

# **You, the Woman**

## **Astrological Profile**

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Scorpio	13°Sc46'	06th	01 26°Ta23'
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Venus	Sagittarius	01°Sg06'	07th	04 03°Le26'
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Jupiter	Leo	28°Le55'	04th	06 08°Li25'
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Neptune	Libra	28°Li34'	06th	09 12°Cp06'
Pluto	Leo	28°Le28'	04th	10 03°Aq26'
Midheaven	Aquarius	03°Aq26'	10th	11 00°Pi11'
Ascendant	Taurus	26°Ta23'	01st	12 08°Ar25'

Planet	Element	Mode	Elemental	Modal
Sun	Water	Fixed	5 Fire	3 Cardinal
Moon	Fire	Fixed	1 Earth	8 Fixed
Mercury	Air	Cardinal	4 Air	1 Mutable
Venus	Fire	Mutable	2 Water	
Mars	Air	Cardinal		
Jupiter	Fire	Fixed		
Saturn	Water	Fixed		
Uranus	Fire	Fixed		
Neptune	Air	Cardinal		
Pluto	Fire	Fixed		
Midheaven	Air	Fixed		
Ascendant	Earth	Fixed		

## An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Maria Shriver

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

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

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

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

The astrological signs are defined by one of four elements: fire, earth, air or water. The fire and air elements have a yang (masculine polarity) quality, and tend to be more outgoing and assertive in their nature, whereas the earth and water elements have a yin (feminine polarity) quality, and are more receptive by nature. The elemental balance in your chart is determined by

the amount of energy within each elemental sign. The factors added together to find this balance of energy include the Sun, Moon, planets and the angles of the Ascendant and Midheaven.

Your chart shows a strong predominance of fiery energy, adding a special intensity to your personality and a strong level of vitality. You may be more action oriented than some of your friends, and your adventurous enthusiasm may make you the topic of conversation among your friends. Your intuition and instincts are effective allies. Watch a tendency to push yourself too hard, since it's easy to burnout once you've gone beyond your limits. In relationships with others, you prefer to be around those who love the adventure of life and who appreciate your active inspirational nature. The elemental balance in your astrological chart indicates that earth is a weak factor, signifying that you may sometimes feel a need for greater stability. Practical matters may not always be a primary consideration when making major decisions. The problem with little earth is usually related to not being in touch with the physical plane, which can cause you to lose your focus or to ignore physical reality. During the times in your life when you feel out of touch or uncertain, get back to nature. Take a walk in the park or woods, garden, hug a tree, work with clay, or get a massage to remind yourself that you are part physical, too!

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. You have fixed energy strongest, which helps to account for your ability to stay with a project, relationship or idea until you are satisfied or until your responsibility is fulfilled. The downfall of this strength is not knowing when to let go, and you can be quite stubborn when facing the possibility of change or challenge. However, you also have a strong level of cardinality, which is expressed through your motivational spirit and your ability to initiate new situations or relationships. Your weakest link is in mutability, which indicates that you sometimes have trouble adapting to change or that you are somewhat inflexible in your attitudes.

When you look at the picture of your chart as a whole, you might notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the right side of your chart. This hemisphere strength indicates that you are driven by a need for connection to others, and you may seek validation from others as a means of confirming your sense of identity. It can be tempting to define your sense of self through your relationships, which can be a dangerous precedent if you have not yet determined what you really need and want from your life on your own terms. However, you also have a strength through this emphasis, and that is an ability to honor and understand the needs and demands of others. Just watch your tendency to put your needs at the bottom of the heap! When you view your chart as a whole, you'll notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the bottom half of your chart. This hemisphere emphasis signifies that you are most comfortable away from the glare of the public, and that you safeguard your privacy. Building stability and security are a strong focus in your life, and your career may be a means to an end in that regard. You can be uncomfortable in situations where you feel that you are put on display, and may need to cultivate your ability to speak or appear in front of groups, since this may not come easily for you.

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

## Projection of Your Real Self

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

With your Sun in Scorpio your ego is driven by a need to be almost enigmatic. You're more comfortable when at least a little mystery surrounds you, and you can exude a strong level of sensual charm. You're rarely halfway about anything, and your intensity can be daunting to those who are uncomfortable with confrontation. Since your Sun speaks of "who you think you are," you may think that you're more mysterious than you are in actuality! No bother - you're still a mystery to most, so you're safe!

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Taurus. Generally Taurus rising appears to be quite calm, and you feel most confident in situations which are under your control. Your appearance is also important, but usually not to the point of vanity. Others may see you as the one who is serene in the midst of a storm, but a few will complain that you can be too stubborn when it comes to change. You may notice that your attitudes can become too rigid unless you strive to nourish open-mindedness. Venus, the planetary energy associated with your rising sign, is in Sagittarius in your chart. Your love of adventure, travel and knowledge radiates through your personality as an enthusiasm for life, which, in itself, is extremely attractive. Your laugh can be contagious.

Mercury is in quincunx or inconjunct aspect to your Ascendant, indicating that you may have the embarrassing tendency to put your foot in your mouth! Speaking before you think can get you into hot water, but you are just as adept at dealing with these uncomfortable situations as you are at getting into them! You can benefit from learning to work effectively with others, regardless of their status on the totem pole of life.

With Venus in opposition to your Ascendant, you may be blessed with many social graces. You're quite comfortable around other people, and may enjoy time spent with companions. Your determination to gain acceptance and to improve your status in life is strong, and you may use your social contacts to reach those positions. Of course, that's how it's done in life, but you do need to watch a tendency to use people just because of their status. Developing relationships from a purely honest perspective is quite possible for you since you do appreciate what others have to offer. You must also learn to appreciate what you bring into any situation as well.

With Jupiter in square aspect to your Ascendant, your eternal optimism can get you into trouble. Certainly a positive attitude can be a magical elixir in creating what you want from life, but your expectations can definitely surge out of proportion with possibility some of the time. If you are unsure of yourself, you may overstate a situation just so you feel better and then realize that you're caught in a rather prickly circumstance. In order to create the most honest and positive relationships, you need to learn to accept yourself first and then to strive toward achieving those aims which are so delicious. Otherwise, you will run into problems with trust, which can be another very convoluted tale.

With Saturn in opposition to your Ascendant your standards are quite high. You may judge yourself by the opinions of others or by your association with particular people instead of accepting yourself for your personal strengths and limitations. Certainly you can rise above your limitations, but not by expecting someone else to carry you there! If you try to live your life through someone else, your unhappiness can become immeasurable, because you have failed to be responsible to your own needs. You may also feel that your only choices in life result from answering the demands of others. If you are in circumstances which require you to support or care for others, can grow to resent their dependence upon you. Listening to your inner self and learning to accept positive ways to take responsibility for yourself will be personally empowering for you.

With Neptune in a quincunx aspect to your Ascendant you need to pay special attention to your responses to the people and the world around you. You may find it difficult to maintain your personal boundaries, and can be too sensitive to the energies of others. Your inclination to reach out with compassion can be positive, but you can also be gullible. Unscrupulous individuals can take advantage of your need to be helpful. By learning to use your psychic sensitivities in tandem with your rational thoughts and finding ways to stay somewhat grounded, you can become more adept at avoiding abusive, addictive or co-dependent situations. Pay particular attention to your physical health, since you may be overly sensitive to environmental pollution, medications or toxic circumstances.

