

The Goddess Report Chiron and the Asteroids

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| Mars | Leo | 01°Le02' | 05th | 05 27°Ca26' |
| Jupiter | Libra | 23°Li37' | 07th | 06 26°Le12' |
| Saturn | Cancer | 23°Ca03' | 04th | 07 08°Li06' |
| Uranus | Gemini | 14°Ge48' | 03rd | 08 16°Sc11' |
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| Pluto | Leo | 11°Le28' | 05th | 10 04°Cp36' |
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| Chiron | Libra | 19°Li29' | 07th | |
| Ceres | Sagittarius | 25°Sg51' | 09th | |
| Pallas | Sagittarius | 08°Sg50' | 08th | |
| Juno | Libra | 22°Li25' | 07th | |
| Vesta | Capricorn | 06°Cp31' | 10th | |

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart

Chiron

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

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

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

Chiron in Libra

With Chiron in Libra, mentoring and the healing process are associated with mastering the tricky waters of interpersonal human relationships and learning how to relate harmoniously with

others. This applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. You may feel wounded or inadequate, or experience a seemingly insoluble conflict when it comes to intimate relationships. An upbringing that placed too much emphasis on pleasing others or maintaining an appearance of harmony can lead to an over-focusing on what others may be feeling or thinking, or an inability to be on one's own. You may seek mentors or healers as partners, and run into difficulties with power imbalances in the relationship. Painful experiences such as co-dependent or destructive relationships, unconscious projections and transference's, or the loss of a partner can evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

Chiron in 7th House

Chiron in the seventh house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with issues of intimate relationships, marriage, and partnership. You or your partner's experience of woundedness could have a powerful influence on your intimate relationship. The healing journey, or encounters with mentor figures could have an equally strong impact on the partnership. Projections, transference's, and defense mechanisms can add salt to the wound until you learn how to handle these psychological habits. This can be achieved through gradually deepening your understanding that one's partner - indeed everything "other" in Creation - is a reflection of oneself, and that your experience of your partner is a teaching that can tell you something about yourself. Scandal suffered because of a relationship, or the burden born because of an ill or wounded partner are examples of other scenarios this Chiron placement can portray. When one partner is a mentor or healer figure who relates to the other as someone eternally in need of help, or who relates more to his or her clients/apprentices than to the other partner is another expression of this placement that can give rise to painful conflict. At any rate, the experience of intimate partnership can be fraught with a sense of deep wounding. Any dysfunctional defense mechanisms you use to deal with the painful issue can cause you further difficulties; eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

Moon Sextile Chiron Orb: 00°55'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with the Moon. The Chiron archetype is complemented by your emotional and instinctive responses. Other people feel nurtured by your counsel, and healed by your nurturance. There is a healing touch to your natural caring way of responding to any event, person, or stimulus. You are extremely sensitive to the suffering of humanity, and to the astral or emotional energies of others. You have an instinctive sympathy towards the wounded animal in others (especially wounds arising from relationships to mother or other anima figures).

Venus Sextile Chiron Orb: 01°18'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Venus. The wounding/healing story finds a sympathetic ear in the goddess of beauty and love. You have a gift for helping others recover from love wounds, feelings of worthlessness, and wounds to their sense of sensuality and sexuality (including loss of self-esteem suffered from physical problems involving the

reproductive organs). You have a healing touch and can make others feel loved, appreciated, and beautiful. This comes from your own ability to deal effectively with your own sense of woundedness around issues of love and attractiveness.

Jupiter Conjunct Chiron Orb: 04°09'

Chiron is conjunct Jupiter. As a result of your own efforts to heal the wounds bound up with your spiritual/religious life or belief system, you are able to help others - through mentoring or healing activity - to find a sense of inner spiritual authority and personal meaning of life that is self-empowering. You will deal with the wounds (both yours and those of others) caused by fanaticism and deification, crises of faith, or problems arising from either inflation or deflation, i.e: excesses and misplaced enthusiasm, or loss of hope. There may have been a wound dealt to one's sense of optimism or faith in life at an early age: perhaps through parental disillusionment and bitterness. Or perhaps the home atmosphere was pervaded by a false sense of optimism and "Pollyanna-ism" that did not permit any expression of insecurity, unhappiness or dissatisfaction. This could lead to a search for meaningfulness and "truth" (as opposed to the falsity of the meaningless cheer of the home environment) out there in the world somewhere - often as far from home as possible. Thus your healing process could also involve journeys to foreign countries, cultural exchange, or embracing spiritual traditions outside your own culture.

