunned or punished, although there have always been women who defied convention! During this century particularly, women have broken out of their strictly "conventional" roles, and have been making their way in the world. Because of this, women have been successful at fulfilling more of their needs, and owning their own power more readily. As a result, a woman's relationship with the men in her life has also changed. Despite women's collective knowledge about the need to be whole persons, it is still sometimes easier to allow men (fathers, brothers, lovers and husbands) to "own" certain qualities. (They, in turn, prefer that women own certain qualities - like emotions!) But to become truly whole and functional, it is necessary to find and incorporate your inner masculine self into your sense of wholeness, instead of projecting that part of yourself onto others (most usually men) in your life.

Through the process of becoming at home with your ego, you gain a true sense of personal strength and power. To own this power, you must learn to acknowledge that it is okay to be recognized for who and what you are. Your Sun energy is the primary factor in the expression of ego needs. As a young girl, you may have seen your father through the filter of your Sun. His power of getting out into the world, and the manner by which he did it, have shaped your own sense of personal identity. And today, the Sun in your chart may symbolize significant men. But this energy is, in itself, the core of your spirit.

Since you're no stranger to the spotlight, you've probably had ample opportunities to express your assertiveness and personal strength. Your Leo Sun is a magnet for attention, and your actions and attitudes determine whether or not that attention is helpful or detrimental. You have the potential to radiate a powerful energy and may be an inspiration to those who need a stable source of confirmation that life is, indeed, okay. You can be intimidating to men who are unsure of themselves and may even take advantage of this; just try to remember your own insecurity when you first faced raw power! Taking on the challenge of leadership can be one of your most fulfilling experiences, although you can be quite domineering in some situations. If you've been giving away your power to the men in your life, you have probably attracted strong-willed individuals. But to become truly complete, you must learn to embrace and express your own individuality in a manner which opens your creativity and fills your heart.

There are no major aspects to the Sun in your chart. To a large extent, this indicates that the energy of the Sun is empowered, because it operates without undue influence from others energies in your chart. Your ego self can be very strongly developed, and you may feel more comfortable creating life on your own terms. You can be who you want to Be! The qualities of this energy may be an outstanding force in your life, and this is the energy which people frequently associate with your identity.

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not "feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which

you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!

With all the press about Libra being peace-loving, you may assume that your Mars in Libra would prefer not to fight. Well, all the nasty parts of a fight may not be your style, but you certainly know how to inspire a good battle! The truth of the matter is that you are a fighter, and you know how to go after what you want. It's just that, if at all possible, you'd prefer to do it in good taste!

You may wonder what you've done to deserve some of the breaks you've experienced: just when you're in hot water, you find a way to get out. With Mars trine Jupiter, you definitely get into a few circumstances which are over your head, but you can make the most of them, and somehow can come out smelling like a rose. Your confidence and enthusiasm attract many opportunities, although you may not take advantage of all of them. You can be a little lazy with this aspect, particularly if you have access to sources of support which make it easy for you to coast through life. Through applying yourself, you can go further and make an amazing difference in the lives of others who may truly need and appreciate your generosity or spirit.

Trusting your own ability is not always easy for you. The influence of Mars in quincunx aspect to Saturn indicates a strong tendency to feel that you are either inadequate, unprepared or afraid when you need to assert yourself. Getting your energy "out there" can be anxiety-producing, and because of the frustration you feel, you may create unnecessary limitations for yourself. Taking responsibility for yourself is important, but you may also take on responsibilities which belong to others. By learning to focus your energy and develop the skills and talents you need to accomplish the realization of your desires, you can be successful. You may sometimes just need a little confidence booster!

## Developing Your Mind

Education and learning are lifelong processes. Your approach to developing your intellect is multifaceted, but there are special indicators in your astrological chart which help you understand the best ways to develop your mentality. Improving and strengthening communication skills is also part of developing your mind, since connecting to others is certainly improved if you can effectively illustrate your point of view!

Although the energy of Mercury is traditionally considered to be the main indicator of your mentality, there are also other qualities which are part of your mental and intellectual self. First, let's look at Mercury, which is the energy through which you link your thoughts and ideas with others. Your analytical powers can be highly developed through your Virgo Mercury, and you have a wonderful ability to maintain a practical perspective. Learning is easiest for you when you have practical experience and a hands-on approach to assimilating new information. You may also enjoy sharing what you know and can become an accomplished teacher. Although you may be somewhat critical in your judgment or assessment of people or situations, you may not intend to be nit-picking. Your eye for detail simply makes it difficult to ignore anything that is out of place or below standards. As a rule you try to keep an open mind, since you enjoy the experience of learning and discovering how things work.

There are no major aspects to Mercury in your chart. To a large extent, this indicates that the energy of Mercury is empowered, because it operates without undue influence from others energies in your chart. Logical processes are very important, and your mind may never seem to stop whirring in your endless pursuit to rationalize everything. The qualities of this energy may be an outstanding force in your life, and this is the energy which people frequently associate with your identity.

The energy of your Moon also has a mental component. The Moon is the realm of thought, the process of subconscious thinking, and plays a strong role in intuitive thinking. Since you appreciate well-educated individuals, you are likely to make an effort to improve your own understanding and knowledge. The influence of your Virgo Moon in your intellectual development is quite strong, and you may always be reading or studying something just because you want to know how things work. You may also be open to new ideas, although you'll probably test them before you accept them.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! Your philosophical approach to life and learning is rather eclectic with Jupiter in Gemini - kind of live and let live in your attitudes. You may also appreciate the diversity of ideas and cultures existing on the planet and can benefit from exploring them. Sometimes, you may think you have to know about all of them, but the important part may be to discover the link between the many schools of thought and cultures on our world. Oh, that's right, you're not limited to this world... what about life in other galaxies? How do they run their cities? Now, that should really get you going!

Your enthusiasm and confidence help you tackle most any task and accomplish your aims. The influence of Mars in trine aspect to Jupiter adds a special spark to your desire to reach beyond your limitations, and can spur you to follow many pathways in your search for excellence. You may also have good luck, seeming to be in the right place at the right time. Part of this arises from your ability to trust your own sense of vision for the future: you can see the path and then you take action and follow it.

The purpose of Saturn is to provide clarity, structure, form and discipline - elements which are certainly important to learning. Saturn functions primarily as your inner teacher. Mothers are the most influential Saturnian models in western society. They provide the structure, guidance and support for their children in the realms of learning, socialization or personal growth. Once you enter society as a child, teachers play the Saturnian role. But the role of mothers and teachers in relationship to Saturn is to help you define the structure upon which you will build your life. Then, you "own" your Saturn, and know how to discipline and focus your own energy.

In learning situations you may feel a little uncomfortable, especially if you're put on the spot. With Saturn in Pisces you can be quite conscientious and devoted to your subject, but you can also become too emotionally attached to things being done in a particular manner. You may feel too self-conscious when you have to stand up for your ideas, but if you are in the company of others who understand and support you, you can actually perform quite well and with great conviction.

The areas of your chart which are connected most strongly to mental and intellectual development are the 3rd, 9th and 11th Houses. The 3rd House of your chart deals with communication and the development of concepts.

With Capricorn on the cusp of your 3rd House you have a serious approach to your mental development and learning. You learn best when you can add practical experience to the process, instead of just dealing with abstracts. With a natural inclination toward business you can become quite adept at handling and understanding money and finances. Saturn's rulership of this house adds a strong desire to learn about things you can use, and you may also have an exceptional sense of structure and design.

There are no planets in your 3rd House, indicating that developing your communicative capacities is not one of your highest priorities. However this does not indicate an impairment in your thinking or a lack of intellectual development. To further understand your approach to communication reflect upon the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house, explained above, and study the influence of Mercury in its sign and house as indicators of the best ways to develop your intellect.

Your 9th House shows your approach to higher learning, which is usually accomplished through a college or professional degree program. Subjects like philosophy, religion, political science, cultural pursuits and the like are strongly associated with this facet of your development.