Pluto's square aspect to your Ascendant can add an intimidating edge to your personality. You are quite likely to operate from a hidden agenda, and even though you may not show your hand, others can feel that there's something going on beneath the surface. You can become obsessed with doing things in a particular way and can also be quite compulsive in these behaviors. You may have issues about control and power, some of which may be the results of difficulties early in your life. However, you also have the capacity to heal the wounds you experienced, although your emotional attachments to them can make it difficult. Vengeful attitudes sap your own power and energy and alienate others. If you feel that your path is blocked, or has been blocked, by others who have been in control of your life, your work involves breaking away from those old entanglements and moving ahead. This is much easier said than done, but there are many ways to accomplish the task and break the patterns so that you can finally feel free.

There are many different facets of the Moon in your chart. But when it comes to your identity, your Moon speaks volumes about who you are at the deepest level: the soul of your being. Your Leo Moon enhances your personal presence, and you can radiate an exceptional warmth and passion. You love a life filled with rich experiences, and seek out people and situations which stimulate an opening of your heart. Driven by the desire to be recognized, you may also need some time in the spotlight, and will fare best in relationships which allow you to have your moment in the sun. Your loyalty is a matter of pride for you, and it can be difficult for you to let go when faced with change.

## Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self

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

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

Your Leo Moon radiates the kind of warmth which imparts the glow of love to everyone around you. You are a powerful woman, capable of asserting your desires in such a manner that others may find it difficult to refuse your requests. Perfectly suited to the role of family matriarch, you take a strong interest in helping to guide and develop those under your care. Although you can be quite comfortable at home surrounded by those you love and adore, you may also crave greater recognition, and definitely need your time in the spotlight. Never lacking creativity, you have many options for self-expression and need to adopt a way of life which gives you ample opportunity to develop your talents. The feeling that life is meant to be savored and enjoyed stimulates your desire to play, and you definitely need ample time for recreation. When entertaining, you pull out all the stops, and can be quite lavish with your generosity. Elaborate situations are not likely to intimidate you, but may, instead, be more like a challenge. You can be self-absorbed and self-indulgent, and need to have friends you can trust who will tell you the truth when you've gone too far. And you need to accept that truth, if it does come your way, as a sign of caring and concern. When you're hurt, your sulking can be just as dramatic as your joy when you're happy. During those times when your possessiveness raises its head, try to be aware of the part of yourself that feels threatened. Since letting go is never easy for you, you may simply be responding to a fear of losing something or someone you love. But forcing your will is not likely to make everything better. Surrendering to the love you feel might, however, make an exceptional difference!

With your Moon and Sun in a square aspect with one another, you may feel that you are constantly having to make choices which compromise your needs in order to get what you want (or vice versa). You may feel caught in the trap of being a woman, and may resent the fact that your opportunities seem limited or thwarted as a result. But the trap is much deeper than that. It actually may stem from a desire to have complete autonomy in conflict with your need for someone to care for you. The tradeoffs are rarely satisfying when you compromise, and you may feel resentful or hurt by what you chose to give up. You may be responding to behavior you learned as a young girl when you had to choose between the disparity of your mother and father. Their conflicts may be not have been drastic, but you certainly received different input from each

of them. When you study the basic essence of your Moon and Sun, you can see the difference between these energies, and may wonder if you can ever achieve any type of inner peace and harmony. What is required is a powerful dedication toward understanding your real needs, and the determination and willpower to be sure that these needs are met. You will always be tested, but may find that the tests themselves provide the very structure you need in order to succeed. Now that you are a woman, you do not have to continue to please mom and dad or seek their approval, but you do have to attain your own.

Your Moon is positively supported through a connection to Mars, increasing your courage, emotional stamina and self-assertiveness. Instead of waiting for your needs to be fulfilled, you are likely to do something about it. You appreciate people and situations which provide excitement and challenge, and can handle competition quite nicely. In fact, you may actually be at your best when you're feeling a little pressure. In difficult circumstances, you have the ability to continue on, since you know that everything changes. Relationships with men are not likely to be especially difficult, since you are strong enough to attract men who are more sure of themselves. You're likely to be bored in a relationship with a man who has little drive, and will be much more attracted to someone who knows what he wants. Your women friends also appreciate your straightforward, shoot-from-the-hip type of attitude, and may look to you for leadership and support.

Your Moon is in the Last Quarter Moon Phase of the Lunation Cycle, symbolizing an element of conflict which is at the core of your personal growth and understanding. This cycle has often been described as a crisis in consciousness, since you may feel that you are turning away from the old and moving toward a new level of inspiration and understanding. The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of the Warrior, stimulating a passion for existence which allows you to develop clarity, liberation and self-confidence. Through "The Warrior Woman," you learn about fervent sensuality, courage and sexual freedom. Your experience of this ideological conflict may arise through your need to break away from false ideals and to reorient yourself to a new way of being, thinking and living. What you learned from your mother and her generation about being a woman may not fit with what you are experiencing, although some aspects of your experience from her may ring true. The tricky part is finding your own way without totally destroying the path you've been taught. You are a revolutionary, and although revolutions can be radical and extreme in their outcome, they do not have to be entirely bloody! It is as though you have a fragile egg which needs to be moved to a different nest. First, you must create the new nest, then you must make the journey without breaking the egg, then you must settle in for a time. After that, it's up to the egg.

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

Through the energy of Venus in Sagittarius you can be quite direct in expressing your feelings. Your playful spirit and fun-loving sense of adventure plays a large role in your relationships, and you may be most expressive when you're having a wonderful time. You can

also be highly spontaneous, almost combustible, when you're attracted to someone. If you act before you think, you may get into trouble. But you're almost as talented at getting out of tight spots - probably from your experience! You adore men who are intelligent and thought-provoking, and can enjoy people from a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds. Venus in Sagittarius definitely has a sensual side, and you can also be rather indulgent, almost hedonistic, in your attitudes. This live, love and be merry approach is fun during the dating scene, but when you decide to settle into a relationship or family-oriented lifestyle, you can change your focus. Your deeper side is looking for a partner whose philosophy and attitudes toward life are similar to your own, and who appreciates and practices truth and integrity. You find the beauty of life in nature's own bounty, and may have a powerful appreciation for the wild. When you're out in nature, communing with the trees, mountains, streams, oceans and wildlife of the earth, your own creativity comes alive. It is your own wild beauty, that sparkle in your adventurous eyes, and your contagious laughter that make you truly attractive. When you have to be in the "real" world, you may still sport attire which would allow you to take off on an exploration at a moment's notice. If you have to "dress up," you're at least likely to wear comfortable shoes!

Your expectations of yourself are quite powerful. Stimulated by the square between Venus and Jupiter, you may be rather flamboyant in your manner and may not know when you've had too much of a good thing. Setting limits is difficult and frustrating, since in your heart you may believe that anything is possible. If you see yourself in unrealistic proportions, or if you expect impossible things from life, you may feel continually disappointed. You might even try to make up for the deficiencies by overindulging yourself or overspending. There's nothing wrong with optimism, but there is a difference between optimism and unrealistic expectation. Learning that lesson is one of your challenges, and if you are to have the faith in yourself that you deserve, you'll have to face it. Believing that having enough money or status will make up for a lack of personal worth can get you started on the wrong foot. Try again. You are a creative, witty and visionary woman with a lot to offer. Now, that's a good beginning.

You're happy about the things that make you different and may be highly creative and artistically gifted. The trine aspect between Venus and Uranus adds a dimension of innovation and uniqueness to your self-expression. Although you may be a feminist at heart, you're not likely to take a radical stance which alienates those who are less broad-minded unless you're forced to do so. Instead you can help to bring about the types of changes which allow old, outworn attitudes to fall by the wayside. These same energies are responsible for a certain type of magnetism which seems to put you in the right place at the right time to take advantage of unusual opportunities and good fortune. Thank your lucky stars!

