

Basic Astrology Report

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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Ariel Sharon

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Taurus	25°Ta34'	2nd	
The Sun	Pisces	7°Pi23'	12th	
Mercury	Pisces	1°Pi58'	12th	
Venus	Aquarius	5°Aq34'	11th	
Mars	Capricorn	29°Cp12'	11th	
Jupiter	Aries	7°Ar13'	1st	
Saturn	Sagittarius	18°Sg21'	9th	
Uranus	Aries	1°Ar54'	12th	
Neptune	Leo	27°Le32'	6th	
Pluto	Cancer	15°Cn10'	4th	
Chiron	Taurus	2°Ta23'	1st	
The North Node	Gemini	14°Ge46'	3rd	
The South Node	Sagittarius	14°Sg46'	9th	
The Ascendant	Aries	7°Ar04'	1st	
The Midheaven	Capricorn	4°Cp20'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	Mercury	6°24'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Mars	3°38'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Neptune	1°58'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	5°24'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	Pluto	7°46'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	Neptune	4°26'	Applying
Mercury	Sesquisquare	Pluto	1°48'	Applying
Mercury	Sextile	Chiron	0°24'	Separating
Mercury	Sextile	The Midheaven	2°21'	Separating
Venus	Conjunction	Mars	6°21'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	Jupiter	1°38'	Applying
Venus	Square	Chiron	3°11'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	The Ascendant	1°29'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	Uranus	2°41'	Applying
Mars	Square	Chiron	3°10'	Applying
Mars	Sesquisquare	The North Node	0°34'	Applying
Mars	Semisquare	The South Node	0°34'	Applying
Jupiter	Conjunction	Uranus	5°18'	Separating
Jupiter	Conjunction	The Ascendant	0°09'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	The Midheaven	2°53'	Separating
Saturn	Sesquisquare	Chiron	0°57'	Separating

Saturn	Opposition	The North Node	3°34'	Separating
Saturn	Conjunction	The South Node	3°34'	Separating
Uranus	Conjunction	The Ascendant	5°09'	Applying
Uranus	Square	The Midheaven	2°25'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	4°51'	Separating
Pluto	Quincunx	The South Node	0°23'	Separating
Chiron	Trine	The Midheaven	1°56'	Applying
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	2°44'	Applying

INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

LIFE GOALS

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

Longfellow, *Elegiac Verse* 1880.

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

Your Sun is in the twelfth house of your birth chart meaning that much of your life is spent working behind the scenes, whether this means taking a back seat in your job or working in the relative anonymity of a large institution such as a hospital or the armed services. Although you've the ability to succeed in your life, it is likely to involve some form of self-sacrifice. You've the ability to overcome any difficulties entirely through your own efforts, although you can benefit from other people's charity at great times of need. You seem to be constantly forced into situations where you've to tackle things on your own and may sometimes feel overwhelmed by the forces of the world. Seclusion is a prominent theme of your life, whether it is enforced or by choice. It may be that you actually enjoy long periods on your own, recharging your batteries through moments of quiet reflection. It's also possible that you could have some difficulty spending time on your own, as this forces you to contemplate painful memories, particularly those connected with your father. It's likely that you've missed out on an opportunity to have a close relationship with your father. This separation could have been because your father was forced through circumstances to leave the family home, or perhaps he was unwell, or simply the type of person who lacked the strength to face up to his parental duties. In some cases it's possible that your father could have died when you were a young child, leaving a sense of loss. Although you may find it difficult, moments of quiet reflection will ultimately prove to have a healing effect on any emotional pain. You may even discover a sense of being deeply connected with the psychic world.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Pisces indicating that you're an imaginative and serene individual with a strong wish to be allowed to live in a world where harsher realities fade into the background and the dreamier aspects come into focus. You're a very talented individual, and it is indeed important for you to find a channel for all of your creative energies, otherwise you find yourself slipping into a world of unreality and apathy. You may even find yourself drawn to the world of drugs as a form of escapism. You're the type of person who finds it is important to set aside time each day for meditation or artistic pursuits. Quiet activities such as sitting on a beach or listening to soothing music may appeal, in fact any activity which suits your gentle nature. You may find yourself drawn to the mystical or spiritual side of life, in particular pastimes or studies which develop your intuition and understanding of the sacred side of life. Generally speaking you benefit greatly from such interests, but you do need to be wary of a tendency to