You have strong feelings about education with Cancer on your 9th House cusp. Your love of travel and desire to embrace an understanding of the world and her people is very powerful. You may also have great devotion to your spiritual path, and your sense that there is much more beyond the mere "reality" of the physical plane drives you to probe into the mysteries. You may also have a strong affinity for understanding history and human development. The influence of

your Moon as the ruler of this house adds a special dimension of intuitive insight into your understanding and development of awareness. Your nurturant support of others under your guidance makes you a very good teacher, guide and mentress. You believe that education should nurture the mind and spirit and foster a desire toward continued learning.

Your affinity for philosophy, religious study, teaching and higher learning is no accident. With your Sun in the 9th House, you may feel powerfully drawn to study higher truth, and to invest much of your life in pursuit of excellence. You are an eternal student and can be a profound teacher. In many ways you may feel that your life is a journey, and whether you travel on the face of the planet, into space or simply on the inner realm, you are always seeking to understand the greater meanings of life. A sense of higher moral law pervades your identity, and you may strive in all your endeavors to follow the path of true righteousness.

Through the 11th House you learn from peers, and connect with your community. The 11th House involves your special interests, too. This is very much the school of life, because this is also the area which relates to developing your goals.

The overall organization of your life may be centered around the things you are striving to accomplish. With Virgo on the cusp of your 11th House, you function best when you have a plan of action. You're the one who is prepared for contingencies, because you're likely to have given some thought to the possibilities of what could happen. You can also be flexible when you have to alter your course, but only if you can see that you will still arrive at your goals. Change for change's sake may seem like a waste of time for you. The influence of Mercury, which rules this house in your chart, adds an analytical and rational quality to your approach to creating and setting goals. You may try to be logical whenever possible, but practicality is also important.

There are no planets in your 11th House, indicating that you may not find it necessary or important to develop a strict set of goals, and that you may not seek out confirmation and support from others in order to reach a sense of fulfillment. To further understand your special interests look to the sign on the cusp of this house explained in the section above, and study the placement of Uranus in your chart to determine where you find your best allies.

## Your Special Edge

It's true. Women are definitely the intuitive sex. The process of intuitive awareness may be more developed for you as a woman because you are more cyclically aware, thanks to your anatomy and hormonal changes. But there is something more. As a woman, your natural affinity with the energy of the Moon increases your receptivity, an important ingredient in opening to the intuitive process. Intuitive awareness is multifaceted. You can use it when you're dealing with emotional and psychological issues, you can apply it to your creative expression, and you can take advantage of your intuition in your work as part of your decision-making. Developing your intuitive process is like developing any other sensibility - you have to concentrate some time, effort and energy in order to finely hone this element of your psyche. Although some quality of intuition may be there innately, to make the most of it, you must learn to trust, listen and incorporate it into your life.

The parts of your chart which are most strongly associated with intuitive sensibility are the water houses: the 4th House, the 8th House and the 12th House. The 4th House is connected to your soul history. It is here that you seek a sense of home, a connection to your family, and a feeling of safety and comfort. It is here that your soul remembers your past, even if your conscious mind cannot fit the pieces together.

Your soul yearns for absolute freedom and autonomy with Aquarius on the cusp of your 4th House. You may go about achieving this in interesting ways, and sometimes the alienation others feel from you is simply a result of your wanting to do things yourself without their interference. It can be difficult for you to truly cooperate with others, although you do appreciate those who are revolutionary in their attitudes and might join them in a cause from time to time. Your soul lessons center around the need to learn the balance between freedom and responsibility, and until you can be fully responsible for your own attitudes, actions and desires, your ability to achieve satisfaction will be inhibited. The energy of Uranus plays a powerful role influencing this house, which can stimulate a tendency toward restlessness and need for individual recognition. By learning to listen to your intuitive voice when faced with the prospects of change, especially change which seems to result from "outside," you may become quite adept at rejuvenating your life instead of feeling wounded by something you did not want.

Saturn's influence in your 4th House may prompt you to operate from a basis of fear and insecurity. This may be an old memory, hidden in your soul from lifetimes past, but it may also be the result of the things you've learned from your parents or family. If you feel that you will never have enough, stop to honestly evaluate your life. What are you seeking? What are your true soul-level needs? Your intuitive powers can be hampered through this placement since you may mistrust yourself or your abilities to attract and create the life you need to experience. By releasing your extreme hold on the past and focusing on the present moment, you may gain a different perspective. You have the ability to build on a solid foundation, and the part of that foundation which is related to your soul growth includes your need to take responsibility for yourself.

The 8th House brings you into your deepest emotional attachments, and is the space where you are alchemically transformed. This is the seat of your magical power: your ability to change

yourself in order to become whole. Here is the heart of healing, but here you also hide your greatest vulnerabilities. Most people shy away from dealing with 8th House issues like sex, death and taxes. After all, there can be problems with any of them, and they are not easy to explore out in the open. But there is more. For your intuitive development, this area represents the part of you which holds your power, and you must learn to accept and embrace this side of yourself to feel truly satisfied with your life.

Your strong curiosity about the true nature of healing and transformational change is stimulated by the influence of Gemini on the cusp of your 8th House. You can be objective about exploring those "taboo" subjects like human sexuality, death and dying, and other mysteries which may be deemed occult, but you need to be careful about a tendency to try to put everything into a logical perspective. What you're experiencing is the challenge to create a new paradigm - a new model - for your deeper understanding of life. Mercury's rulership of this house provides an energy of questioning which will keep you always alert to the possibility that there is yet more to learn. You have a keen understanding of the importance of the links between mind, soul and body and may have great insights into the true nature of healing.

Jupiter's energy in your 8th House stimulates an intense desire to uncover the meaning of life. Your reasons behind delving into the alchemical experiences of life may be centered in a true spiritual quest, and you may be willing to try a number of approaches to finding out what lies beneath the surface. Whether you're attempting to understand how the higher laws work in the experiences of healing, sexuality or dying or if you simply want to know what they all mean, you need to look! What you learn may provide exceptional insight, for yourself and for those who learn from your teachings.

The 12th House is the space of your dreams. Here, you surrender your conscious self and float into the beyond. This is also the place in your psyche which contains your past, and where you are one with all humanity. Your superconscious self rests in this part of your psyche: the part of yourself that transcends your everyday reality.

Libra's influence on the cusp of your 12th House adds a need to be intuitive about your personal relationships. If you feel insecure, you may unconsciously try to adapt yourself to fit the needs of those around you instead of listening to your own inner voice. Establishing a strong sense of personal worth and a good perception of your true needs will help you feel more comfortable when you're alone with your thoughts. It's tempting to see others only as you wish to see them, especially since you may have the ability to look into the souls of those around you and feel what they are capable of becoming. With Venus ruling this house, you can experience true transcendence through love, but you must first realize that love begins in your own heart.

Part of your intuitive nature is connected to your sense that you need to do something which will make a difference in the world. The influence of Mars in your 12th House indicates that you are quite capable of taking action which can have a powerful effect upon the collective. It is your choice whether those actions are constructive or destructive, although you may be most stimulated toward peaceful alternatives. You may also be highly expressive as a dancer, actress or athlete, and have the capability of allowing your energy to flow with and reflect that of the environment which surrounds you.

The energy of your Moon plays an important role in your intuitive development. Since your

Moon is related to your subconscious mind, it should not surprise you that this is the part of you that contains all knowledge about yourself and your life. Occasionally it's a good idea to purge from your psyche the things you no longer need - much like an internal house cleaning. Your hormonal cycles provide an excellent opportunity to do just that, and by using this natural rhythm to release, you can feel much more open to clearer transmission of intuitive thinking!

You have a marvelous intuition about the way things work with your Moon in Virgo. This can be quite useful in practical matters, like knowing how to repair something. But you may also be quite intuitive about your own body, sensing when something is out of harmony. However, your tendency can be to overreact to what you feel (is a headache caused by a brain tumor?!), so you need to work on maintaining a strong sense of emotional balance in order to deal with your impressions about your health most positively. When you have a chance to be more objective, like working on an important project or designing something, your intuition guides you to do things which adds special details and high levels of definition. This finesse can be quite intriguing, and may provide a level of fascination to you, as well.

