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Moon	Gemini	23°Ge31'	09th	02 29°Li28'
Mercury	Libra	23°Li21'	01st	03 00°Sg03'
Venus	Leo	29°Le44'	11th	04 04°Cp01'
Mars	Libra	22°Li33'	01st	05 07°Aq50'
Jupiter	Gemini	16°Ge14'	09th	06 07°Pi59'
Saturn	Sagittarius	24°Sg30'	03rd	07 03°Ar25'
Uranus	Aries	09°Ar42'	07th	08 29°Ar28'
Neptune	Virgo	02°Vi15'	11th	09 00°Ge03'
Pluto	Cancer	19°Ca30'	10th	10 04°Ca01'
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Your Spiritual Path

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Libra, you are primarily the Thinking type. Thinking types tend to be less personal in their approach to the world. They are focusing on an objective truth that they hope to find, and not on the people in their path. They choose to be logical. They choose to be truthful. They choose to be argumentative - after all, they have argued with themselves enough times! They are usually able to go through a thought process once and stop, without needing to re-evaluate. Air types benefit from an education that includes logical training, but they remain one-sided if they skip over the opportunities to appreciate the people and things around them. They judge the world through a logical process that seldom admits consideration of feelings. Thinking types can do well in careers where it is important to organize and assess quantities of information. You tend to be somewhat more businesslike, able to "cut to the chase" in planning as well as performance. You contribute to society through intellectual criticism, through the exposure of wrongdoing, and through scientific research. You perform well in executive positions partly because such positions are somewhat impersonal. You are willing to tell the truth, even when it is not convenient.

How You Express Your Will

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be co-dependent (when cooperation or independence is better). I will be extravagant (when creative is better). I will be indecisive (when a harmonious decision is required). I will go to extremes (when balance is preferred). I will be temperamental (when assertiveness is enough). I will be vain (when modesty would serve me) .

Your Sun is in the 12th house. Your feet are the focus of physical activity. It is important for you to have the proper footwear for whatever sport, work or other activity you engage in. Support in this area is just as important as comfort. Appearance matters to you emotionally. Your natural empathy allows you to see through ordinary appearances. You may be able to see or feel auras around people, animals, and even inanimate objects. Establishing a comfort level with this

unusual perception will help you to learn how to "read" it. Outer appearance means almost nothing on the spiritual level. As you become accustomed to what you perceive in others, you come to realize just how important your own thoughts and feelings are to your spiritual development.

Aspects of the Sun

Through your daily activities you express the true beauty of spirit. You know, at the core of your being, that love and compassion are the only activities of lasting spiritual value for you. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. Psychic perception is part and parcel of your daily life. These perceptions develop into sympathy in an ordinary sense, and later into empathy for all living things. Psychic ability manifests easily once you allow it. Perhaps your biggest challenge in life is to act as though you are certain, while at each turning you are examining your own values and sense of self. Only after the fact can you be certain of your direction. You are generally self-confident and you find self-esteem within yourself, not from others. You are likely to gain recognition, and you desire it.

Core Beliefs

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

The Moon

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Gemini, your secondary mental style is primarily the Thinking type. Your inner voice is logical - perhaps too logical - and it can have an aloof, cold quality. You may find yourself critiquing your actions in a logical way when your emotional or other response was perfectly suited to the situation. The inner voice can be used to analyze your actions, but you will want to avoid becoming obsessive about every detail of your life. Internal logic is useful in school and other learning situations, as it serves to gather and organize large quantities of material quickly and neatly. A very real advantage of this inner thinking style is that you may reach a conclusion intuitively or on the basis of feelings, and then examine its logical basis at your leisure. The ability to apply reason to your life - cognitive skills - can help you to be socially graceful while also serving your personal desires. You also develop a capacity for

delayed gratification of sensual impulses that would not serve your best interests. If an impulse is evaluated and the logic holds up, then you can take action, knowing that you are not violating your internal intellectual.