lack discrimination, which can lead to you becoming devoted to spiritual teachers rather than listening to your own intuition. Your sensitive nature and pure heart are also well suited to caring for others. At times you can be so kind and understanding that you've difficulty saying "no" to troubled friends. You do need to beware of becoming the victim of other people's unnecessary demands. You enjoy healing other people's hurts, both emotional and physical, but don't wish to take on the role of martyr. On a physical level, you may be particularly sensitive to drugs of all kinds.

The combination of the Sun and the planet Mercury in your chart can vary depending on other influences in your chart. The planet Mercury is considered by astrologers to represent the trickster. Ancient astrologers also measured the beneficial or damaging influences of Mercury in terms of how close this planet was to the Sun's beams. The closer the planet to the Sun the more detrimental. Positively this combination can mean that you're likely to succeed in life through your quick wit and business acumen. You're studious, learning new subjects with ease, and are particularly adept in the scientific and mathematical fields. On the other hand you can be too fond of seeking stimulation, with the cost of failing to complete a task. You're the proverbial "Jack or Jill of all trades, master/mistress of none".

You're likely to achieve your life goals because you're a powerful person with strong leadership abilities. The Sun is making contact with the planet Pluto in your birth chart meaning that you know when to be assertive and when to compromise, essential qualities for succeeding in life. You're able to apply yourself to the job at hand, concentrating your energies on any project in which you wish to succeed. You're intense, obsessive and have the power to achieve your goals. At times this can be disconcerting to other people, but you're unlikely to worry about the effect that you have on other people. You like honest and direct communications, and find it easy to rid yourself of unwanted people or situations. In fact you are somewhat intolerant of other less-powerful people. It's likely that your father, or a strong parental figure, played an important role in your early childhood. You learnt at an early age how to fend for yourself. As an adult you're a real go-getter. Your challenge is to express your power in a positive manner. You may be interested in executive positions, and or in playing a prominent role in society, such as becoming a politician.

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

Jupiter is also in the first house of your chart signifying that you've a zest for life which makes other people sit up and take notice. This is fortunate because you do like to be the centre of attention, whether in the company of a small or large gathering. You also know how to best utilise your popularity. Whether it be quietly pursuing your own interests behind the scenes, or lecturing in front of a crowd of people, other people seem only too happy to help you achieve your goals. You're a natural-born teacher. This could be tutoring on a one-to-one basis, or teaching a room full of adults or children. Your optimism and enthusiasm are contagious, and you're likely to attract prominent positions in the field of education, and in business circles. You've a philosophical approach to most things in life, preferring to leave matters in the laps of the Gods rather than worry too much. This could be because you have a tendency to fall on your

feet, no matter how difficult a situation. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's birth chart. They also believe that it's most powerfully favourable in the angular first house. This means that you're likely to be successful in achieving your goals.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Aries in your birth chart indicating that you are a freedom-loving individual eager to seek your own path in life, revelling in situations that offer a challenge. Success is likely to come through your own merits, rather than through relying on other people. This doesn't concern you because you're a natural born self-starter and leader who is reluctant to follow the lead of other people. You don't need external influences to motivate you, but excel in setting your own goals and achieving them. You're a spontaneous person, who likes to be given the freedom to make your own way and learn by your own mistakes. Autonomy is a key word for you. In fact you can sometimes go overboard in your efforts to maintain your independence. You're progressive, capable of holding positions of authority and often noted for your pioneering efforts. You also have the potential to be a philosophical or religious leader. In fact religion and other high-minded subjects may particularly appeal to your progressive nature.