There are other points related to the Moon which you'll find in your chart. They are called the Moon's Nodes, and are not planets, but points in space. The influence of the Moon's Nodes is felt on an inner level. From the South Node, you learn about your past and the natural inclinations which may influence many of your subconscious choices. In some ways, the South Node suggests old habits. The North Node of the Moon suggests a spiritual and emotional challenge, and represents the directions you may feel compelled to follow in your evolutionary path.

Through the path of your North Node in Gemini you discover your personal adaptability and mental ingenuity. Learning to think for yourself and developing your communicative skills enhances your growth and opens the doors of possibility. It is also imperative that you become adept at connecting to others within society, that you build a bridge of open-minded attitudes and responsible thinking. Respecting the opinions and ideas of others will go a long way toward dissolving many of your issues. With your South Node in Sagittarius you may prefer to gallop away into the sunset without a second thought about the results of your words or actions. Your love of adventure and desire to feel free and untamed can get in your way if you are to make progress within the realm of society.

Uranian intuition is the flash of insight. Sometimes that flash is so brilliant that you change your entire life to follow it's glow. This is also the part of you which defies restraint, and certainly your intuitive mind can celebrate that possibility!

Your intuitive self needs free reign to operate in your professional expression with Uranus in your 10th House. If you feel penned in or restrained by your work, you may become agitated or frustrated and perform below your peak capacities. When you can use your intuitive sensibilities in your profession, then your own genius shines through. You may be especially interested in astrology.

Neptune's energy takes you into the world of the etheric - the place beyond the physical which is filled with mystical wonder. You surrender to this part of yourself when you meditate, when you give in to your creative muse, and when you give of yourself to others. In developing your intuitive and psychic sensibilities, Neptune provides a primary ingredient: letting go. Through this energy you surrender yourself to the greater truth. But be careful: you can also

surrender your will to the power of deception and abuse through another of Neptune's doorways!

Your compassionate sensibilities can be projected through your own actions and words with Neptune in your 1st House. Since you're highly sensitive to the vibrations around you, it is imperative that you live and work in an environment which feels good. Harsh circumstances, negative people and overly intense situations can have a detrimental effect upon your health - on every level. You may be psychically gifted and have a powerful sense of the energy of those with whom you make contact. However, you can be deceived or may deceive yourself by seeing only what you want to see.

Pluto's insight is on the deeper psychic level. Through Plutonian energy you can read between the lines. You see the twitch of an eye that tells the truth, you read the movement of hands, the tone of voice that betrays what words fail to say. Developing your Plutonian energy requires that you reach into the very depths of yourself and become familiar with your entire being. Yes, that includes your shadow self, your darker side - and it also encompasses your passion, your strength of survival and your ability to heal.

As a powerful investigator and researcher, you can apply your penetrating insights through your life work with Pluto in the 10th House. Finding a path which will allow you to uncover the power at the core of yourself may encompass every aspect of your life, and you can become quite influential in your career or within your family or community.

## Nurturing and Creating a Home

Nurturing. Mothering. These experiences are associated with womanliness, but are not the sole definers of your womanhood. Although women are the only ones who can become mothers, it is not necessary to be a mother to become an exceptional nurturer! Nurturing is a natural expression for women - but the manner in which it is done is very individualized. Whether with children, lovers, partners, friends - or even with your own parents - you have ample opportunities to nurture others. The person who needs your nurturing most, however, is YOU. Although caring for others can fill a special place in your soul, the way you care for yourself is especially important. You may derive nourishment from developing your talents and skills, or through your work. Study or travel can be nourishing. And something as simple as a long soak in the tub can refill your spirit. Part of nourishing yourself is physical, part emotional and part is definitely environmental: what you create in a home. In exploring these factors together, you can begin to see the link between these different levels of personal fulfillment.

Yet another facet of your Moon beyond what you've already explored, is what your Moon shows about your deepest needs. You can only feel whole when these needs are answered and fulfilled. Although it is tempting to look outside, your wisdom tells you that a great part of the responsibility for nourishment comes from within yourself.

Even though you may not like to admit it, you do enjoy just sitting back and taking it easy from time to time. Your Virgo Moon keeps you busy, though. There is always something to do, things to fix or a situation that needs your attention. Your efficiency helps you manage your time, but you have trouble relaxing if you know that there's a project waiting to be finished or someone needing your help. You nourish others by attending to all the details, and many of your efforts may seem to go unappreciated. After all, you make it look too easy. When you need to refuel your soul, the first thing you may have to get past is your guilt about not producing something. Once that's out of the way, you might make to time for your favorite crafts as a means to relax, and you may thoroughly enjoy getting lost in a good book. Doing something good for your body also feels great, and you can really benefit from regular massage therapy, foot reflexology treatments or may love the feel of an herbal body wrap or facial. By indulging yourself a little from time to time, you are rejuvenated, and your efficiency improves in every area. That alone should be ample reason to take care of yourself!

Saturn also plays a positive role in nurturance. Despite the bad rap Saturn sometimes receives, this energy is necessary to your stability and growth. Through Saturn, you learn to take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Saturn also seems to be the repository of your fears, and it's important to understand and deal with these emotions in order to be whole. Trying to repress such feelings blocks your ability to feel the positive, supportive energy that life has to offer. In many respects, the energy of Saturn is played out in your life by your experience with authority figures. Your mother and father, extended family and teachers were your primary Saturnian influences when you were a young girl, and their direction and guidance still whisper in the way you approach establishing your personal security. As an adult woman, you express Saturn through the manner in which you take responsibility for yourself and your needs for stability and security.

Although you may sometimes be afraid of it, it is crucial that you explore your inner self and the world of your psyche. With Saturn in Pisces your spirituality can be the mainstay of your security. Allowing time and space in your life for meditation, creativity or retreat will not only add to your ability to deal with the problems of everyday life, but will inspire your faith in the greater order of things. You're the woman others may turn to when they're in need, and you can always make a place for someone who needs support. But you can also fall into despair if you see only the problems and troubles of the world, or if your ideals are somehow shattered. Through devoting yourself to a life which becomes your meditation, you can develop a true inner peace and harmony which calms turmoil and soothes pain.

Your 4th House illuminates what you need in a home environment, where you will feel most comfortable and how you like to live. It is here that you create a feeling of safety, where you can let your hair down and be yourself.

You are most drawn to home environments which are somewhat unusual with Aquarius influencing this part of your chart. Well-defined ideas about what you want may lead you to incorporate innovative options into your home space, such as a state of the art computer control center or home security system. You may also appreciate living in or near large cities, since having easy access to the conveniences and options can be quite appealing. However, you do enjoy your privacy and may even be somewhat reclusive or detached. Your decor tastes may lean toward art nouveau, art deco, contemporary or eclectic furnishings and designs. Uranus also has a strong influence on your 4th House, stimulating your tendencies toward lifestyles which are out of the ordinary. Your need for freedom of expression in this area is quite powerful, and you might hope for the opportunity to design a home exactly as you want it. If you've not yet accomplished this end, you can at least choose (or design) the furnishings!

Your home needs to be a place of foundation and safety, but you may feel that you have to create it yourself with the energy of Saturn in your 4th House. Living a simple life may make more sense than striving for excess, and learning to live in cooperation with nature and the environment can be both rewarding and stabilizing. You may have issues with your parents or family, although getting beyond those issues can be much more difficult than it seems. Hanging onto the past seems to provide a stability which arises from familiarity, but can inhibit your growth. If you are to truly break free, you may have to relinquish your old attachments and strike out on your own. Creating your own sense of home and family allows you to recreate the fulfillment of your needs which may have been ignored or stifled when you were a little girl. Be careful that you are conscious about the way you parent your own children and nourish your own family. There's a temptation to repeat the patterns buried in your subconscious mind instead of defining a new paradigm.