Saturn Square Chiron Orb: 03°35'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Saturn. The desire to engage in healing, therapeutic, or mentoring endeavors may conflict with responsibilities such as the need to be a breadwinner or to succeed in a career. Duty, obligation, pressure to excel, or stern authority figures may deter you. Or perhaps insecurity or lack of discipline prevents you from achieving these things. Involvement in healing activities, especially those of a holistic nature, may lead you into conflict with "the authorities." There may be wounds inflicted by harsh disciplinarian or judgmental authority figures that give rise to rigid and fearful defenses, workaholism, repressive and conservative views, and critical or judgmental attitudes towards oneself and others. Failure, hardship, lack of opportunity, or the lack of a positive disciplining or father figure during the formative years could have damaged your belief in your ability to face life's onslaughts or hindered the maturing of your sense of responsibility. Both the need to heal old wounds and the need for achievement and self-discipline exist within you. This means that you're going to have to find ways to meet them both, otherwise the chances are that you will keep encountering these types of conflicts.

Uranus Trine Chiron Orb: 04°41'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Uranus. The wounded healer finds a friend in the forward thinking rebel who is a proponent of change. You may address wounds (both your own and those of others) that have to do with issues of modern technology, computer science, or the subtle electro-magnetic energy fields of the human body. Iridology, Reiki, acupuncture, and cranio-sacral therapy are some examples of the kinds of subtle-energy healing techniques that you may have a knack for. Perhaps you are interested in the therapeutic use of the test innovations in modern technology. Through dealing with the wounds caused by experiences with reformative movements or collectives that fall painfully short of their ideals, you come to learn

on a profound level that the only change that leads to freedom is a deep internal change. This involves one's own thought patterns, for they are the root of the behavioral and emotional habits that unnecessarily limit you. The wisdom you have gained from this kind of healing journey enables you to mentor others who struggle with similar issues.

Ceres

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

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

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

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

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

Ceres in Sagittarius

With Ceres in Sagittarius, nurturance is expressed through the sharing of life as a "quest," and is characterized by broadmindedness and optimism. You feel that true nurturing should

instill a spirit of adventure and exploration, a search for knowledge or other ultimate goal, and the expansion of mental horizons. This could include travels, relocations to foreign lands, or the adoption of a foreign culture or world view as your own. Lack of this kind of philosophical nurturance at an early age could be a keenly felt source of grief that leads you to find ways to fulfill this need for yourself, thus enabling you to care for others in this manner. On the other hand such a lack may lead to a kind of cynical pessimism, or a sense of meaningless and drifting. Your image of the ideal mother figure is of one who is a mentor. Loss of faith or of a mentor figure, and parent-child separations due to travel, long distances, or belief systems could be transformative experiences that change your life and constitute an initiation into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 9th House

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

Sun Conjunct Ceres Orb: 04°42'

Your Ceres is conjunct the Sun. The qualities of nurturance and emotional bonding blend with your very sense of identity. Your sense of self and self-purpose is strongly colored by your experience (or lack of experience) of maternal bonding and by the formation and severance of strong emotional ties. Any such experience will foster in you sensitivity towards others who struggle with themes of loss and return. You naturally radiate a maternal, protective, nurturing quality that is comforting to those who feel abandoned or orphaned; it is possible that you consider yourself one of them. You may feel an affinity with pagan or earth goddess archetypes, and may be perceived as an embodiment or representative of such energies.

Venus Conjunct Ceres Orb: 05°04'

Your Ceres is conjunct Venus. The mother-daughter (parent-child) story is bound up with the pleasure principle: beauty, harmony, and the world of the senses. You associate nurturance with the cultivation of a sense of self-worth through affirmative touch and the affirmation of one's attractiveness. Love, relationships, and sexuality are all profoundly affected by your experience of life's losses and difficult rites of passage, or your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties, especially your experience (or lack of experience) of maternal bonding. You nurture others (and look to nurturance yourself) through a loving acceptance of the sensual, the artistic and the creative. Your sexual expression may be very caring and tender.