You may feel a deep undercurrent of vulnerability when it comes to allowing yourself to embrace the fact that being a woman means something positive. This feeling, stimulated by the square aspect between Venus and Pluto, may have very deep origins. But whatever the cause, you may feel compelled to prove that you are powerful, worthwhile and worthy. For some reason, you may feel ashamed of yourself, and cannot allow your beautiful essence to shine through. You may even resent being a woman, especially if you've been deeply hurt. If you dig deep enough, you'll find real treasure at the core of your being. That treasure is hidden in the heart of a magical woman: you. This is the part of yourself which can heal and regenerate your spirit, allowing you to be totally transformed as you embrace a new essence of your powerful self.

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

With Neptune in Libra, you are part of the generation which has been fascinated with beauty, the idea of peace and the hope of a perfect world. Perfect relationships are part of the perfect world, but it is your very generation that has blasted through the illusion of dysfunctionality. Your role as a woman within a relationship is one you are creating, along with the other women of your generation, born from 1942 to 1956. By holding a collective image of truly egalitarian and fair-minded relationships, where each person can fully express themselves, you have been part of a global change. The effects of this change are still manifesting.

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

With Pluto in Leo, you are part of a generation of women born 1938 - 1957 who have had to learn about manifesting power and breaking the illusion of the patriarchy. You are among the women who have reshaped society. If you've developed a career, you may have done so against an old system. Instead of destroying that power base, your task within the collective is to change the nature of power through love and creativity, and through honoring the sanctity of life.

## **Owning Your Inner Masculine Self**

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

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

Your deep craving for power which you feel but others may not see accompanies the energy of your Sun in Scorpio. Your father may have seemed somewhat omnipotent when you were young, and he may also have been difficult to understand at times. You have a greater respect for men who can stand up to their own power, and who can respect the unique power of women, too. There is a part of you that will always be fascinated by super heroes and super heroines which stems from your fascination with alterations in energy and transformational change. Throughout your life you may be drawn into situations which need to change and in which you provide the catalyst for these transformations. In many ways you are a natural healer, and you can bring this quality of regeneration into your relationships, your work and your creativity. Embrace the fact that you are a Goddess! Live to create, and own your ability to use the magical ingredients which bring power into your own life, and which effects dynamic shifts in the world around you.

You're quite strongly influenced by a need to do things properly and correctly with your Sun in conjunction with Saturn. Your need for self-respect is quite strong, and you may also seek others who are worthy of your respect and admiration as teachers and guides. If you are ignoring your own needs to take positions of strength or control, you may attract others who will simply overwhelm you with their own power. This can be especially true in relationship with men, since you may project your own need for control onto the men in your life, and then wonder why you never have what you really want. Once you take steps which help you establish your own aims and ambitions, however, there's no stopping you! With this aspect, you can either take charge of your life or be controlled, but either way, learning about control is paramount.

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not "feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!

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

There are no major aspects to Mars in your chart. To a large extent, this indicates that the energy of Mars is empowered, because it operates without undue influence from other energies in your chart. You're constantly doing, taking action and may feel uncomfortable unless there's some kind of activity going on in your life. The qualities of this energy may be an outstanding force in your life, and this is the energy which people frequently associate with your identity.

## Developing Your Mind

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

Although the energy of Mercury is traditionally considered to be the main indicator of your mentality, there are also other qualities which are part of your mental and intellectual self. First, let's look at Mercury, which is the energy through which you link your thoughts and ideas with others. Developing your intellect is probably a high priority for you with Mercury in Libra. Part of your desire to learn is stimulated by your need to become a better communicator, since you do enjoy socializing and making connections with others. You may love fine literature, and may even express your own talents in writing or public speaking. You can also be an effective counselor because you're quite adept at seeing both sides of any situation. Situations which tolerate and support the development of new ideas stimulate your learning, and you may enjoy group circumstances which have the added benefit of the blending of ideas which arises when several people are exploring together. You also need ample room to develop your own ideas and will appreciate work circumstances and relationships which support your intellectual growth.

Learning about life, people and possibilities can be a passion for you. With Mercury sextile Jupiter, you're always interested in finding out more, meeting different people or traveling to new places. Your curiosity is heightened through this aspect, and so is your communicative ability. You may be a gifted writer, public speaker or teacher.

Staying focused is very difficult with Mercury square Uranus. You may be very intelligent, but can still have trouble staying on track, which can inhibit your full grasp of a subject. However, if you are stimulated by and interested in something, you will stay with it because of your fascination. You need career opportunities and learning situations which allow you to do several different things at your own pace. Repetitive activities may just drive you nuts!

Your psychic awareness opens your mind to a different realm of thinking with Mercury conjunct Neptune. Your imagination and creativity flow readily through your communicative self, and expressions such as writing, music and photography provide excellent outlets for you. You may love poetry and are fascinated by anything spiritual or otherworldly. Acting is a good outlet since you have the ability to immerse yourself into the development of a character.

Probing into the depths is fascinating to you. With Mercury sextile Pluto, you're rarely satisfied with what you see on the surface. Consequently you are inclined to research, investigate and question. Complex ideas appeal to you, and you may enjoy subjects which challenge your mind.

The energy of your Moon also has a mental component. The Moon is the realm of thought, the process of subconscious thinking, and plays a strong role in intuitive thinking. You're drawn to learn about the things and people you enjoy, but can be stubbornly resistant to ideas which are foreign to you with the Moon in Leo. Your preferences are quite strong, which is okay, but can get in your way when you need to make adjustments or embrace new information or experiences. You learn best in an environment which affords you a little attention, since praise and

recognition for your efforts will stimulate you to go further.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! Your philosophical approach to life and learning involves experiencing the true essence self-expression with Jupiter in Leo. You may take great pride in your educational accomplishments, and may like to be noticed. Your generous spirit extends into all areas of your life, and you may feel that giving of yourself by sharing your talents and abilities is important to your personal development. You can be very attached to your beliefs and ideals, and may not appreciate others who find fault or who disagree with them. It's not likely that you will change your idealistic viewpoints unless you are personally motivated to do so.

Your interest in spiritual and metaphysical teachings can be quite powerful with Jupiter in sextile aspect to Neptune. With an ability to accept the differences between cultures and belief systems, your efforts toward bringing harmony among the diverse factions can be quite significant. But most important, your own openness to understanding both universal and manmade laws allows you to transcend ordinary judgment and become more aware.

You can be doggedly persistent toward achieving your hopes with Jupiter conjunct Pluto. However, you can also become too compulsive or obsessive in your beliefs or ideals, and need to learn how to temper your idealism. Otherwise, you can become a fanatic, or overly zealous in your attempts to influence others.

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

You can be a resourceful student and quite adept in research and investigation with Saturn in Scorpio. You may learn better and perform at your peak when you feel safe and well-protected. Circumstances which leave you feeling exposed are threatening, especially if you're working on something important or developing a creative project or idea. You prefer to work in relative secrecy and may not appreciate having your efforts exposed without your permission. Life science, medicine, psychology and metaphysics are good areas for your study and focus.

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

It's easier for you to communicate and share ideas about things which stimulate your emotions with Cancer ruling your 3rd House. You may also have a high memory capacity, thinking in terms of whole pictures. However, you may not really be a good student, because you would prefer to "absorb" information; it seems so much easier that way. You do absorb a lot, but when you need facts, may regret that you neglected to fire up the old brain cells. With the Moon

ruling your 3rd House, you are most likely to share your ideas with people who feel familiar and safe. You also prefer to communicate with passion and feeling. Stale numbers may never appeal to you.