## Meeting the World on Your Terms

Career and financial arenas were for many years primarily part of the "man's world." Women stayed at home, cared for children, and took care of the social needs of the family. Now that so many women are in the work place, and with the advent of more open relationships where both partners are likely to share paying bills and making financial decisions, the world is changing. You can define your identity in the world in many ways today, including developing a career. Meeting the world on your own terms involves uncovering the manner in which you might shine most effectively and the way you use your resources, and creating a pathway which allows you to realize your goals.

The Midheaven, which is usually near the top of your astrological chart, is signified by an astrological sign. This point in your chart represents your vocation, your calling in life, and the sign at the Midheaven gives you several clues about your path in the outside world. Just as importantly, the Midheaven signifies your blossoming into wholeness and the manner by which you might best accomplish this experience. Your 10th House also provides information about your career path.

With Leo influencing your Midheaven you may enjoy achieving some recognition through your career endeavors, even though you may safeguard your private life. If you choose not to follow a career, you are still likely to desire public attention, and can use your charisma to effect changes in your community. Your life path is focused upon connecting to a sense of Divine Presence, and you have the capability to project a power which originates in the heart of divine love. You'll be happiest in careers which allow you to bring focus, strength of character, and a sense of direction. You may enjoy working in the performing arts, although you can also be an effective producer and director. In business you're a natural leader and can act as a force to centralize the focus of others. The energy of your Sun plays an important role in the manner in which you perform on your path toward personal fulfillment. You need to allow your brilliance to shine.

With both your Sun and Midheaven in Leo you will not be satisfied until you've achieved the recognition and respect you feel you deserve. Part of your life path may involve the strong influence you have upon your family, and you may create a legacy which they are proud to honor. In your career endeavors you function best in positions of power and leadership, although you are quite capable of allowing others to take their turn in the spotlight. You may enjoy a career in performing arts, education, politics or business.

The process of work itself is usually seen through the 6th House in your chart. Through this facet of yourself, you express your approach and attitudes about working, and your ability to cooperate with others is also indicated here. This house is related to your physical health, and it's no surprise that you might hear the complaint (or feel it yourself), "I'm sick of my job." Instead of feeling thrown off balance by the tasks required to get through life, there are ways to use this part of your time and energy to strengthen your life.

You function much better in work situations which allow you to work on your own without a great deal of supervision or interference with Aries on your 6th House. You may enjoy a job

which is somewhat physically active, although you may just save your physical energy for the office softball team or weekend marathon. You may have strong levels of mental creativity, and can benefit from a job which presents intellectual challenge and interest. It's easy to drive or push yourself in your work, so try to remember that before you reach exhaustion! The energy of Mars has a strong impact on your approach to working, and can indicate a tendency to become involved in disputes in the workplace. If in positions of authority, it is important to become aware of the way you treat others. You can be an exceptional leader but may be somewhat harsh or abrasive when you're impatient.

You have no planets in your 6th House, but still need to do something productive with your life. This may be an indicator that you do not feel a need to focus all your attention on working. Look to the influences suggested by the sign on this house and to the planet ruling this house for more information about how to best approach fulfilling your needs for productivity and duty.

As a woman, you are innately creative. Although you may not consider yourself an artist, your creative spirit and drive are the mechanisms through which you shape your own life. Creative self-expression is seen strongly in the 5th House of your chart, and by incorporating these elements into your career, you will gain greater satisfaction from your work. If you have the time to concentrate on more recreational forms of creativity, this is the part of your chart which indicates what brings you pleasure. Life itself can certainly be a pleasurable experience - all the time, not just on holidays!

Pisces' influence on your 5th House adds an amazing imaginative quality to your creative sensibilities. You may be so sensitive when you're in the midst of doing something creative that what you create seems to reflect the energy of everything around you. Regardless of your choice of self-expression, you may be especially gifted. When you take time to relax and play, you may prefer something that transports you to another dimension. An enthralling movie, intriguing novel, stage production or concert can all be quite wonderful. But you may also enjoy retreating from the world entirely from time to time to a secret place which allows you to indulge your fantasies and completely let go. The energy of Neptune is associated with your 5th House, bringing an element of compassion into your creative expression.

Just because there are no planetary energies in your 5th House, do not despair. This does not indicate that you are somehow lacking in creativity. As you see from the sign on the cusp of your 5th House, your creative inclinations are driven by particular qualities and needs. Explore the different dimensions of the planet associated with your 5th House to gain insight into your creativity. By following these you'll find that you easily unlock your creative potential.

One of the most powerful creative drives in your chart is your Sun. Since this is the energy which can drive you to be noticed, learning to cultivate this aspect of yourself in a positive manner can amplify your success in life.

Well, admit it, sometimes it's just fun to show off with your Sun in Leo. You may even be quite low-key, and gracious about giving others the spotlight. But you know that when you're shining in all your glory, that the light can be blinding for a moment, and then, well, you're just gorgeous! To feel a true sense of success, you may need that few moments of fame and glory. And if you're doing it right, the Universe may even grant you more!

Your individuality is expressed through many different energies in your chart, but the energy

which is most closely associated with the unique and individualistic part of yourself is Uranus. Through Uranian energy, you display your ingenuity and make the breakthroughs which allow you to move into new experiences. Uranus also prompts your rebellious nature, and the placement of this energy in your chart shows you where you are staging your own personal revolution.

Uranus is in Virgo in your chart, stirring your need for awakening in regard to issues which affect the quality of your life. Along with other women born from 1961 to 1969, you've grown up with an awareness of the importance of the connection between mind and body. You also feel the need to use your analytical mind to bring about revolutionary change. Your revolution is being staged within the context of health, science, discrimination and prejudicial attitudes and will continue in its effect upon society for quite some time to come. The insights you share with other women with Uranus in Virgo are connected to the importance of individual awareness in achieving a truly functional society. You've broken ground in your own ability to see clearly where you need to bring about revolutionary changes in your own life in the areas signified by the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

The influence of Uranus in your 10th House can have a monumental impact upon your career development and work. You need to follow a path which allows you to shine as an individual. You may also need to integrate your energy into a direction which somehow influences the evolution of the collective. Even if you choose a "traditional" career of some sort, you're very likely to accomplish its tasks in an untraditional manner! You're an innovator, and can attract a lot of attention for your efforts. For this reason, you may be either famous or notorious, and sometimes it's not so much a matter of choice as it is circumstance!

The energy of Chiron is also a powerful factor for your outreach into the world. Through Chiron, you discover both strength and vulnerability. The vulnerability represented by Chiron is, in many ways, like a doorway which allows you to penetrate a deeper level of personal mastery. This is the process of initiation not unlike that which a Shaman must endure in order to learn how to travel between the worlds. Through Chiron, you learn how to travel between the world of your inner self and the world outside to achieve a sense of true purpose and wisdom.

You have Chiron in Pisces, pulling you toward a need for a life purpose which revolves around developing your spirituality and strengthening your capacity for compassion. Whatever you're doing, your sensibilities about what's happening on an inner level enhances your attunement to the person or situation. If you're working in the capacity of healer, you may be most noted for your caring and gentleness. You can extend your compassionate outreach in any field, however. Those areas which require you to utilize your imagination and talents will be the most rewarding.

With Chiron in your 4th House the impact of your family ties is very important. Your yearning for a deep connection to family may not be fulfilled until you find your own security and create your own family. Weaving your own heritage and family traditions into your life experience can be both healing and stabilizing. Trying to completely abandon them will only leave you feeling disconnected from yourself.

## Opening Your Heart

Ah, Love.... Songs, poems, novels, fairy-tales, movies all extol the power and pleasure of love - and for good reason: love is the food of life! There are many opportunities to love, in fact, a love affair with life is not a bad idea. But you also may need to "grow" love by sharing it, and therein is the seed of all relationships.