Jupiter Sextile Ceres Orb: 02°13'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Jupiter. The urges for expansion and adventure, and the quest for meaning are complimented by the way the Demeter-Persephone myth touches your life. You nurture the philosopher in others, encourage them in their quests and explorations, and help them find faith and optimism in life's journey. These nurturing activities might be carried out through teaching, travelling, or cultural exchanges. Your own philosophical attitude about life's losses and difficult rites of passage serves to comfort others who are grappling with these issues.

Pallas

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

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

Pallas Athena signifies wisdom and creative problem solving in which a holistic view of conflicting or opposite elements (the Masculine and the Feminine) is required. This sense of fairness is backed up by a willingness to defend or fight for the underdog. Thus Pallas Athena is also associated with fighting for causes. She represents the application of practical skill and creative intelligence in order to best be of service. She was the goddess of war (defense, originally) as well as the goddess of wisdom and culture - patroness of the civilized arts such as

pottery, sculpture, weaving, architecture, and animal husbandry. Pallas Athena can also represent the denial of one's own gender in an effort to cope with situations that require the skills of the opposite gender in order to survive, as well as the struggle to rediscover and reconnect with essential qualities of one's own sex. Androgynous conditions and healing through feminine wisdom, energy balancing or conflict resolution are also expressions of the Pallas Athena archetype.

Pallas in Sagittarius

Pallas Athena in Sagittarius denotes perceptive or intuitive insight into matters of faith, the search for truth, and the "vision quest." You may possess a subtle grasp of and perhaps a creative approach towards philosophical issues, higher learning, and the expansion of mind. Difficulty may arise if this is expressed as a kind of crusade for your own belief system, and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. The ability to see the universal picture can grant you a natural wisdom that lets you move beyond the narrow-mindedness and divisiveness of religious and cultural dogma. This may be put to use in defense of some cause or oppressed group - perhaps one that suffers due to religious or cultural persecution, or one that agitates for freedom of thought (see Pallas Athena's house position, below). You will fight for and defend whatever you believe in, campaigning perhaps for educational or philosophical freedom. Your skills in healing or conflict resolution lie in the creative ability to work with visions, visualization, positive thinking, faith, and universal and spiritual truth.

Pallas in 8th House

In the eighth house Pallas Athena's refined sense of wisdom as well as her atypical sense of gender roles affect the domain of one's sexuality and power interactions with others. Sexuality may not find outlet in traditional ways and may instead be sublimated into transformational esoteric practices, or into business and financial pursuits (at which you are quite gifted). You may utilize your creative gifts or political/humanitarian conscience in fund-raising pursuits (perhaps working behind the scenes, or secretly) to support causes which may aid victims of power abuse or political oppression. Difficulty can arise if Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as a crusade in which power (whether occult, sexual, or financial) is all that matters.

Mercury Conjunct Pallas Orb: 00°10'

The asteroid Pallas Athena is conjunct Mercury. You have a finely developed creative intellect with an innate sense of practical wisdom and a persuasive tongue. You appreciate fine or thought-provoking literature. Your conversations, writings, or studies may revolve around issues of mental/creative achievement, the arts, or non-traditional gender, cultural, or political issues. You may possess a touch of genius when it comes to conflict resolution and other forms of mediation, communications, or networking.

Uranus Opposite Pallas Orb: 05°58'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The cultural protectress-patroness of the arts meets the freedom fighter, and lines are drawn in the sand! The need for creative or cultural expression conflicts with the urge for freedom and change. Humanitarian

activities or collective enterprises may conflict with one's involvement in mental or artistic pursuits. Revolutionary ideals and rebellious tendencies could be a little over-zealous, with a contempt for creative or cultural concerns which are viewed as the province of the privileged. Or, conversely, socially or culturally "correct" attitudes could be suffocating, though trendy, and create trouble for the individualist who sees things differently. Identification with unconventional gender roles could create chaotic stress or confusion. The nervous system can suffer from excessive mental activity or from the stress of conflicts like those listed here. The answer lies in accepting both the need for artistic/cultural expression and the need for change and individual freedom. This will alleviate the tendency to unconsciously deny one of these needs and then "see the enemy out there."