The planets Jupiter and Uranus are making a positive aspect in your birth chart suggesting that you're enthusiastic about new ideas and are always keen to learn about different subjects, whether through study or experience. At times your enthusiasm knows no bounds, leading you in to unexplored territory. This can be exciting and a little frightening! You've an enormous ability and energy to achieve your goals, which are likely to be linked to your belief in making a positive contribution to society. These goals may or may not be realistic, depending on your circumstances and other influences in your birth chart. It's possible that you can contribute to a grand-scale beneficial scheme, but you would also do well to remember that each individual's life can have a positive effect on the world. You've a tendency to be grandiose, and don't take well to being restricted by other people or circumstances. Fortunately your inventive nature means that you can adapt to most circumstances, rather than forcing conflict. Traditional or unorthodox religious beliefs could play a major role in motivating your life goals, and helping you achieve your objectives. Metaphysics, astrology, and science may also prove your forte.

HOME

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

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

The Moon is placed in the second house of your birth chart suggesting that you seek emotional security through accruing possessions, although this can be frustrating at times because your personal fortunes have a tendency to fluctuate during your life. Consequently, you face periods of economic insecurity when your fortunes suddenly change. Fortunately you've the inner resources to adapt to these changes in income and usually you gain rather than lose money. However, you need to be wary of other aspects in your birth chart which could indicate failing fortunes. Your finances are closely tied to your work, and you're likely to benefit from a job that is connected with either water, or with the public at large rather than one where you've little contact with other people or contact with only a few people. You may also work in a profession that caters for people's needs such as the hospitality industry or child care. Your personal finances may also receive a boost through a prominent woman in your life, perhaps your mother or her side of the family. This can be financial help, joint investments or inheritances.

With the Moon in the sign of Taurus, the creature comforts of life appeal to you, offering a safe haven in a busy world. At times you may have difficulty rousing yourself to face new challenges, particularly if you're feeling insecure in your life. However, it's only that routine and familiar surroundings feel so safe in an unpredictable world. Fortunately you also enjoy establishing order in your life, and this can rouse you from any temptation to overindulge. In fact you can often be found quietly sorting through files and drawers, weeding the garden bed or some such useful activity. Your down-to-earth nature usually asserts itself when needed. You also enjoy keeping up with traditions – reliable rituals that have been passed down through the generations giving you a sense of life being reliable and predictable. Astrologically speaking the Moon is exalted when in Taurus, emphasising that wonderful ability of yours to establish order.

The Moon is making an aspect to Mars in your chart indicating that your home life is active and boisterous, rather than a peaceful environment. Fortunately you're an impulsive and emotional person, who prefers action to becoming bored by inactivity. You're likely to feel more comfortable when faced with a challenge. For this reason you may enjoy working around the house or working from home. It's possible that your need for an active home life stems from your childhood home environment, which was busy and boisterous. Perhaps your mother, or a strong

woman in your household, was vivacious and dynamic, possibly even fiery. In some cases male members of the family can display these traits. Either way at a young age you learnt how to enjoy a spirited home life, which you've carried into your adult life. You need to be wary of a lack of sensitivity to other people's feelings. Not everyone is as feisty as you. You could also try to avoid becoming embroiled in arguments with women. This could be difficult as you're impetuous, liable to act without thinking. Mostly you enjoy the challenge of new activity, but at times your vigorous nature can land you in hot water.