The energy of Uranus in your 3rd House adds a special ingenuity to your thinking. You love projecting yourself and your thoughts into the future and may be quite inventive and visionary. Although you may be a rebellious and revolutionary thinker, you are a natural scientist, always seeking the yet undiscovered truth. Maintaining your concentration can be difficult, and you need ample opportunities to work at your own pace. However, some structure will help you avoid scattering your mental energy. Leaving room for your spontaneous urges to get up and go is very important, and anyone who is in relationship with you needs to understand that you can change your mind or decide to do something at a moment's notice.

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

You may take education seriously, and are likely to prefer learning things that have a realistic basis with Capricorn on the cusp of your 9th House. A practical approach is much more suitable than abstract learning. You may be very much the "show me" type of woman who prefers to have evidence for all the theories. With Saturn ruling your 9th House, you are a prime candidate for academia, and might fit into the academic pattern quite nicely, including becoming a teacher. Regardless of your aims, your education needs to provide a reasonable option for making a living. This energy also stimulates a somewhat orthodox approach to religion and philosophy, although you may have a strong affinity for nature religions and ritual.

There are no planets in your 9th House, indicating that extended education in a formal setting may not be your highest priority. Although you may be quite philosophical or approach life itself as a learning experience, you may have interruptions in formal education or may find that you learn in different ways than those found in more academic settings. To further understand your approach to education study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of the 9th House explained above, and reflect on the energy of Jupiter and its sign and house placement as indicators of the development of your higher mind.

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

Your desire to have the things you want and to experience a life of true security begins with your dreams. With Pisces influencing your 11th House, your dreams play a major part in accomplishing your aims. Your ability to envision what you want from life can be quite empowering. And if you can do something which confirms the probability of making your dreams happen, then you can be even more successful. Although you have to start with the dream, at some point you need to touch the physical reality. It's like career day at school. You may think, "I'd like to be a doctor." But until you follow a doctor around for a few hours and get a sense of what it would be like, you may wonder if it actually fits. By making some physical connection to your dreams, you can become a masterful creator of your life. Neptune's rulership of this house adds a desire to make a difference in the world to your goals. You know that you

can be part of the change which will add meaning and compassion to the experience of life.

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

## **Your Special Edge**

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

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

With the sign Leo on the cusp of your 4th House, you may feel that your family fate is indeed tied to your own. Yet you may also feel drawn to break away from the restraints which are implied in your family history, and to do things which support your individuality and autonomy. You may nourish others by example: in fact, your example can have a greater impact upon your family than you may realize! By listening to your intuitive voice concerning the best way to handle family needs and develop a true sense of security, you may be able to set your ego aside. With the Sun ruling your 4th House, you may find that sometimes your ego can get in the way of your intuitive process. It's important to define the difference between selfish desires and true inner guidance. Strive to avoid trying to control the yearnings of your soul. Sometimes you may have to tell your ego to sit quietly and listen to the part of you which speaks in a quiet whisper.

The energy of your Moon in the 4th House does stimulate a strong need for home and family ties. You also can feel a powerful connection to your soul, and need a life which allows you to nourish and support the growth of your soul in whatever you're doing. Getting caught in feelings of selfishness or opting to do things which serve only your self-interest will limit your ability to achieve a deep sense of wholeness. Because of this you may reach to your family, especially to your mother, to both give and receive support. To truly find yourself, however, you may need to

break away from your emotional attachment to your family to some extent and forge, instead, a true intuitive and spiritual bond with them. From this perspective you can respond more appropriately to their needs from a position which allows you to feel comfortable with yourself.

You need a lot of space and room to move with Jupiter in your 4th House. This includes interior space - room in your psyche - an open mind! You may wonder how you attract good fortune, since frequently you seem to benefit from the generosity of others. But your soul is a generous one, and you may simply be attracting what you project to others. Your desire to learn, to explore the world and expand your consciousness is powerful. Whether or not you travel physically, you have the capability of journeying with your soul into the realms of truth and wisdom.

The influence of Pluto in your 4th House stimulates a powerful drive to uncover the mysteries of your soul. In the process, you may discover old shame, fear or resentments lurking beneath the surface which undermine your ability to listen and respond to your intuitive voice. If you are to break away from the forces which seem to have an uncontrollable hold over your life and free yourself from these old wounds, you need to find their origins. Then you must allow yourself to release your attachment to the wounds themselves, surrender to the Healing Woman within your soul, and open your consciousness. Free of the guilt which has tortured your inner being for so long, your penetrating awareness can concentrate upon creating true transformation.

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

Through the influence of Sagittarius on the cusp of your 8th House, you may have always been curious about what lies beneath the surface. Although you may have accepted explanations like, "That's just the way it is, " when you were a young girl, you were rarely satisfied with such surface level truths. You want to know the answers to the big questions. However, your approach to delving into hidden territory is often cavalier, and you may not always be aware of what you've jumped into until you're struggling to tread water! Your yearning to know the mysteries will always have a high priority, and you are almost driven, as though on a quest, to find the answers to the ultimate questions. Metaphysical or spiritual studies can offer a pathway. You may also learn a great deal from observing and experiencing nature. With Jupiter's energy ruling this house you have a powerful sense of the future, and may possess clairvoyance about future events. Your visions can have a prophetic quality.

Since you do not have any planets in your 8th House you may not feel very strongly driven to probe into the mysteries of life. Perhaps you do not have issues in this regard, but there may also be other factors in your chart which drive you in this capacity, and do not need the additional focus in this particular area. To further understand your 8th House study the sign associated with it explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

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

With Aries influencing your 12th House, you may have a highly active subconscious self. Your dreams may reveal that you are more temperamental than you appear, and you need a place to channel this fiery quality. By actively participating in understanding your dreams, you may discover a new realm of awareness. With Mars ruling this house you may be more successful participating in "active" forms of meditation, such as yoga, tai chi, martial arts or dance. Just sitting quietly trying to gain a sense of what is happening on the inner realms may leave you feeling frustrated. But once you've learned to channel that energy, you can then develop a quality of mindfulness which accompanies you in every state of consciousness. You can develop a very powerful intuition, but may not always listen to it!

Since you do not have any planets in your 12th House you may not feel a strong urge to probe into your dreams, and you may not feel extremely tied to your past. However, to fully understand the nature of this house study the meaning of the sign on the cusp, explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

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

Your intuitive function operates most powerfully when you're in the midst of doing something creative. Since your need for creativity is strong with your Moon in Leo, you may spend a great deal of time pursuing and developing your talents. And while you are in the process of fine-tuning your craft - whether you're becoming a more accomplished singer, actress, educator or business leader-- your intuitive insights about when and how to do certain things will give you an added sheen. This is part of your ingenuity and adds a glow which shines from your heart and originates in the heart of divine love.

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

You may feel that you are a spiritual pioneer with your North Node in Sagittarius. In order to discover the truths of life, you may need to expand your understanding through the educational pursuits, travel or cultural exchange. All these things lead you to create a philosophy of possibility and confidence which can be inspiring and rewarding for you personally, but which others may also be drawn to follow. The influence of your South Node in Gemini underscores the temptation of shallow thinking and simple explanation which you may have experienced

through the influence of others early in your life. You may also have to safeguard against fickle attitudes in favor of committed ideas which lead to the Truth.

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

You've already discovered that you're an intuitive thinker. With Uranus in the 3rd House, you probably cannot imagine trying to make decisions without taking your intuitive promptings into consideration. You can also be quite intuitive about the best ways to connect with other people, and may experience sudden changes in your life due to the influences which occur from networking with others.