The planetary energies which are most usually associated with love are Venus and Neptune. Venusian energy radiates directly from your heart, from the center of yourself, where love resides deep within. Loving is an inner experience. The more you open to the love you hold within yourself, the more it grows. Your feelings of worthiness are represented by Venus, and as you grow to understand and appreciate your own value as a woman, it becomes easier to let this love energy flow through your life. Neptunian energy is Divine compassionate love - the love which does not judge and readily forgives. Neptune is the realm of romance, mysticism and heavenly perfection. Truly transcendent Neptunian love arises when you have healthy boundaries of your own, otherwise, you can become a victim of your own illusions!

Sometimes, you may feel that you are not really worthy of the love you need with Venus in Virgo. This feeling stems from that yardstick you use to measure your own perfection. And who says that you have to be perfect in order to be lovable? You can place the same restraints on yourself by feeling that you can only love someone if they meet your detailed list of criteria. All these fancy restrictions may just be your way of assuring that you won't be hurt, because the thought of someone that you care about might reject you is almost unbearable. So, let's start from square one. You do need love, and when you love, you love deeply. You love most easily when you have reached a real understanding and know that you are truly accepted for who you are. You don't have to get that tummy tuck in order to be lovable after all! To keep your heart open, you need to remind yourself that you are whole, perfect and loving. To sustain love, you strive to make life wonderful; that's good. But trouble arises when you start trying to fix somebody because you love them. Oops! Instant opportunity for pain! So before you pull out your doctor kit, think about the situation first. Maybe you, or your sweetheart, are perfect as you are. Imagine that....

The semi-sextile connection between your Sun and Venus adds a positive measure of charm to your personality, and may enhance your ability to express your feelings of attraction. You can send just the right subtle signals when you're interested in someone, but have to be careful about assuming the outcome.

Your independent nature strongly influences the way you open to love with Venus in conjunction to Uranus. Philosophically you may agree that unconditional love is your goal, but your experience tells you that you have a few conditions. One of them is to have a love which can withstand change. Life itself provides many of those changes, and you've already learned about the disruptions which can occur when the unexpected arrives on your doorstep. For you, relationships are only part of the picture of love. As a result, you may feel quite close to your lover for a while, but when you're involved in something else, may seem to drift away. A relationship which allows room for individual autonomy is also necessary (and that means you may have to give the same thing to him). If you feel that you tend to attract flaky guys or men

who are unattainable, turn around a look in the mirror. Exactly how emotionally available are you? Maybe you really don't want a single relationship to be the primary focus in your life. If that's the truth, then accept it and be honest about it. If not, then surrender to your need to be close, at least in the here and now. You may discover that you like it and that you're really not giving up your freedom after all!

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Scorpio, you are seeking relationships which involve total connection. When you finally open your heart to love in an intimate relationship, you need to feel that you can create a true bond with your lover and mate. Halfway connections don't quite cut it, and if you're the one resisting, it's crucial that you discover the root of your fears or blocks. Your experience of passionate love involves surrender to the processes of transformation, and that transformation may involve getting to the core of why you need intimacy in your life. Sexuality is certainly a part of the drive, but it is not for pure pleasure alone, nor is it for simple regeneration of the species. There is a link of energy formed during the process of intimacy which leads to the alchemy of loving, and it is that link which you are learning to understand more fully.

Since your Moon and Neptune are in sextile aspect, you can easily open your heart to express compassionate understanding, caring and tenderness. In any relationship these extensions of yourself can be rewarding for all concerned. You can also allow the man you love to support you emotionally, and if you feel you need a little more attention, just ask. How could he refuse?

Energized by the trine between Saturn and Neptune, you may attract relationships which support your needs for self-actualization. Your ability to make choices which reflect your deepest needs is strengthened, and you are more likely to explore many different facets of a relationship before seriously committing to it. You are very capable of listening to your inner voice and directing what you feel from an inner level into your everyday life. If you are still seeking to find your life mate, begin to work on an inner level to prepare yourself fully to become the partner you need to be. Allow some time to visualize the life you wish to live and the types of thing you want to accomplish individually and within a relationship. See yourself as whole, happy and fulfilled. That energy will radiate from the core of your being, and can be the perfect magnet to attract the partner you desire.

You were born with Uranus in sextile aspect to Neptune, an aspect which occurs about once each century. As a generational influence, this aspect shows increased idealism and new approaches to religion, philosophy and personal ideals. You will be happiest in a relationship with a man who gives you plenty of room to find and follow your own spiritual path.

The houses in your chart which amplify love relationships are the 5th, 7th, and 11th Houses. Through the 5th House, you experience giving love. It is through this facet of yourself that you have love affairs, playful and recreational relationships and where you produce the offspring of loving. The offspring can range from artistic endeavors to children. But when dealing with relationships, this is the space which is usually occupied by loving another in an intimate sense.

You long for a love which allows you to open on spiritual and emotional levels. Energized by Pisces on your 5th House, you have dreams of the lover whose purity and passion will allow you to transcend beyond the ordinary into the realm of ecstasy. Opening your heart to allow love to flow is not always easy for you, though, because you do not like the feeling of vulnerability

which accompanies an open heart. Letting go of your fears is a crucial part of experiencing love, and that may involve working on forgiveness toward those who have hurt you in the past. You don't have to forgive them because they deserve it, but because you need it! Neptune's influence here adds an immense capacity for the experience and expression of compassionate love, but this can only happen when you've surrendered your life to the needs of your soul, instead of the needs of your ego.

You have no planetary energy in your 5th House. There is no need to be alarmed, because this does not indicate that you will be without love in your life. As you've seen above, you have definite inclinations in love relationships. To further understand what you need from a lover and how you can become more adept at giving love, study the planet associated with this house.

The 7th House of your chart illustrates what you're seeking from a partner. More importantly, this part of your chart also tells a story about the kind of partner you really want to become. This is also the realm of social contact, and provides information about your approach to socialization. Although marriage agreements are shown through the 7th House, planets here (or a lack of planets here) do not "promise" marriage or its lack. But if your 7th House is highly activated, you may be more motivated to find a partner.

Your 7th House is ruled by Taurus, showing that you need a partnership which provides stability, security and comfort. You will be most attracted to a man who knows how to establish these things, and will appreciate a partnership which allows you to develop your creativity and express your feelings of love. You like a quietly assuring relationship which allows room for growth and change, as long as the changes are in accordance with your own desires. Those unexpected changes and crises can test your commitments, but you can strengthen them if you deal with them openly. It's important to remember that your partner does not "belong" to you, and that he does not own you, either. With Venus' energy driving your needs in this area, you also expect your partnerships to reflect a true sense of love and appreciation, although you will probably have to make a special effort to show this support much of the time instead of just taking it for granted.

The lack of planetary energy in your 7th House does NOT indicate that you will be without a partner, or that marriage is not suitable. There are millions of married women with no planets in their 7th Houses! To better understand how you approach finding a partner and the type of partner you wish to be, study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house and the planet associated with that sign, noted above.

It is through the 11th House that you learn about unconditional relationships, and where you open to receiving love and support from others. Here you find your friends, your supportive professional allies, and your community. Through this facet of yourself you develop your special interests. And here you set your goals for the future. It's wonderful the way friends can support your aims, provide feedback when you need objectivity, and comfort you when you're facing challenges. Your approach to friendship is also seen through this part of your chart.

You have Virgo's influence on your 11th House, signifying that you prefer to limit your friendships to those which are most worthwhile. You can be a good and understanding friend, although you do not appreciate wasting your time in nonproductive situations. When a friend needs to sort through problems and needs help on a job or project, you can be the best person to

call, and may really enjoy helping out. You also like the feeling of giving your time to those who are less fortunate, and may be a friend to your community through your charitable efforts. You may also have a special affinity for animals, and truly feel that your pets are your friends. You can feel quite comfortable taking part in efforts which protect the interests and needs of animals. With Mercury's energy influencing this area of your life, you will find that your most special friendships are with men or women who truly understand you and your ideas. It's much easier to open your heart and allow love to flow in when you're clear about what it means, and that happens by first reaching an understanding in your relationships, especially friendships.