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Neptune in your birth chart indicating that you've a sensitive nature, and are prone to spending long periods of time in solitude in the safety of your home. Sometimes you thoroughly enjoy your own company, but at other times you can feel somewhat despondent and confused, tired and caught in a web of inexplicable emotions. The problem may be that you're unrealistic in your expectations of yourself and your loved ones, idealising them only to be disillusioned when they fail to live up to your expectations. A more realistic approach can be helpful. You're often confused about your direction in life, wondering if you'll ever fulfil your dreams. Your home needs to be your haven from the world because you feel overwhelmed by the harsh realities of the world, and you need to shut away. If this isn't possible then it's likely that you'll be distressed. Depending on other influences in your chart it's possible that you spend long periods living in a fantasy world. Family members may have stories about your daydreaming ways as a child, which continue well into adulthood. It's also possible that your loved ones feel the need to bring you back down to earth, believing that this will help you cope with the world. Nevertheless you have learned to trust your own instincts, telling you of a need to escape somewhere to dream, even if it's only one room. In this case a room with a beautiful view would definitely appeal to your aesthetic nature. It's likely that your relationship with your mother, grandmother, or an important woman, has played a key role in your life, positively or negatively. On the negative side it's possible that this mother figure demanded that you ignore your sensitive nature, turning your back on your artistic and spiritual gifts. On the other hand perhaps she cosseted you as a child and adolescent, fanning your unrealistic view of the world. Another scenario could have been that your mother was unwell, or regularly adopted a victim-like approach to life, which forced you into the role of caretaker at a young age. Whatever the scenario in your childhood, the outcome is likely to be your own struggle to face your responsibilities while still finding time for your spiritual, artistic, or contemplative needs. It's possible that this same woman, or another woman, could have encouraged you to develop the imaginative side of your nature. Perhaps this woman had artistic or spiritual gifts, or encouraged your own talents. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that you've an idealised or distorted picture in your mind of this woman, which affects your adult relationships with your loved ones. Your lesson is to learn to balance your needs for artistry, spiritual pursuits or moments of quiet contemplation with the practical, and very-real, demands of the mundane. This is when you are most likely to appreciate the soothing nature of your home. Your house may also be a restful haven for your loved ones, because you've a flair for creating a peaceful environment. You've the ability to listen with sensitivity to other people's problems and plans, or to create a beautiful environment with artistic ornaments, soothing music and indoor plants and flowers. Perhaps you also have artistic talents, which can be displayed in your home. You may find a great sense of satisfaction in living close to water, or surrounded by nature.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.

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

The planet Mercury in the twelfth house of your chart signifies that you've a lively imagination and love to immerse yourself in a realm of fantasy. This could be your own day-dreaming and reflection or it could be the faerie-realms of a good book. This can be a drawback early in your education, but can be put to good use as you mature. You're fascinated by secrets – other people's secrets and metaphysical secrets. Magic and the occult world is a strong pull in your life. At times you're frightened by the extent to which you like to dabble in the occult, but you're a risk-taker when it comes to secret adventures. It's true that you do have to be careful not to get out of your depth. Otherwise you could find that the boundaries between reality and fantasy become difficult to discern, and you're in danger of becoming mentally unstable. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, it's possible that you could spend some time in a mental institution where you're able to re-address any mental imbalances in your life. However, knowing your propensity to worry about such things, it should be pointed out that this isn't a foregone conclusion. You're more likely to benefit from long periods of rest and seclusion where you can quietly ponder the secret mysteries of life.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Pisces indicates that you've a good imagination. Early education can be difficult because your mind is constantly wandering into the imaginary world. This can be positive as you imagine fame and fortune, health and happiness for yourself and others. On the other hand you also have the ability to conjure up a black scenario if you're in a negative frame of mind. Your thoughts depend largely on your mood. You need to become conscious of this tendency, because there are times when you've difficulty separating reality from fantasy. You need also be wary of hallucinogenic drugs, as you're particularly susceptible to external influences. You're highly intuitive, capable of understanding events and people at a deep level if you allow yourself to listen to your own intuitive nature. You've the ability to tune into other people's thoughts, and to understand how they are feeling and thinking. Education will be easier for you once you're free to pursue your creative talents. In astrology, the planet Mercury is considered to be in detriment and fall in the sign of Pisces. Therefore you need to face the challenge of keeping your thoughts on a positive path, in a manner which can benefit both yourself and those who you care about.