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

Your physical body may be highly sensitive with Neptune in your 6th House. You may feel things in different parts of your body as a means of picking up impressions about other people or your environment. When you're around others who are ill, upset or negative, you can easily absorb their energy on a vibrational level, and it can effect your own sense of well-being. It is imperative that you develop strong emotional boundaries and powerful energy filters or methods to release energy you may have picked up during the day. Long showers in which you visualize yourself being cleared from head to toe, within and without, can be quite effective. You should also seek out natural healing methodologies as frequently as possible, since you may be highly sensitive to drugs. Alcohol or drug use is a major no-no for you. You're just too sensitive.

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

The influence of Pluto in your 4th House has been explored earlier in this section of your report.

## **Nurturing and Creating a Home**

Nurturing. Mothering. These experiences are associated with womanliness, but are not the sole definers of your womanhood. Although women are the only ones who can become mothers, it is not necessary to be a mother to become an exceptional nurturer! Nurturing is a natural expression for women - but the manner in which it is done is very individualized. Whether with

children, lovers, partners, friends - or even with your own parents - you have ample opportunities to nurture others. The person who needs your nurturing most, however, is YOU. Although caring for others can fill a special place in your soul, the way you care for yourself is especially important. You may derive nourishment from developing your talents and skills, or through your work. Study or travel can be nourishing. And something as simple as a long soak in the tub can refill your spirit. Part of nourishing yourself is physical, part emotional and part is definitely environmental: what you create in a home. In exploring these factors together, you can begin to see the link between these different levels of personal fulfillment.

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

You love to be entertained, and when you need to reaffirm that life is worthwhile, it helps if you're doing something that fills your heart. With the Moon in Leo you hunger most for love, and need ample opportunities to create and experience the many facets of love. To some extent, this may come through your own creative expression, and when you're deeply involved in something, you do put your heart and soul into it. On a broad level, then, it's important that you make some choices which allow you to participate in a career or relationship which feels good. When nurturing others, you provide the generosity and support which encourages them to realize their own potential. As a mother, you are also quite protective and will not take it lightly if anyone or anything threatens your child. At home, you need a favorite chair and a place that is yours where you can stop and relish the pleasures of life. Getting outdoors in the sun and feeling that warm glow around you can be nourishing, too, and you may have your favorite outdoor pastimes which add a special dimension to your life. Take time to attend concerts, go to the movies, or get involved in your community theater group and get on stage yourself! You know what they say about all work and no play? Well it applies to you double-time!

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

Your interest in restoration permeates every part of your life, and is strongly influenced by your Saturn in Scorpio. Even if you sometimes fall short, you understand the importance of making the most of your life and its resources. Your influence upon others who cannot see the value in something on the surface can be immense, because you are the master of removing the crust and exposing the jewel at the core. You may also know when there's nothing there to expose, in which instance you can take what is useless or outworn and recycle it in the best

possible manner. This attitude may be especially emphasized since you are a woman and experience the variations related to the cyclical changes within your own body. You can learn to make the use of the different levels of energy which occur at different times to become more productive, more secure and more confident in the natural order of things.

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

The qualities of Leo radiate through this part of your chart, indicating that you need a home which is solid, strong and where you can occasionally hold court! Although you may not always entertain, you love having a place which is warm and inviting to others. Plenty of light will feel most nurturing, so make sure the sun can shine in. In the winter you'll adore a warm fire. Your decor may range from simple to lavish, although you do love to add dramatic touches. The influence of your Sun in this house adds a need to feel that you are in control of your personal environment. Even though you may be generous and enjoy entertaining, you're not likely to appreciate unannounced or uninvited visitors.

Family and home are exceptionally important needs for you with your Moon in the 4th House. Regardless of your other priorities and responsibilities, you may always operate with an underlying consideration for the needs of your family. The influences of your parents were probably very powerful when you were a young girl, and you may still feel quite close to them or be deeply influenced by their responses to the way you meet your own needs. This placement can also stimulate a desire to create your own family, and whether you have children or not, your nurturant qualities may be quite apparent to anyone who is close to you. You need a home space which provides a true feeling of comfort and support, and may not feel at home unless you have your special things around you. Those things usually considered domestic, like cooking, may be rather enjoyable for you, and can provide a sense of stability and fulfillment. But most importantly, you need a nesting place.

Home can be an uplifting and inspiring place for you with Jupiter's energy in your 4th House. You need room to move and space for expansion and may enjoy living in an area which offers a wide range of options such as cultural activity, education and recreation. You may have a large extended family, although you may not always see them all. Establishing your own family can be rewarding and enjoyable, and being part of and passing on family heritage may be one of your greatest rewards. Your parents may have encouraged you to extend your education or travel, and your influence upon your own children, if you have them, may motivate them to fill their minds with knowledge.

With Pluto in your 4th House, you prefer a home space that shields you from the intensity of the world and protects you from prying eyes. You may have a special desire to restore an older or vintage home. If you're so inclined and have the knack of taking a place that may appear worn down, shabby or in a state of disrepair into a new life. This talent also extends to your ability to re-establish your sense of security if you've experienced a major change or crisis. Even if your life has taken turns which have left you feeling spent, you can regenerate and begin anew. Your relationship to your family of origin may have its hidden side, but you are the only one who can heal your hurts from the past. One of your tasks may be to transform the old patterns of your "family fate" and to take the soul of your family onto a different course. But watch the

temptation to compulsively repeat bad habits you learned at home. Some of them may not serve you particularly well now!

## **Meeting the World on Your Terms**

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

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

With Aquarius at your Midheaven, your interest in areas which are off the beaten track may be marked, but you may also find science fascinating. You need to be recognized for something unique which sets you aside from everybody else, and you require freedom to get there. For a career to satisfy you, it will have to provide a mental challenge, and it would be even better if you could utilize technological innovations in the process. Your life path may be most fulfilling when you feel that you're on the leading edge and when you're experiencing a real sense of uplifted awareness. The energy of Uranus also influences your Midheaven, adding a need to employ your intuitive insights to your career endeavors. When you're working independently, you're inspired to put forth your best efforts. You may also be somewhat revolutionary in your approach to your work.

The influence of Uranus in Leo adds a need to gain some recognition for your unique abilities in your career. You need to shine in your work, and may do quite well in broadcasting, the entertainment industry, teaching and positions of leadership. You'll just not do it the same way you learned in school.

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

Libra on the cusp of your 6th house indicates that you need to work in an environment which is serene and pleasant. Your productivity can be affected if you work in a hostile environment.

However, if conflicts arise, you may be the peacemaker. With Venus ruling this house you may enjoy working with others, and can be helpful and supportive, especially toward those people you really like. You might enjoy working in a field which allows you to use your sense of fair play, like the law. Or you might be successful in the beauty industry, interior design and decorating, or fashion design.

With your Sun in the 6th House you will grow most productively in situations which give you a chance to do something for others. This may not always be easy, since you may really want to work as a means to gain recognition for yourself. Certainly, it's important to work in fields which allow you to utilize your talents and skills. This will give you a sense of personal satisfaction. You may not feel fully satisfied with work which is just for personal gain. This is the area of your chart which is centered upon service to others, and if you put your vital energies into something that makes a difference for someone else, then you'll feel much more in harmony with yourself. From the eastern philosophical point of view, this house represents your dharma - your work in the world. This is the work you do for your soul and spirit to grow. When that's happening, you prosper on every level! You can still shine, and when you're putting your heart into your work, you're likely to glow. Your work environment should be healthy, since you respond quite strongly to poor environmental conditions. And it's also important to remember to stop working some of the time and take time for recreation, exercise and play in order to maintain your vitality. Reflect upon the qualities associated with the Sun in your chart to find the particular areas which will be most natural, and then direct those qualities into a field of service.