The lack of planetary energy in your 11th House can be indicative of your ability to accomplish many of your aims on your own. There is, however, no particular meaning which is related to a lack of friends or inability to create friendships. Look to the planet which rules this house to understand the qualities you will seek in your friends and the kinds of activities you might prefer to share with them.

## **Power Issues: Sex, Money and Control**

Personal power is an individual expression, and has different meanings for each person. As a woman in the world today, your opportunity to experience and express your personal power is largely dependent upon the manner in which you develop it. Particularly in the Western World, as times have changed and the power base has gradually evolved beyond the patriarchal control of the last centuries, women are seeking to define their place in the world: collectively and individually. Gaining influence in the world through career and financial development, you begin to understand the different levels of power. Within the family, your roles are also evolving. You are also more free to express your sexual needs and desires, and demand that you are respected as a person and not sexually abused. But everything stems from your ability to identify, embrace and assimilate the true nature of your power as an individual woman.

On a personal level, you can begin to identify much about your own power by looking deeply into the meaning of your 1st House: Your Personality Self. Early in your report you read about what you project about yourself as identified by your Ascendant. Your first House further defines that projection of the Self, and is an area where you carve out much about the way you show yourself to the world on your own terms.

Through your Scorpio Ascendant you have a definite charisma. But you've probably discovered that people respond to you in either a hot or cold manner, and if you wonder why, well, it's your power! Even when you're not trying to appear powerful, you radiate an intensity which is impossible to miss. Your energy stirs others, and sometimes you don't even have to do or say anything. What they feel is the force which radiates through you that is a catalyst for change. It's like a cosmic roto-rooter that brings everything up to the surface. So, if someone is unstable, dishonest or has something to hide, they may feel exposed when they are around you. If they have issues which they really don't want to address, they can feel rather uncomfortable because your energy stimulates those issues. This is marvelous if you're in a situation which is designed to create change, like working as a healer, therapist or renovator. Here, your innate power can work like a magical elixir. But you may also feel somewhat vulnerable yourself, and if you've experienced emotional traumas that have led you to mistrust others or to feel a need to protect yourself, you also project a barrier. It's not visible, but it can be felt. Your protective walls can undermine your power because they can hold you back. You must work very hard to deal with your underlying issues if you are to project the purest sense of yourself and allow your healing power to radiate in a positive manner. Then, regardless of what you do, you'll see remarkable changes which even cause you to be amazed at how phenomenal life is. But if you remain wounded, mistrustful or angry, then you will radiate these feelings in a very intense manner and can undermine your power completely. These are not easy choices, but you must make them if you are to know the difference between having power over your own life or attracting others who will usurp, misuse or abuse your power.

With the energy of Neptune in your 1st House, your power as an individual may be difficult to grasp at first. You may be an exceptional actress, artist or performer - even if you're not on stage! Sometimes, you may be tempted to take on a role just because it will give you some sense of identity, and your roles may begin to feel like you. Although the roles you play may be a part

of who you are, there is a core element to your being which is different from those roles. Finding the core self is your task, and it is through exploring your spirituality and creativity that you will locate the keys to this aspect of yourself. But you can also feel invisible some of the time, and may wonder why nobody seems to see you as you are. First of all, you have to become more aware of what you are projecting, and be willing to alter to your self-projection as you change and grow. You must also realize that you can be especially sensitive to the projections of others, and that this can be both empowering and defeating. If the projection is accurate, then it will support your sense of self. But if the projection is something that has nothing to do with who you really are, you will begin to feel lost, victimized and confused. Your relationships are a crucial means of learning about your personal power, because they will tell you what you are projecting and what others are projecting onto you. Learning about codependency and working to avoid the traps involved in codependent and addictive relationships is a major step in regaining your power and confidence. The rest of the work involves the fun part: making your dreams real. You're the only one who can do it, and you can be successful if those dreams arise from the promptings of your higher nature.

Another power space on your chart is your Midheaven. This point, which is usually at the top of your chart and marks the cusp of the 10th House, is like the crown and torch of the Statue of Liberty. Here too, are the indicators of the types of people you most admire, and the clues to what you need to develop within yourself to attain unshakable self-respect.

Through your Leo Midheaven you have a deep fascination with achieving power, and may not rest until you feel that you've accomplished being in control of your own destiny. This can, of course, have strong implications in your career, but it extends into the way you perform in positions of influence within your personal relationships, too. Although you may admire great leaders of history, you also have a deep admiration for those whose creative self-expression has opened the way to their success. The way you give and take orders will make a lot of difference in your sense of personal accomplishment, since you really do want prestige but may find that it comes only when you can lead and follow with equal grace.

With your Moon in the 10th House you may have a powerful need to develop a career path which allows you to express care and concern for others. Nurturant careers have a broad range - from child care, to counseling work, to teaching or even careers in the food industry. But you're also quite adept at understanding the collective and may be drawn to a career in politics, advertising, or artistry which has a broad appeal. Your intuitive sensibilities can be a plus in your career and work which allows you to utilize and develop your intuitive self to its fullest will be most fulfilling. You're capable of enjoying a career which reflect a definite cycle and can adapt to the ebb and flow of these cycles rather nicely. Work which centers on women, their interests and the needs of family can be especially rewarding.

Mercury's energy in your 10th House indicates that you can be highly adept in a career which requires you to develop your mind and communicative capacities. Whether you're writing, editing, teaching or researching, you'll enjoy a field which challenges your mind. You'll feel at home in a career centered around young people or work which requires keen manual dexterity.

With Venus influencing your 10th House you may be fascinated with the prospect of a career in the arts. At the very least your personal artistry needs to be expressed and acknowledged through your career path. Your love of beautiful things can be incorporated into your career, as

can your awareness and ability to work in fields which are of interest in women. Relationship counseling, public relations, image counseling, fashion design, the beauty industry, interior decorating - all these areas appeal to your Venusian energy. Your knack of endearing others to you and your charm and grace can be beneficial in almost any career capacity.

With Uranus in your 10th House you're most interested in a career which gives you ample room for individual self-expression. In the arts you may opt for the unusual; in business you're the perfect candidate to run your own shop or to work independently. You may exhibit special genius in a particular areas, and will prosper in fields which allow you to show your outstanding abilities. You're the kind of woman who likes to break through old barriers and shatter old stereotypes and will be happiest in a career which is out of the ordinary. You can be a Bohemian rebel or an inspirational revolutionary. You may have a keen interest in astrology, psychology, computers or technology, the television industry or fields which have not yet been invented! You like being on the leading edge, no matter what profession you've chosen, and by listening to your intuitive urgings will find the perfect outlet for your special abilities.

Pluto's energy in your 10th House suggests a need to express yourself in a life path which centers upon transformational change. The healing arts may be especially important, but you can express your healing energy in many different professions - from cooking meals to hairdressing to music or writing. What you need to acknowledge is that you have a powerful desire and need to see things change. Your touch and artistry can restore something (or someone) to its rightful valuable place. You're an explorer, a researcher - one who looks beneath the surface to find what lies at the core. You're a natural alchemist and metaphysician. You may bump shoulders with many powerful people, since like attracts like. And once you are comfortable with the true nature of your own strengths, you can move into positions of great influence, which need to be driven through a heart of compassion. The type of work you do may not be as important as the manner in which you choose to do it, and that must reflect a strong conviction in yourself as a woman of compassionate power.

Your Moon's energy in semisextile to your Midheaven adds a positive level of sensitivity to your need to accomplish success. Although you may feel driven to achieve your aims, you may also feel good about allowing the changes in your life which inevitably accompany success.

When you are focused on your ambitions you are quite capable of carrying through until you reach your goals. Mars in sextile aspect to your Midheaven adds strong drive to your abilities to achieve success in the world. You may enjoy work which has plenty of challenges, but you can also be successful in areas which simply allow you to stay active.

Jupiter's energy in sextile aspect to your Midheaven affords excellent opportunities to get ahead in the world. When you've set your sights on your ambitions, your confidence and optimism help you realize them. Once you begin to put your efforts into achieving your goals, you can experience amazing results and may find that your own success inspires the respect and admiration of others. When in positions of influence, you can also be instrumental in aiding others in the achievement of their goals and ambitions.