You need to take care in your communications and education because of the unfavourable combination of the Moon and the Planet Mercury. You've a sharp mind and a quick wit, but unfortunately you've a tendency to gossip and be sarcastic rather than put your skills to good use. In some cases this combination can also highlight a tendency to dishonesty and worry. Of course you're worried, because you can only judge other people by your own standards and these may not be very high! Of course much of this depends on other influences in your birth chart. On a

positive note you can turn your mind to your studies and to improving your communication skills.

The planets Mercury and Neptune are forming a difficult pattern in your chart suggesting that your mind is sometimes confused causing you to suffer setbacks and delays in your education and communication with other people. At times you're vague, lacking concentration and resolution. It's possible that you've spent many hours day-dreaming, lost in a world of thoughts and ideas which seem to have amounted to very little. This is partly because you lack the ability to make decisions, doubting your own abilities and relying too heavily on the influence of other people. It could also be a result of your lack of self-control. On a positive note other influences in your chart, or the development of self-discipline, can help you achieve your dreams. If this is the case then you're likely to express your thoughts in an artistic or creative manner. This could be through art, poetry, literature, story-telling, or music. It's possible that you possess genius in one of these fields. You're also likely to excel in medical or spiritual circles, where your heightened sensitivity to other people can be truly appreciated. You're more likely to follow an unconventional, rather than orthodox, path if you become involved in medicine. This is because you're attracted in psychic and spiritual phenomena. In fact you may possess psychic gifts. You may also enjoy reflective periods near the water, or with nature.

The planets Mercury and Pluto are combined in your birth chart suggesting that your education and communications are coloured with highs and lows. On the positive side you've a probing mind and the ability to assess situations rapidly, which can lead to success in your studies. You're likely to excel in any education process which requires research and intense work. It's also likely that these gifts will help you excel in any professional or personal situation which involves counselling or crisis work. Your insightful mind proves invaluable in such situations. You enjoy investigating mysteries and probing for hidden truths. Although you can be secretive by nature, you find it difficult to appreciate other people's need for privacy. You feel impelled to uncover any secret, be it personal or societal. Fortunately you also know how to keep secrets. It's likely that you've learnt to rely on your own judgement from an early age. Perhaps a threatening environment, at home, in your neighbourhood, or at school, meant that your instincts were a vital means of survival. It could also have been a crisis, ranging from a traumatic change of school or a death, that led to your ability to see situations clearly and honestly. The gifts can be used to benefit your adult life, and other people. However, problems are likely to arise because of your inability to see the lighter side of life, and to accept that occasionally you might be wrong! You are a deep thinker with wonderful powers of concentration, but you can become obsessive, seeing only innuendos and subtleties in communications, rather than the bigger and often brighter picture. This obsessive side of your nature means that you also tend to believe that others are opposed to your thoughts and ideas, when perhaps they're not. You need to battle to overcome your tendency to create conflict and then seek revenge in such situations. If you believe that you're losing sight of the plot, then seek advice from a trusted friend or colleague. You are at your most powerful when using your insights for positive purposes. In particular your honesty and insights can be useful in a counselling situation, but be careful of taking these talents out of the consulting room unless invited to do so. Friends and loved ones may not always appreciate your ability to get straight to the point, particularly if they're feeling vulnerable or emotionally distraught. You need to learn tact and diplomacy and sensitivity to other people's pain. Your gifts, combined with compassion, make you a powerful advocate in any field.