When you're mentally involved in your work, your life seems to run much more smoothly. Mercury's energy in your 6th House indicates a need to work in jobs which require you to reason, communicate and develop your mind. You'll function best in a job which has some diversity, and may also enjoy connecting with other people through your work. Whether you're employed as a teacher, in public relations, writing, broadcasting, selling, or settling disputes, your ability to create a viable connection between people and their ideas can be quite valuable. You may also feel good working with your hands, and may have a very powerful sense of touch.

You're happiest when you're putting a lot of energy into your work. Mars in your 6th House adds a powerful stimulus to your need to be active on the job. Fields which require some type of action will be most rewarding. If you're in business, you'll do best if you're on the go or if you're dealing with some forms of competition to provide a challenge. In industry, you'll enjoy a job that keeps you busy, and may like working around metals. You might also be drawn to work as a physical therapist, gym teacher, aerobics instructor, coach, massage therapist or chiropractor. If you're a physician, you might prefer surgery to the merely diagnostic forms of medicine. As a counselor, you will be most drawn to therapies which utilize movement to open energy. In music you would be happiest as a percussionist. Action, energy and assertiveness are ingredients which will help you feel most satisfied with your work.

Your attitudes toward your work are very important, and with Saturn in your 6th House, your need to exercise true responsibility on the job is critical. You have a tendency to demand too much of yourself and others, and although it is necessary to take your work seriously, learning when to pull back a little and relieve the stress will make a big difference in the level of satisfaction you gain from the experience. If you feel that you only seem to attract situations which require you to work hard so that somebody else benefits, the first step toward changing it

is to find a way to experience your own rewards. In truth, applied effort, discipline and good judgment can be your keys to success. Overworking or staying in menial positions because you don't know how to get out of them will never produce the results you dream of achieving. You can be very successful in business when you use your sense of positive restraint in balance with the need to reach out from time to time. Jobs which require a good sense of planning, an eye for workmanship and an awareness of structure and design can be both satisfying and rewarding. Teaching may also be an excellent outlet for your abilities. You may need to increase your own education in order to improve your job opportunities.

Neptune's energy in your 6th House provides a need to use your imagination in your work. You may also feel more satisfied when you're working in a field which allows you to reach out and make a difference in the lives of others. In many respects, your best approach to work may be as a "rescuer", although rescuing in the healthiest possible manner is important if you are to avoid becoming a martyr! Work in charitable or nonprofit organizations may be quite suitable. You may also have a special feeling for animals or the environment, and may enjoy working on their behalf. This influence can undermine strong ambition, but what you lose in ambitious desires, you gain in compassionate understanding. There may be other factors in your chart which strengthen ambition, however.

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

Virgo's influence on your 5th House shows that you approach creativity and play in a rather matter-of-fact manner. You're happiest when you're producing something, and may feel most satisfied when you've put your best efforts into whatever you're doing. Regardless of your choices, you'll work diligently toward the best possible mastery of your talents and skills. You may have strong manual dexterity skills, and can be quite adept as a writer, teacher or musician. Whatever your artistry, your precision and attention to detail will set you aside from everyone else. Mercury's association with this house adds a mental dimension to whatever creative avenues you pursue. It also indicates that you may find special enjoyment from recreation which is mentally stimulating.

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

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

Even though you can be somewhat enigmatic with the Sun in Scorpio, you are also driven to

attain the realization of your desires. For anything to be successful in your life, it must be personally meaningful to you, and you must have a strong feeling about it. You simply do not care to waste your energy. But you have to know when to back off because with your intensity, you can set the world on fire. Be gentle. Just remember that after all, as long as you know how to function in a crisis, there's no problem.

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

You have Uranus in Leo and are integrating the importance of individual accomplishment and achievement into your life. Along with other women, born from 1955 to 1962, you've broken down many barriers women have faced in their struggle of recognition as accomplished and capable individuals. Your revolution has been staged within the context of career and relationships, and continues in its effect upon society. The insights you share with other women with Uranus in Leo include the importance of establishing places for leaders who possess the courage to create change. To understand where you are creating this revolution in your own life, look to the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

The spark of Uranian energy in your 3rd House suggests that your unique ideas and special communicative abilities can be utilized in your career development. You may enjoy working in high-tech or scientific fields, and you may also have plenty of interesting ideas in other areas. A career which allows you to blend your intuitive sensibilities and logical thought processes will be especially satisfying.

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

You have Chiron in Aquarius, drawing your life purpose into the arena of human development and expansion of consciousness. You may be strongly aware that your own evolution and growth have an impact on the evolution of humanity as a whole, and the choices you make in your life which are centered around rising above the ordinary may allow you to do just that. You cannot fall into the trap of elitist thinking, or you will experience a deep wounding which lasts until you abandon such ideas.

With Chiron in your 9th House you're searching for answers to all the ultimate questions as part of your quest to discover your life purpose. You may feel a strong urge to travel, desire to learn and yearning to find the teacher whose wisdom will inspire you to find truth. In essence, all these things are inside you, and the travel and learning you may need most to experience will happen on the inner planes. Doing it physically is okay too. It's good practice.

## Opening Your Heart

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

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

Your Sagittarian Venus adds a desire for ultimate experiences through love. Your expectations of love are quite high, and through loving, you affirm your faith in life itself. Although you heard about Prince Charming when you were a little girl, you probably felt that you could ride a horse just as easily as he, and may have wondered how Sleeping Beauty could ever have just slept through so much of her life. Those fairy tales are not your vision of love. You envision a love filled with adventure, excitement and fun. When you love, you laugh and smile a lot. It's that juicy stuff of love which adds a real sweetness to your life. The passion of the moment can sometimes carry you away, and you do have a tendency to jump into emotional situations before you think about the consequences. Learning to make choices which will allow growth, maturity and time to work to your advantage is not always easy. You're driven by, "I want it now!" As you've matured, you've found that a love which invites honesty, truth and understanding is the most fulfilling, although you've got to share a sense of humor or you may lose interest.

Not that you are only interested in a man for his money, but it's definitely a consideration since you have Venus square Jupiter. But just looking for Mr. Right who has the bucks is never quite enough, and you know it. So, you love wonderful things and have expensive tastes, but if money becomes the real drive, you may have all the stuff and little of the real satisfaction. However, if you fail to take finances into account when making a commitment in your relationships, you'll do yourself a disservice. Just knowing where to put money on the priority list is the problem! Being honest with yourself is where you start, and taking that honesty into your relationship is the next step.

With Venus and Uranus in trine aspect to one another, you possess an unusually magnetic and attractive quality. You can love with abandon and enjoy the pure pleasure of sensuality. Loving can be purely thrilling, and the high energy you experience when you're in love can alter your entire life. You prefer relationships which allow ample freedom, and will strive to offer the same liberties to your partner you demand for yourself. Non-traditional relationship styles may be quite appealing, and you are capable of creating a truly unique experience of love.

You may feel that love is your opportunity to transcend the ordinary with Venus in

semisextile to Neptune. A partner who shares your desires to make the world a better place and whose emotional sensitivity allows you to share your souls is your ideal. However, you may also attract men who need to be rescued in some way, and must be aware of your tendency to sacrifice your own needs in favor of another's. In some situations this is necessary, but it is not a requirement that you give up your own needs on a permanent basis! You need a love which is both physical and spiritual, and may discover that blending these qualities allows you to manifest the stuff from which dreams are made.