Saturn's energy in quincunx to your Midheaven indicates a series of frustrations and difficulties along the pathway to success. You may feel uncertain of your abilities, or may not put enough effort into developing the skills you need to assure your success. This happens most

often when you feel pressured by circumstances which undermine your self-confidence, and the work you must do involves re-evaluating your goals and starting again. If you've experienced an interruption in your education or have been unable to complete the requirements necessary to accomplish your aims, you may lose your resolve. But if you really want to change your life circumstances, you can apply yourself to the task at hand. Take a careful look at your limitations but also find ways to capitalize on your strengths. Your own inertia can be your worst enemy: just tell yourself to keep moving and stay focused on your aims.

Neptune's energy in square aspect to your Midheaven can be quite confusing in regard to finding the right path to personal fulfillment. If you have difficulty setting your personal boundaries, your life may be so deeply influenced by the desires of others that you seem to have no direction of your own. You do need an outlet for your compassion, but have to maintain your sense of inner strength and awareness in order to perform in such a way that will really make a difference. Losing your path is also possible, particularly if you give up on your dreams or ambitions.

Someone once said that money makes the world go around, and from all evidence, it certainly seems to be a powerful force. Money, in fact, symbolizes power. With money, you can have what you want. With more money, you can have more of what you want. Without money, you may want what you cannot have. Your relationship with money is an extremely intimate and seductive force. The way you use your resources - money, time, energy - says a lot about how you perceive your own power and personal worth. This facet of yourself is expressed through the 2nd House of your chart. Here, you express your value systems. The important special link between finances and self-esteem cannot be understated, and is especially important for you as a woman. In order to extract the real value of your talents and services from others in the world (such as what you are paid from your job), you must first value yourself.

The qualities of Sagittarius radiate through your 2nd House, adding a sense of confidence and optimism to the manner in which you use your resources. You can be very generous and enjoy having enough resources to share with those you love. But you can also feel tempted to overspend, and need to be particularly careful when it comes to accumulating debt, since you don't like the feeling you have when your money is controlling you! Setting limits is crucial, and you'll be much happier when you're operating within a reasonable budget - as long as that budget leaves some room for flexible, spontaneous expenditures. Having to count every penny can make you feel crazy! Jupiter's energy influencing this house adds good fortune in finances, especially if you're taking a responsible attitude toward the way you spend money. Your self worth is strengthened when you know you're using your resources to create opportunities for yourself or for others.

Just because your 2nd House is empty do not think that you'll be without money. This can, in fact, be a strong indicator that money matters will not be a primary drive in your life. Self-esteem issues may not be extremely powerful for you either, although you can strengthen your sense of self-worth by embracing the qualities associated with the sign which is on the cusp of this house.

Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart. Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which seems more like what you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the

manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

Here you also find your compulsions. It's no wonder that you don't display this part of yourself to just anybody. You have to feel safe to open this facet of yourself, and you realize that this vulnerability can be used against you in power plays. But what you may not always remember is that this is also where you have the power! In true tantric traditions, it is through the vessel of a woman's sexual energy that a couple can ride the wave of sexual ecstasy. This also extends to the other power aspects of any relationship. If your transformational and magical qualities are blocked, the whole of the relationship will suffer.

Gemini's influence in your 8th House adds an exceptional curiosity concerning sexuality. You need variety in your sex life, and although that can be accomplished with one partner, you'll probably experiment a bit (even if only in your mind) to compare the differences and similarities. Learning what brings you pleasure is part of your sexuality, but learning how to communicate sexually is at the core of your needs for intimacy. Once you're involved in a close relationship, you'll share special signals with your partner which only he understands. These signals are part of your bond with one another. You may also find that you develop a powerful psychic and intuitive link with your partner which allows you to communicate in a very unique manner. In joint financial areas, you can benefit when you understand as much as possible about the finances in a marriage or partnership, and your need to know may ultimately result in very valuable insights on your part. All contracts need very specific definition concerning roles and responsibilities. If a relationship ends, you'll probably feel better if you specify a well defined property settlement, even though you may vacillate about what you want or need.

Jupiter's energy in your 8th House stimulates strong sexual appetites. In your quest for the ultimate orgasm, you may jump into sexual relationships which become emotionally overwhelming before you're ready. This can create quite a bit of internal conflict, particularly since you like to feel free in your relationships. If you've thought to yourself that you're more spiritual than this, you may be ignoring a very important part of your psyche. You can be spiritual and sexual at the same time; it's all a matter of your focus! But you can also discover the price of sexually irresponsibility if you do get into intimacy too quickly. On the financial side of things, Jupiter's energy here can attract inheritance, and if you are to use these resources to their ultimate benefit, you need to eliminate any guilt you have about them.

Mars energy is about getting what you want by going after it. Mars is drive. Mars is courage. Mars is desire. Mars is unabashed sexuality. Mars is the fuel for personal power. Men do Mars quite effectively, right down to fighting and war. But you also have a warrior spirit, an Amazon Self. This is your Mars. If you fail to own and utilize your own Martian force, you lose power.

Although you have definite ideas about what is and is not proper in relationships between men and women, you can throw caution to the wind when you're strongly attracted to a man. With Mars in Libra you may spend a lot of time thinking about the right partner, and if you think you've found him, may not have a lot of patience when he hems and haws trying to decide whether or not to ask you out. Go ahead. Take the lead. Then at least you'll know something.

And you can do things which still give him a chance to salvage his pride. You probably know all of those techniques from long years of practice. Your power is strengthened through your charm and grace but is undermined when you're lazy or too dependent. Just because you think having the right man will make life easier, don't count on it. Your relationships are your proving ground where you learn that you must stand up for yourself and ask for what you need. They also provide your opportunity to really become considerate of the needs of your partner. In the bedroom you love all that romantic stuff - the pretty design, soft pillows, sweet fragrance, the right lighting, wonderful music - and when you've got the ambiance just right, then you may feel you can let your passions loose. Sexual sharing which allows for a real exchange of energy, exemplified by tantric teachings, may be just what you've needed. That old approach of two minutes and you're done just does not satisfy your needs to feel the bond you want with your partner. But it may not be him who's resisting.

You do not always respond well to restraint and limitation with Mars in quincunx aspect to Saturn. If you can see the reason for particular restrictions, you are capable of making the necessary adjustments and moving on. Through this approach, your power base remains strong. But if you keep bumping into the same old walls and never figure out why, you will ultimately lose energy and become exhausted from your frustration. Be alert to your tendency to adopt passive-aggressive behaviors when you're feeling insecure.

When you are focused on your ambitions you are quite capable of carrying through until you reach your goals. Mars in sextile aspect to your Midheaven adds strong drive to your abilities to achieve success in the world. You may enjoy work which has plenty of challenges, but you can also be successful in areas which simply allow you to stay active.

Saturn plays the role of the big controller in your life. Sometimes that control seems to come from outside. You know - all the rules and regulations, the authority figures, the intimidating people who tell you what to do - this is the Saturn of the outside world. But you have the same traffic cop in the back of your own mind, telling you what is right and wrong, chiding you when you make a mistake, holding you back when you're about to do something stupid. Saturn control can be a good thing. This is your energy for self-discipline, clarity and focus. You need Saturn. But you need Saturn in its most productive sense. You do not need the guilt, intimidation and self-limitation that keep you from having what you require from life.

It may not be easy for you to develop your own set of ideals, since Saturn's energy in Pisces is very impressionable in this regard. Your sense of security may depend upon the people around you, or you may surrender control of your life to someone else too easily. Setting personal boundaries increases your power in a positive way, because you learn to distinguish between your needs and the demands of others. You may feel that you have to rescue the world in order to have a worthwhile life, and that's a pretty tall order. They say charity begins at home, and for you, that's a very good place to start. Meditation and spiritual practice can form an excellent platform for your personal stability as long as you are not using these practices solely as an escape mechanism. Your total self is empowered when you learn to distinguish between the teacher and the teachings to which you are devoted. Surrendering to your higher self as your ultimate teacher may be the most empowering of all your life experiences.