RELATIONSHIPS

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

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

When the planet Venus is placed in the eleventh house of your birth chart friendships are an important component of your life – a great source of satisfaction and pleasure. A popular person, you enjoy a wide variety of friends from all walks of life, who seem to take up a considerable amount of your time. Your friendships with women may be more prominent than those with men. At times you feel that you owe your success to your friends, and this is probably true. Your friendships are beneficial, contributing to your happiness and helping you achieve your hopes and wishes. This may even involve financial gifts or favours. It's also possible that groups and clubs feature in your life. You enjoy belonging to a group of like-minded people, feeling supported by the relationships that are formed. This could involve you taking a prominent role in a group, or simply working quietly in the background. Either way you're particularly keen on becoming a member of a group with goals that benefit humanity.

With Venus in the sign of Aquarius you're a social being by nature, enjoying friendships with people from all walks of life. This of course depends on other influences in your chart, which may indicate a preference for solitude. However, on the whole you're likely to flourish in groups of people because you make friends so easily. In other words you're a real party animal. You love to organise social events with your friends, and often receive invitations to various social events. You're the sort of person who talks to the person sitting next to you on the bus, easily striking up a conversation with a total stranger. Whether introverted or extraverted by nature you're particularly interested in sharing cultural and intellectual pursuits with your friends. It's important that you've the freedom to pursue your many friendships, and attend your group and social functions, otherwise you become restless and bored, and consequently rebellious. For these reasons your primary partner in life needs to be someone who is intellectually stimulating and who understands your social butterfly urges, giving you plenty of room to spread your wings. You may find yourself attracted to unusual people, and possibly choose a partner, who's out of the ordinary.

The planets Venus and Mars are combining in your chart indicating that you seek a stimulating and romantic relationship. You're charming and assertive, passionate and alive, and admire these qualities in a potential intimate partner. You love to share your adventures with your partner, and it's likely that your relationship will inspire both you and your partner to explore new territory. You need only be wary of holding unrealistically high expectations of your partner, as this can

lead to difficulties. This is more likely to be the case when you're young and idealistic. You're liable to disappointment, perhaps even angry feelings, when your partner fails to live up to your expectations. You could also feel angry if rejected in love. Fortunately you've an irrepressible side to your nature, on which you can rely in times of relationship trouble. You're a loyal and fun-loving partner with an ability to balance intimacy with independence.

"Lucky in love and money". This could be your personal motto because the favourable planets Jupiter and Venus are combining to shine good fortune on your relationships and finances. You're fun loving, generous and popular. With your sympathetic and kind nature, you've a talent for putting other people at their ease. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your horizons, perhaps even joining your travels around the world. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals. Other influences in your chart may indicate that you prefer to keep the home fires burning, but it's more likely that you seek adventure and romance with your partner.

MOTIVATION

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

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

With Mars placed in the eleventh house of your birth chart groups, organisations and clubs provide an outlet for the passionate side of your nature. On a positive note this means that your leadership qualities come to the fore inspiring group projects. You have the power to rally group members, charging them with purpose and vision. Others admire your prowess. However, it's also likely to come at a cost. You have difficulty curbing your passion and can alienate other people through your lack of restraint. In other words you push too far, not knowing when to stop. You don't recognise the signs of mutiny. If any thing you have difficulty curbing your impatience with the group process, perhaps even losing your temper with individual members. While you achieve your own goals, you lose a lot of friends along the way. This hardly seems right as you believe that you're only trying to help other people, but perhaps you have difficulty seeing your own faults. It's also fair to say that you have very few true friends, which is difficult to understand when you desire to have many. You lose your friends through quarrels, which seem to erupt from nowhere and it doesn't seem possible to heal the rift. However, the few true friends can usually be counted on to fight on your behalf, and you, too, are willing to stand up and fight for them.