You may find it difficult to trust that love will bring positive changes into your life with Venus in square aspect to Pluto. It's quite likely that you've been deeply wounded through love, and as a result you may have erected some amazing barriers to protect your vulnerability. If you've had experiences which have felt too possessive, either from your side or that of your lover, you've realized that loving is very different from owning someone. You may also struggle with the feeling that you are not worthy of love. Whether or not you feel you are beautiful, you may still undergo a series of alterations to improve or change your appearance in order to become more acceptable. If you are making these changes for reasons which are positive, healing and supportive, then move forward. But if you're tempted to re-shape yourself in order to appeal to someone else or to an external set of ideals, think again. The real changes need to occur on an inner level. You need to be able to look in the mirror, gaze into your own eyes, and see love. If you can't see it, then how can anyone else find it? Somewhere deep in your heart is the essence of real love. You already possess it, and nobody can take it from you. You can hide it from yourself and everyone else. But it calls to you, needing your touch and embrace. It is only through allowing love to work its magic in your life that you will know true healing, and all you have to do is to create space for it to happen without trying to control it.

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Libra, you have been inundated with endless images, stories and myths about true love and romance. You've dreamt of the perfect marriage and may have believed that you would, indeed, be rescued by that perfect prince. But as you've grown up, you've found out that the prince may not only be late, but that he may not arrive at all! Hope springs eternal, however, and thanks to open discussion about relationship, you've also learned about addiction, codependency and dysfunctionality and some ways to get out of these patterns and traps. Rule number one: Create your own dream by understanding yourself and your needs. From that point, you begin to separate from the trap of the collective still searching for the perfect other, and from the beacon of your own soul, you send out a light that attracts someone who may, indeed, fit your needs quite nicely after all.

With the energy of Mercury and Neptune in conjunction, you'll wax poetic when you're in love. Even if you've never seemed to be lyrical, when you're in love you may find yourself humming those love songs or doodling love poems while sitting in reverie at your desk. You adore hearing the whisper of those magical words and will feel rather complimented when your sweetheart names your special song. You lose your boundaries when a man writes the most beautiful words about you, composes a song inspired by you, or dedicates his artistic outpouring to you. Even if it's never happened (yet), you can still dream, right?

With Jupiter in sextile aspect to Neptune you may find that you attract relationships with men whose moral and spiritual values are similar to your own. Even if your religious backgrounds differ, you can be flexible and open to the possibility of other options as long as they are based

upon higher truth. You may need to incorporate spiritual practices into your relationship, and when you make a commitment to a relationship, will find that the spiritual focus of that commitment is a powerful source of inspiration and hope.

With Uranus and Neptune in square aspect to one another, you are part of a generation filled with an uncomfortable concern for religious and spiritual ideals. You may not know whom you can trust in the worlds of politics and business, and are likely to struggle with your search for a meaningful spiritual path which is part of the framework of your life on its most intimate level. It's important that you learn ways to identify fanaticism, since you can either fall victim to others and their fanatical ideals or become too overbearing with your own. The influence of these energies can be problematic in relationships, particularly if you do not trust your inner voice and allow another to determine your needs in areas which you must discover for yourself.

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

Virgo's influence on your 5th House adds a practical and methodical approach to love affairs. You're not likely to open your heart unless you have a meeting of the minds. You may even have a list of the characteristics you hope to find in a lover and may not let a number of men through the door if they fail to meet your strict criteria. This sense of discrimination can be quite helpful, particularly if you tend to be overly romantic. The energy of Mercury plays an important role in the way you show love. You may enjoy sending special cards and letters to keep the connection strong, and might even be tempted to write poems or stories based upon your experiences of love. Maintaining a mental connection with your lover will always be important. You can also close the door to your heart by allowing feelings of imperfection or inferiority to get in your own way. Take a personal inventory (that should be easy for you!), and oil those rusty hinges on the doors to your heart. Allow yourself to play a bit more. Your sensuality can be a lot of fun when you let it out.

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

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

Your 7th House is ruled by the sign Scorpio, indicating that you have strong emotions about marriage and partnership. Wading in the shallows of commitment is not for you: you want to know how it feels to immerse deeply and completely. The intensity of your approach can be rather daunting for others who shun the possibility of committed relationships. You may also be

faced with lessons about control in relationship. Whether you or your partner have control issues, it is crucial that you approach the essence of control honestly. With Pluto ruling your 7th House you are likely to run into power plays. These can be handled in a healthy manner by addressing issues when they arise, and by allowing ample room for autonomy of both individuals in the partnership. If you are not addressing your own needs for autonomy, you may attract men whose hunger for power leads to abuse on some level. You can also abuse power yourself, so be aware of where the lines are drawn.

Venus energizes your 7th House with your needs for harmony, love and pleasure expressed through your connection to your partner. You can be a loving and supportive partner, and will seek the same from a husband or mate. You can create a very happy marriage, since you're willing to open your heart to your partner and allow love to carry you through the ups and downs of life. As a rule, you're more than happy to demonstrate your appreciation to your partner through affection, care and compliments. If you choose to remain single, you will still attract situations which provide positive support. You're likely to attract a mate whose financial support affords you the opportunity for an easier lifestyle. It's also easier to generate financial resources in cooperation with your partner through this energy.

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

You have Pisces on the cusp of your 11th House, signifying that your friendships can have a spiritual and deep-seated emotional bond. Those who share your beliefs and ideals will be readily invited into your circle, and you may have lifelong friends whose history parallels your own. Compassionate understanding is the tie that binds when it comes to your friends, but you can also get into trouble if you fail to maintain your emotional boundaries with your friends. If you feel that a friend is taking unfair advantage of you, examine the part you play in that situation. You may need to clearly define when you are and are not available to them. Neptune's influence in this house adds a special psychic connection to your close friends. This energy enhances your ability to forgive your friends, too. It's probably a good idea to be very careful when you're making business agreements with friends, since it would be difficult for you to draw the line between business and friendship. If at all possible, try to avoid linking the two. Overall, it is through your friendships that you develop your most compassionate links to your heart. These relationships teach you how to open to receiving love. For you to open your heart to let love in, you may first need to forgive yourself and let go of the past.

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

## Power Issues: Sex, Money and Control

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

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

Through your Taurus Ascendant you can appear quite placid. But that's only at first glimpse. Beneath that placid exterior and calm demeanor is a stubborn streak that could win awards. You will stand, immovable, before you'll give an inch if you do not agree with something or someone, or if you do not want to make a change. If anybody pushes you too far, the raging bull side of your personality can take over, although it's uncommon. You gain power by maintaining your composure most of the time, and standing firm when necessary. Your personal power also grows when you establish a truly positive platform of personal security which is based upon a strong sense of self worth. But you can lose power by failing to move forward when it's time to step ahead.

Since you do not have planets in your 1st House your personality expression may not be overpowered by the drive of a particular energy. The qualities associated with the sign on this house cusp, explained above, since through as the primary manner in which you want to be seen by the world.

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

Through your Aquarius Midheaven you are well aware of the importance of a group-oriented power base. However, this power in numbers works only if you are affiliated with those whose views and ideals reflect and strengthen your own. You admire those whose efforts are dedicated to the principles of liberty and universality. Work for the collective or humanitarian service can encourage your rise to prominence and influence.