Neptune Sextile Pallas Orb: 00°19'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. You are able to balance your need for internal spiritual, transcendent experience with your need for outward expression of your mental/creative skills and socio-political interests. You may be quite gifted artistically or musically, or perhaps your wisdom and skill gets expressed through your ability in the healing arts. You have a high degree of compassion. You may possess finely developed psychic abilities or a profoundly experienced spirituality. You may support causes that are spiritual in nature, or those that focus on health or recovery from addictions.

Pluto Trine Pallas Orb: 02°38'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Pluto. Your wise and instinctive grasp of the deep inner forces at work in life grants you a psychological depth and a sense of self-empowerment that can benefit your artistic or socio-cultural endeavors. You may support groups that are experiencing or recovering from abuse of some kind. You are able to balance the need for outward mental/creative and socio-cultural expression with the more inner need for regenerative healing, self-transformation and self-empowerment.

Juno

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

commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

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

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

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

Juno in Libra

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

Juno in 7th House

Juno in the seventh house indicates that, once committed, your relationship is more important than anything else. Either you or your partner will put a lot of energy into making the relationship work, and the desire that this be a shared concern may be of utmost importance. If not married, you may be very committed to other forms of responsible relationships in which cooperation is a concern (a business partnership, for example, or therapeutic work). The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

Moon Sextile Juno Orb: 03°51'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with the Moon. Your emotional and instinctive responses are interwoven with your need for relationships that are intimate and equal. These needs blend in a harmonious fashion. You find it relatively easy to balance the need for freedom with the need for emotional closeness within your relationship. You may be emotionally attuned to your partner's needs, and are able to be supportive and nurturing without compromising your own sense of autonomy or the need for periodic retreat and renewal.

Venus Sextile Juno Orb: 01°38'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Mental urges combine nicely with the urge to relate intimately and on equal terms. Your grace in communicating your need for equality and autonomy within your relationship strengthens the bond between partners. You have a knack for making your partner feel understood and listened to, and for being able to communicate on his or her level. Or perhaps it is your partner who possesses these abilities. Interests in intellectual stimulation, learning, community networking, or communications may provide you and your partner with a comfortable way to share and enrich your relationship.

Jupiter Conjunct Juno Orb: 01°12'

Your Juno is conjunct Jupiter. Your enthusiasm for Life and your search for meaning in it are bound up with the whole issue of committed relationships. You associate healthy partnerships with the affirmation of your need to explore, expand your horizons, and follow your quest. Your experience of equality and autonomy within an intimate partnership is profoundly affected by issues of faith, belief systems, and freedom needs. You may be attracted to partners who are interested in teaching, traveling, or cultural and philosophical exchanges. Partnership may be a vehicle through which you can deepen philosophical interests and understandings. Respect for philosophical differences between partners is important in maintaining a healthy relationship.

Saturn Square Juno Orb: 00°39'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Saturn. The need for a mutually supportive relationship comes into conflict with the urge to manifest and give practical expression to your goals. The struggle for equality and autonomy with a partnership may conflict with one partner's need to be the breadwinner or to pursue a career. Duty, obligation, pressure to excel, or an over-emphasis on material comforts may create stress between partners. Or perhaps intimate relationships are troubled by accusations of emotional coldness and undemonstrativeness that are born of

insecurities. Perhaps one of you feels intimidated by the whole idea of a committed relationship with its attendant power struggles, and responds by severing ties, or avoiding closeness altogether. One partner may seek a responsible father-figure in the other. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for intimacy and the need for a realistic, non-oppressive sense of committed responsibility can and do co-exist within oneself. You may need to find ways to meet both these needs, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others (especially your partner).