The planet Mars in the sign of Capricorn indicates that you're motivated by ambition. "A job worth doing is a job worth doing well" could be a good motto for your approach to both your personal and professional life. You have a serious side to your nature which seems to hold you back when you're young, but stands you in good stead as you grow older. You're cautious, slow to take risks, preferring the tried and true path trodden by others before you. It's not that you want to rely on other people. Quite the contrary. You're self-reliant and independent. It's simply that you're a serious person, who prefers to take things slowly and make sure that your responsibilities are carried out properly. You're a quiet achiever, reliable and trustworthy. You may not be as good as others at sounding your own trumpet, but you quietly achieve all that you set out to achieve, even if you do take a little longer than others. For this reason you're easily noted for promotion and leadership roles later in life as those in authority come to value your skills. It's also possible that you prefer working independently of other people, in which case you'll benefit through your business or professional associations. This is fortunate because you're eager to get ahead in life. The planet Mars is considered to be in a favourable position in the sign of Capricorn and therefore it's likely that you achieve your ambitions, although perhaps later in life.

You're positive, self-confident and enterprising. This is because the planets Mars and Uranus are

combining positively in your chart. You're enthusiastic and highly self-motivated, if somewhat impulsive, enjoying adventure and new horizons. You do need to be wary of accidents caused through your own rash actions, particularly as you're courageous and likely to be attracted to risky sports and activities. Your dangerous driving on the road is also likely to cause a few hair-raising moments, both for you and other drivers. You're full of good ideas, and once you've determined on a course of action, then you've plenty of motivation to see it through to successful completion. You're independent and prefer to be given plenty of room to carry through your own ideas in your own way. Fortunately this combination usually indicates that you succeed in your wishes, as well as your projects. It's even possible that you'll rise to prominence during your lifetime because your "do or die" attitude to achieving your goals.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

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

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

The planet Saturn placed in the ninth house of your birth chart suggests that academic or overseas connections are an important component in your life, and possibly your profession. A studious and meditative person, you like to contemplate serious matters such as religion, science, philosophy, law and metaphysics. You also like to ponder on world events, news from other countries and discoveries about other cultures. This can range from watching documentaries on the television, to serious graduate or post-graduate studies at university or college. Books of a serious nature line your shelves, providing hours of reading and research. You're likely to be steadfast in your religious beliefs, perhaps even a little too rigid at times. At some stage in your life you might decide to travel abroad to further your studies, or to take up a job. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, it's possible that your travels are frustrated by delays and obstacles. However, if there are positive influences then persistence, despite obstacles, pays off and you're rewarded with worthwhile results from your trips.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Sagittarius signifies that philosophy plays a key role in your life, whether it's your own personal philosophy or an adopted religion. You're concerned about the welfare of humanity and this is reflected in your daily life. Your humanitarian approach to your life is likely to be reflected in your chosen profession, because you're more concerned with the welfare of others than with your own material gain. It also possible that you could have two professions. You're a trustworthy and loyal individual who is likely to benefit through your associations with other people. Although your professional reputation may suffer at some stage through your life, you're able to regain lost ground through your noble character. Generally you're an easy-going and optimistic worker, who is able to gain the respect of other people through dint of your own efforts. It's also possible that you'll alternate between enjoying public popularity and seeking seclusion from the outside world. This will depend largely on your environment and your personal circumstances.

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

With a Midheaven in the sign of Capricorn and ruled by the planet Saturn, you'll choose a responsible and respectable career path, preferring to be seen as authoritative and reliable rather

than innovative or extraordinary. You may experience some early career setbacks, but your hard work will pay off in the end and you'll receive the respect you desire. It's likely that you'll become an authority in your field. Your career choice depends on many other factors in your chart, but you could be attracted to politics, business, government positions and public service. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Australian historian Manning Clark, UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, and German Chancellor Willy Brandt.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY

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

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

The planet Uranus is in the twelfth house of your birth chart suggesting that you often experience intuitive flashes, on which you rely to guide you through difficult situations. While it's true that you do possess psychic abilities that enable you to foresee troubles, you also need to be wary of falling prey to thoughts of doom and gloom. You're likely to suffer at the hands of secret enemies at some stage of your life, perhaps even being forced to flee from your home. It probably comes as a complete surprise to you that you've secret enemies, but on reflection you can see how your own actions may have stirred up resentment in other people. It's possible that you've been conducting a secret love affair, which suddenly becomes public, or it could be that you've been secretly plotting to undermine someone else. Either way these things have a habit of suddenly becoming public and leading to your downfall. Fortunately, you possess an unusual ability to overcome these challenges. You're not easily deterred from exploring your original talents. Your challenge is to put your talents to good use, which you may do by working in an unusual institution or taking an interest in occult studies. Your psychic and mystical experiences can be ultimately of great benefit to humanity.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Aries from 1928 - 1934. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Aries indicates that you belong to a generation of people who show initiative and spontaneity. This generation is keen to break down old structures, in order to pave the way for new and creative forms in society. Your creativity soars when you're tackling new projects and using your initiative.

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

The planet Neptune placed in the sixth house of your chart means that your health is likely to be a concern, either aiding or abetting your creative projects. At worst, you may suffer from a chronic disease or from allergies, or from recurring illnesses. It's likely that these illnesses were more prominent when you were a child. The good news is that your adult life is less likely to be

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

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Leo from 1914 - 1929. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Leo indicates that you belong to a generation closely linked with the creative arts and spirituality. These two fields can provide you with pleasure and inspiration, and you may be an inspiration to others through your artistic talents or spiritual beliefs. Extravagance can also be a result of your generation because of the extent to which pleasure is pursued.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

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

The planet Pluto is in the fourth house of your birth chart indicating that your home environment may be a challenge. It's possible that you've been affected by early childhood traumas, either by one particularly disturbing event in your family life, or by a series of upheavals. Perhaps one of your parents was an overwhelming, powerful figure in your life. As a result your adult home life is likely to reflect your childhood problems. Perhaps you're constantly changing homes, or perhaps you simply struggle to feel at peace in your home. You need to be careful that you don't recreate your childhood traumas in your home environment by living with someone who is abusive. Your challenge is to assert your own rights within your family without resorting to aggression, or without becoming the victim of someone else's aggressive behaviour.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Cancer from 1914 - 1939. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Cancer suggests that you belong to a generation of upheaval in social systems. People born into this generation were born into troubled times which threatened their security and family. As a result this generation continues to experience changes in values, challenges to security and develops the ability to form new social concepts.

PURPOSE AND JOY

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

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

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

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

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Gemini and the South Node in the sign of Sagittarius denoting that you're destined to learn to see life from other people's point of view and to become adept in the art of communication. You've a tendency to be restless and scatty. You need to develop focus and the ability to communicate your ideas in a way that helps the many people in your life.

The combination of the South Node and Saturn is a difficult one, indicating that you face restrictions in your current life and struggle to express yourself. At times you may feel that the world is a hard place, particularly the demands of daily life. It's possible that you've inherited some emotional or physical problems from your father, or his side of the family, which restrict your ability to achieve your goals. These problems can be overcome, but it's only through hard work and shouldering your responsibilities that you're likely to achieve your purpose.

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric

astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Aries is considered "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Aries is also a Cardinal sign denoting enterprise, enthusiasm, self-assertion and initiative.

You're frank, pioneering, headstrong and self-reliant. You revel in anything that enables you to take the initiative, avoiding following other people's lead in preference for striking out into new territory. You like to be first. You value challenges, particularly those that test you physically and mentally. It's likely that your purpose is linked to taking the initiative, starting something new that benefits other people. Your intellect is keen, and you're full of ideas. Your challenge is to see your ideas through to completion in any project, either by yourself or by ensuring that others can carry out your ideas. You also need to restrain your impulsive nature at times, to make sure that you're not risking your own and other people's safety.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Aries is linked to the divine mind of God, or in other words the ability to tune into and initiate inspirational ideas. You need to make sure that you're receptive to the will of God, rather than following your own wilful ideas. Your purpose is connected to helping manifest the plans and ideas of the divine influences on the Earth.