You are empowered when you've established strong emotional stability. With your Moon in opposition to Saturn, you are quite willing to work toward that end, but may be afraid that you'll

never get there. You have to overcome your fear of not having what you need from life, and will feel empowered when you confront your fears and anxieties. Self-acceptance is the first and most important step in this process.

You have to take a very careful look at your internal battle between your need to be free and your feelings of inhibition. With Saturn in opposition to Uranus you can attract strongly inhibiting life circumstances if you've carried your rebellion too far. Or if you are afraid to exercise your independence, you can be stuck in situations which are simply repressed. You need to feel safe, which is normal. But you also need to know what it's like to feel your wings unfurl and fly free. That yearning for freedom can be more than a dream when you put the discipline and focus into your life required to cultivate your special talents and abilities. To empower yourself, you may think that you have to suffer first. Think again. Taking responsibility is a far cry from suffering! And just suffering through something because you're afraid to do anything about it is no assurance that the situation will change, or that you will be rewarded! If you're uncertain, obtain objectivity by seeking helpful advice or instruction before you proceed. Just remember that you do not have to obtain approval to be yourself.

You may feel a deep sense of faith and trust in the experience of life with Saturn in trine aspect to Neptune. Your spirituality plays an important role in your sense of power as a whole woman, and you may find that your spiritual focus gives you strength when the mundane world falls short. Listening to your inner voice is just as important as learning the factual evidence presented through data, and you can blend your inner understanding with the external "facts" to create a wonderful manifestation of your dreams and hopes. Your faith in yourself and ability to trust your own judgment is also a strong part of your power base. This is the power of surrender to higher law.

You are faced with the need to understand power at its very core. Saturn's energy in opposition to Pluto brings a confrontation with your own fear of power. This can manifest through a fear of death, an insecurity with personal life-changing choices, or self-destructive behaviors. The range of possibilities is actually quite broad, but the current of energy is that which takes you into the ultimate awareness that you have to surrender your limited, selfish awareness to the power which flows from The Source. Whether you accomplish this through creative or artistic means, through restoring furniture, tearing down old barns or working with the psyche in some way is not important. You need to experience what happens when you build a bridge between your life and the power of healing. Your life is about transformation. It's not an easy path, but it is your path.

Saturn's energy in quincunx to your Midheaven indicates a series of frustrations and difficulties along the pathway to success. You may feel uncertain of your abilities, or may not put enough effort into developing the skills you need to assure your success. This happens most often when you feel pressured by circumstances which undermine your self-confidence, and the work you must do involves re-evaluating your goals and starting again. If you've experienced an interruption in your education or have been unable to complete the requirements necessary to accomplish your aims, you may lose your resolve. But if you really want to change your life circumstances, you can apply yourself to the task at hand. Take a careful look at your limitations but also find ways to capitalize on your strengths. Your own inertia can be your worst enemy: just tell yourself to keep moving and stay focused on your aims.

Plutonian control is sometimes difficult to grasp, but it's definitely there. When you feel this control from outside yourself, it is undermining and extremely intimidating. The force of Pluto is buried deep within your psyche. It is unleashed and grows in a manner like the process of mitosis in a fertilized cell, which is altered, splits off, combines with other cells and ultimately becomes an organism. Through Pluto, you experience the power of life, birth, healing, and the ultimate change of death. If you are trapped in a mire of shame, guilt and self-destructiveness, you may have undergone a Plutonian transformation as a result of trauma earlier in your life. But it is this same force which plants the seeds of change that eventually can lead to the creation of a new self.

With Pluto in your 10th House achieving a sense of power can definitely be among your ambitions. This can be a highly creative position for Pluto, since exercising your ability to bring about transformational change and healing through your career path can be quite a challenge. Even if you decide not to follow a career path, you can still be a powerful force in your family and may even play an influential matriarchal role as you mature. However, you're likely to run into power issues with others too, since as you become more adept at moving through the chain of command your presence and strength can attract power struggles with others. This is not the only option, since you may also find that you enjoy rubbing shoulders with the movers and shakers. After all, that's where you belong! But before you can achieve the levels of success you deeply desire, you may have to address buried resentments, guilt or shame which have their origins in your past. In essence, you can become a vessel for regeneration and healing, and your own wounds may be the keys to your power to influence change in the lives of others.

You have to take a very careful look at your internal battle between your need to be free and your feelings of inhibition. With Saturn in opposition to Uranus you can attract strongly inhibiting life circumstances if you've carried your rebellion too far. Or if you are afraid to exercise your independence, you can be stuck in situations which are simply repressed. You need to feel safe, which is normal. But you also need to know what it's like to feel your wings unfurl and fly free. That yearning for freedom can be more than a dream when you put the discipline and focus into your life required to cultivate your special talents and abilities. To empower yourself, you may think that you have to suffer first. Think again. Taking responsibility is a far cry from suffering! And just suffering through something because you're afraid to do anything about it is no assurance that the situation will change, or that you will be rewarded! If you're uncertain, obtain objectivity by seeking helpful advice or instruction before you proceed. Just remember that you do not have to obtain approval to be yourself.

You were born when Uranus and Pluto were in conjunction. This aspect occurs only rarely (about once in a century) and influences an entire generation. If you were born in the 1960's, you're among a generation of women whose impact upon social change can be very strong if you are united in your focus. As an individual, you may relish change for its own sake, and if you are to use the power of these energies to their highest benefits, need to develop an awareness of the impacts of the changes you are about to create. You may be challenged by the task of setting new trends for the uses of technology and the power of the mind, but may also become a voice for true social conscience and join together with others to champion the value of human rights and positive social transformation. However, you must also learn to develop fulfilling outlets for your individual self-expression if you are to know the true power that these energies can bring into your life.

## **Embracing Your Divine Self**

In western society today it's okay to admit that women are Goddesses. This, in itself, implies that the power of The Source may not be solely masculine. In essence, this power contains All That Is, but as a woman, you express it through your Goddess Self. This part of yourself is always there when you feel abandoned or alone to give you comfort. Your Goddess Self is standing firmly beside you when you face a major challenge, sharing her strength and support. Your Goddess Self opens the doors to Truth and Understanding. She is the essence of all that is Love. Look in the mirror. Stare deeply into your own eyes and you will see her reflected back at you.

When you need to get in touch with your inner being, an exercise in guided imagery can help you make the transition from your everyday thinking to heightened awareness. Take a few minutes to make this journey. Before you begin, find time to be alone. Sit or lie down in a comfortable position in a place that feels safe to you. Take three deep breaths. With each breath, release the tension from your body as you exhale. As you inhale, fill yourself with energy, light and inner calm. Then, close your eyes, and take one more relaxing breath.

Imagine that you are walking through a country garden and woods. Nearby is a cottage, fashioned of logs and covered on one side with beautiful climbing ivy. You are heading toward a pond at the edge of the garden. It is beautiful, and the water is perfectly warm and comfortable. As you slip into the pond, you feel the cares and worries of your day slipping away from you. You let yourself float in the water for a while, and while you're relaxed there, open your eyes and look up at the perfect full moon above you. It's almost as though you could touch the moon, and you close your eyes again, imagining that you are looking down upon the earth. There you see yourself floating. All is peaceful. Gently you are lifted from the pond by a beautiful angel, whose warm embrace brings peace to your heart. She carries you into a place which seems like another world. There, she introduces you to a woman dressed in soft, flowing robes of muted colors. She carries with her a journal, closed with a clasp of pure platinum. She invites you to sit with her, and as you sit together, she opens her journal. You see that her hands are beautifully radiant. She begins to write and allows you to see what she is writing. Her words are your thoughts. There is the question you pondered yesterday. And following the question, is the answer, so simple and easy to understand. Then, she stands, places the journal in your hands and bids you good-by. Your experience with her reminds you that you have perfect knowledge and understanding if you will but stop to listen to your inner voice.