Vesta

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

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

Vesta's sacred flame represents, in the yogic tradition, the kundalini force which, when properly awakened and channeled, leads to spiritual development. Thus, astrologically, Vesta has come to represent both spirituality and consecrated (or desecrated) sexuality. This can include a wide range of sexual expressions such as abstinence, renunciation and celibacy, the celebration of spiritually honored sexuality, sexual idealism, and the sacred whore. Astrologically, Vesta stands for that which provides us with inner sustenance; the way in which we are pulled back to our core or inner self; and the struggle between this and the demands of the outer world. Vesta represents the way in which we long to bless others with the fruits of the spiritual resources we

have found within ourselves, but it is also the need to retreat and preserve our inner sanctuary against any disrespectful intrusion. Vesta is associated with dedication, focus, and commitment. She represents those things that helps us focus, the way in which we dedicate ourselves with heart and soul, and that for which we are ready (or compelled) to make a sacrifice. The things indicated by Vesta's position in your chart may be things that you feel compelled to give up or sacrifice, often out of a sense of spiritual compulsion. Yet they can also be the very things that evoke your dedication - leading to a sense of deep inner fulfillment when you are willing to make some sacrifices on their behalf. Keep this paradox in mind as you read on, for Vesta can express itself one way or the other - or both!

Vesta in Capricorn

Vesta in Capricorn indicates that discipline, ambition, and determination are the things that help you focus and center yourself. You use them to go inward, get in touch with yourself, and tap into your sense of dedication, which is then committed to highly disciplined activities of an organizational, executive, or administrative nature (described further by Vesta's house position, below). You are capable of hard work and great achievement through sheer tenacity and the willingness to stick it out. It is possible that, through one-pointedness, you focus so much on your determination and systematic ways that the means becomes an end in itself and you lose sight of the goal they are meant to serve. If this happens, determination can evolve into a need for power and status, and discipline into inflexibility. This can leave you feeling off-center and out of touch with yourself, and tempted even to renounce all ambition. Renunciation of personal ambitions for spiritual reasons is also possible with this astrological placement. Respect and serious commitment are necessary for sexual fulfillment, and the need for authority and control can inhibit it. In some cases sexuality may be renounced in favor of structured responsibilities or austere disciplines. Alignment of the determination to succeed with your sense of inner spiritual presence, can renew the sense of inspired dedication to your goals.

Vesta in 10th House

Vesta in the tenth house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense focus are invested in your career and/or social standing. Your sense of unswerving commitment, along with a willingness to embrace discipline and hardship, bears fruit in your vocation. Your work may involve addressing issues of conflict between spirituality and sexuality, or the desecration of sexuality (as in abuse, prostitution, etc.) and its consequences. Your sexual drive may be sacrificed to your vocation, or perhaps you serve some kind of priestly role in your profession. The sense of sacrifice you experience in regard to vocational matters could be expressed either as an intense dedication to these very things themselves, or as a sacrifice or denial of them for the sake of some other goal (which may be spiritual or religious in nature). Careful consideration of these activities or issues will help you understand how to best manage your sense of commitment and remain centered in your self.

Sun Conjunct Vesta Orb: 05°58'

Your Vesta is conjunct the Sun. Your identity or existential sense of self is strongly colored by your need for a calling - something to which you can dedicate yourself. You are the fire-keeper, or keeper of the eternal flame, the guardian of the sacred fires of spiritual/sexual/creative

energies. The sacredness or the desecration of sexuality may be a particular concern. You may associate your sense of life purpose with something that you hold sacred, and feel that your very purpose in life is to uphold that. Perhaps you are dedicated to the journey of self-individualization, or to spiritual practices (especially those involving kundalini) whose purpose is to realize the sacred self. It may be that your ideal in life is wrapped up with the furthering of creativity, child welfare, self-expression, or the dramatic arts, especially in their inspirational forms. (And you are an inspired romantic!) You could also be attracted to animus or father figures who display these characteristics.

Neptune Square Vesta Orb: 02°01'

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with Neptune. The Neptunian transcendental urges conflict with Vesta's inability to see a split between the spirituality and the physical/sexual aspects of life. The pursuit of spiritual or artistic endeavors may, in part, constitute an escape from reality. Or perhaps the need for spiritual or transcendent experience may lead to a denial or condemnation of sexuality. Spiritual or sexual deception or disillusion, or avoidance of commitment may be problems that one has to confront. Escapism can lead to feelings of spiritual disappointment or betrayal at the hands of savior or guru figures. The challenge is to learn to see that the need for transcendent experience and the need to experience the physical world as sacred are not at all contradictory needs. In order to satisfy one, you'll need to learn how to satisfy both. It only seems like a paradox.

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

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