You will accomplish your greatest sense of success when you are mentally challenged and learning something. With Mercury in square aspect to your Midheaven, your desires to share your ideas may sometimes run into confrontation, but that may only strengthen your resolve to get your point across. Developing your intellectual capacities and cultivating positive

communication skills will go a long way toward helping you achieve the success you desire.

You are empowered by your own expression of artistry and feminine grace with Venus in sextile aspect to your Midheaven. Regardless of your career choices, you can use the essence of being a woman to your advantage. You may enjoy a career in the arts but can also do very well in business, since you have an excellent sense of the value of things (and people).

With Uranus in opposition to your Midheaven, you may feel strongly about creating a life path which allows you to experience independence on as many levels as possible. Alternative lifestyles, unusual career options, innovative approaches to success all describe the ultimate possibilities. Your own rebellion can disrupt your opportunities, especially if your actions or attitudes fly in the face of convention to such an extent that you seem to be a threat. Building a bridge between your viewpoints and those of the more traditional thinkers may give you a little latitude.

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

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

The qualities of Gemini on your 2nd House cusp radiate a need to understand the nature of your own value systems. Your approach to handling your personal resources can be somewhat scattered and variable. Developing some consistency about spending can be extremely helpful, and will also fortify your self confidence. It's clear that money and material matters take up some of your thinking, and you may have some good ideas when it comes to utilizing your resources. Maintaining some objectivity about your finances, and applying flexibility to the manner in which you generate and utilize your time, money and energy will be personally empowering. With Mercury's energy influencing your sense of self worth, your personal esteem can be strengthened when you make the effort to develop your mind.

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

Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart. Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which seems more like what you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

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

Sagittarian qualities drive your approach to the 8th House side of yourself. You expect truth and honesty from yourself here, and will never be comfortable if you shy away from the exploration of your power base. Joint resources can be a source of support and reward, but need to be handled with honesty if you are to gain the most from them. Your needs for an adventurous sexual relationship are also quite strong, and you'll be most open in a relationship which allows a wide range of exploration. You might enjoy exploring sexuality through Tantra, which allows you to experience a broader range of connections to your partner. Deception in a relationship will never work for you, and you'll feel most open to the alchemy which creates a bond with your partner when you share compatible ideals and beliefs. Be aware of a tendency to jump into intimacy too quickly in your relationships, since if you discover that you're not really compatible on multiple levels, you will not be able to maintain your emotional bond.

Since you have no planets in the 8th House you may not be obsessed with too many problems or hassles with the issues of this area in your life. But you may not get off free on this one, either. Study the sign on the cusp of this house and read everything noted about the planet associated with that sign, because this is the energy tied up with your emotional attachments!

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

Although you have definite ideas about what is and is not proper in relationships between men and women, you can throw caution to the wind when you're strongly attracted to a man. With Mars in Libra you may spend a lot of time thinking about the right partner, and if you think you've found him, may not have a lot of patience when he hems and haws trying to decide whether or not to ask you out. Go ahead. Take the lead. Then at least you'll know something. And you can do things which still give him a chance to salvage his pride. You probably know all of those techniques from long years of practice. Your power is strengthened through your charm and grace but is undermined when you're lazy or too dependent. Just because you think having

the right man will make life easier, don't count on it. Your relationships are your proving ground where you learn that you must stand up for yourself and ask for what you need. They also provide your opportunity to really become considerate of the needs of your partner. In the bedroom you love all that romantic stuff - the pretty design, soft pillows, sweet fragrance, the right lighting, wonderful music - and when you've got the ambiance just right, then you may feel you can let your passions loose. Sexual sharing which allows for a real exchange of energy, exemplified by tantric teachings, may be just what you've needed. That old approach of two minutes and you're done just does not satisfy your needs to feel the bond you want with your partner. But it may not be him who's resisting.

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

You are learning about the power of ultimate life experiences with Saturn in Scorpio. Although you can be very controlling, you may also attract people who test your self-control and whose emotional impact in your life tests the line between love and hate. You can be an extremist, and if you allow your energy to swing too far in one direction, the drain of energy required to bring everything back into balance can drain your power. You need to experience what it's like to exercise power over your own life, and may fight bitterly with anyone who tries to get in the way of decisions which involve your personal sanctity - decisions over such things as reproduction, medical care, choices about death. Before you can deal with these things effectively, you have to know how you feel and what drives you in these matters. Just giving in to your fears, guilt or shame in these areas will quickly drain your vital force, and leave you open to the control of others. You are faced with learning the difference between destructive uses of power and healing transformation.

With your Sun and Saturn in conjunction, you have a lot invested in controlling your own life. You may take yourself too seriously, and it's possible that your fears of losing control can actually be inhibiting to a true sense of personal power. If you're hanging onto the past with great tenacity, you'll serve yourself well when you decide to let go and focus on the things you can actually do something about. It's also crucial that you are aware of your underlying motivations for your life, since you can be tempted to live your life trying to please everyone but yourself. If you must be validated from the outside to feel powerful, your arrival at the summit may be a bittersweet victory.

You may be afraid of changes which are the result of actions which seem to be beyond your control with Saturn in square aspect to Pluto. It is crucial that you are aware of the root of these fears, since you may actually be responding fearfully to something just because the fear is so deeply ingrained you have no choice in the matter. If you've suffered loss, been abandoned, abused or neglected, these fears will act like a shield to keep you from experiencing the security, stability and inner strength you need. But if you desire to break out of this prison, you can

confront and address those fears and use them as stepping stones to your ultimate escape. Learning how to deal with others who try to overwhelm you with guilt or their raw power is another key to finding your own strength. If you are not secure, you may also adopt attitudes which are difficult for those around you, serving to further wall you in. Inner exploration through psychotherapy and supportive counseling can help you get to the root of these issues so that you are dealing with them once and for all. But if you do nothing, you may feel stuck forever.

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

You learned about power from your parents and may have felt that one parent had a very strong hold on your life. They still may. But all the while, you may have found yourself resisting their control, or trying to undermine it. You tested limits. You knew just how far to push without getting the rug pulled from beneath your feet. Or did you? Now that you have grown to be a woman, you may have difficulty feeling that your foundation is ever stable enough. You know deep within yourself that you needed to destroy the unfitting or unfair images you had of your family, their traditions or their false identities. You may also feel some guilt that you cannot fully identify. This is the guilt your soul recalls. It may not be entirely your own. It may be something you felt as early as the time you spend in your mother's womb. It might be something from another lifetime that you remember at a cellular level, a feeling that haunts you when you are alone. Let it go. Find yourself. Step into your power and allow yourself to be healed. Then, and only then, will you finally feel that you've found home.

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## Embracing Your Divine Self

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

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

Imagine that you are in a place surrounded by magnificent mountains. You are prepared to make the ascent to the mountain top, and have the confidence, ability and courage to reach the peak. As you make the climb, feel yourself becoming more light and free. The trees are like old friends, and the rocks that support your feet are safe and secure. As you near the top of the mountain, you are filled with a sense of elation. Once you are standing at the peak, you see a small stone temple before you. It is surrounded by translucent light. Walking up the stairway to the temple, you realize you are transported into a sacred space. The structure looms much larger as you near its portal. Standing at the door is a regal woman, dressed in golden robes and fine jewels. She takes your hands and invites you to dance with her. At first you do not hear music, but then there is light all around you and music playing which seems to come from the heart of this creature. As she dances about, the light and music seem to flow around her. You playfully dance with her, and realize that somehow she seems familiar. She smiles and laughs and then says to you, "Is it not wonderful to be such a magical creature?!" And then you know. She is your alter ego. Your experience with her reminds you that you carry the light and magic everywhere you are.