Communication is one of the surest ways to test or evaluate your beliefs. People in your peer group help you to determine which core beliefs are truly yours - they identify patterns that suit your family in general, but don't suit you in particular.

Aspects of the Moon

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to respect your opinions. The spirit within you desires material expression, and you search fearlessly for the way to show how you feel to others. People find they can depend on your devotion to your principles. You are happy to consider new ideas, and you are also happy to end situations that no longer work for you. You can become embroiled in spiritual or religious conflicts if you do not resolve them first within yourself. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express.

The Fourth House

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Capricorn on the Fourth House cusp. Your home is your castle and it is also the place where you guard your deepest beliefs. One of these is your sense of the karmic (or dharmic) path you are on. For you, life is about effective action. If a closely held family belief has practical applications in your life, you will retain the belief despite its inconsistencies or contradiction with other values. This sometimes causes you to appear to be far more rigid than you actually are. It also can lead you to act in less than spiritually evolved ways.

You may find a teacher who is able to give you organized instruction to supplement your early childhood education and family values. Such a teacher can guide you through the process of evaluating and discarding values that no longer suit your spiritual path. Though even here you must remember that you are the source of your own best instruction where spirit is concerned.

In childhood you tend to respond to the animal and desire nature of your being, basing your beliefs on material matters. Throughout your life you grow into beliefs that address the nature of form and spirit. In the process you re-evaluate your beliefs and either discard or reshape them to fit with your higher aspirations. Thus it is out of the earlier attention to desire and matter that your spirit can arise and evolve.

Communication and Mental Development

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

Training Your Conscious Mind

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- * the natural direction of your thinking
- * training to take advantage of this direction
- * training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

Element of Mercury

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Libra, your communication style is primarily the Thinking type. Your healing focus lies in words and skillful communication. You use your intellect to examine conflict, discover its significance, and illuminate the path toward resolution. Adept in the technology of communication, you may have impact over long distances. Whether you focus on oral traditions, written word or artistic communication, you use logic in the mediation between or among people.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

Your sense of harmony comes into play when intuition arises. You want to fit the new information into what you already know so that you can use the head start it gives you. By knowing the emotional tone of situations in advance, you will learn mediation skills - Because you have the feelings ahead of time, you can be calm when the moment comes.

Your Mercury is in the 1st House. Your communication is at its best when you are vitally interested in the subject under discussion. Spiritual training is no exception. Choose something that stimulates your enthusiasm and that focuses attention on your internal sense of calm and clarity.

Mercury Aspects

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to

respect your opinions. You use your powerful mind to help you through difficult transitions in your life. Rash actions can cause arguments and break-ups. You take to the path of devotion with determination. You will come to appreciate the fact that you mediate between the discipline of the spiritual path and the realities of material existence. You are able to enjoy life while communicating your spiritual values. Your restless mind is always turning up another piece of ground, searching for a revelation. You become irritable when others seem to withhold key information from you. Because you can easily influence others, it is important for you to decide what spiritual values you want to espouse.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Leo, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Intuitive function. Your inspirational energy comes from scientific mental activity-you gather practical facts to help manifest love in your life. You are able to discriminate between extremes, and to explore a variety of options in search of the one best way to complete a project. You are able to see the future potential of the loving energy that goes into today's work.

You thrive in situations where your creature comforts are lavishly cared for. This does not mean you cannot also seek spiritual growth. It just means that you may be expected to demonstrate generosity that you don't always feel. You arouse love, or even devotion, in others.

Your Venus is in the 11th House. Your progressive views concerning love relationships may be an outgrowth of contact with people who you have known in past lives, and with whom you had different relationships from the one you have now. You learn best in situations where you

have some independence, yet you appreciate the security of strong relationships of all kinds.

Venus Aspects

Through your daily activities you express the true beauty of spirit. You know, at the core of your being, that love and compassion are the only activities of lasting spiritual value for you. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. You tend to fool yourself where change is concerned. Thus, you are able to drift into and out of spiritual grace without even knowing it. Don't mistake erotic dreams for the energy of tantra, and distinguish your personal desires from the teaching itself. Vanity could be a problem if your focus is on yourself. When you focus on the spiritual connections you have, you express affection to everyone you meet.

Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

Developing Your Psychic Ability

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

The Twelfth House

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also

reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Virgo on the Twelfth House cusp. Before you can engage in spiritual service to others, you must learn about your inner thoughts and desires. A contemplative practice that takes you out of the hustle and bustle, and gets you to sit still will encourage your inner voice to reveal itself.

Planets in the Twelfth House

Planets in the Twelfth House have just risen over the horizon. They have a quality similar to the Sun in that they are casting their influence on you in a fresh, genuine expression of their energy. You accept this energy and consider it, but you may not choose to reveal your thoughts to anyone else.

Both doubts and psychic strengths are a reflection of planets in the Twelfth House that serve as guideposts along the path of self-discovery. Your private thoughts may center on the qualities these planets represent. Your teachers may exemplify the qualities of these planets to the extent that they reach your inner psychic core and help you understand your potential. In the end these planets indicate qualities that you can bring into the world to help others, as well as the feelings of compassion surrounding all your activities.

Sun in 12th House:

Your feet are the focus of physical activity. It is important for you to have the proper footwear for whatever sport, work or other activity you engage in. Support in this area is just as important as comfort. Appearance matters to you emotionally. Your natural empathy allows you to see through ordinary appearances. You may be able to see or feel auras around people, animals, and even inanimate objects. Establishing a comfort level with this unusual perception will help you to learn how to "read" it. Outer appearance means almost nothing on the spiritual level. As you become accustomed to what you perceive in others, you come to realize just how important your own thoughts and feelings are to your spiritual development.

Twelfth House Aspects

Through your daily activities you express the true beauty of spirit. You know, at the core of your being, that love and compassion are the only activities of lasting spiritual value for you. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. Psychic perception is part and parcel of your daily life. These perceptions develop into sympathy in an ordinary sense, and later into empathy for all living things. Psychic ability manifests easily once you allow it. Perhaps your biggest challenge in life is to act as though you are certain, while at each turning you are examining your own values and sense of self. Only after the fact can you be certain of your direction. You are generally self-confident and you find self-esteem within yourself, not from others. You are likely to gain recognition, and you desire it.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- * They are signposts to indicate progress.
- * They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- * They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- * They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- * They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Cancer, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Feeling function. You have the innate capacity to engage feelings appropriate to the nature of events. If you have been discouraged from expressing those feelings, you may attempt to bury them deep within yourself. This is not helpful in the long run because the feelings resurface later or eat away at you internally. What works better is to find suitable ways to express your distress, fear, anger - even your joy. This involves having the conscious experience of feelings and evaluating them for yourself instead of suppressing them. While this is no easy task, it is possible for you to become a stable rock in the midst of a river of change. You have your feelings and continue to manage the tasks before you, and you may surprise yourself at how well you handle even severe traumas.

The influence of family and heritage is strong in your choice of personal direction in career, relationships, and spiritual matters. Yet you have the capacity to change the emotional parameters, and take off in a direction very different from your family.

Pluto Aspects

Your restless mind is always turning up another piece of ground, searching for a revelation. You become irritable when others seem to withhold key information from you. Because you can easily influence others, it is important for you to decide what spiritual values you want to espouse. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others.

The Eighth House

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Aries on the Eighth House cusp. You want to get to the business of transformation. You have probably had an intuitive feeling that change was coming, and you may tend to rush through the actual moment of change. You understand the new possibilities that follow any change and you want to see and experience them. When you are stopped in the middle of a transformation process, you may find the philosophical or spiritual examination extremely uncomfortable. As a child all that discussion of possibilities left you stranded on a sidetrack of information that meant nothing to you personally. Yet you believe that the philosophical approach is worthwhile. It just isn't your style. It doesn't evoke courage within you, and it lacks the boldness of decision that characterizes your transformation process.

The Development of Intuition

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Aries, your intuition works best through the Intuitive function. Much of your inspiration for your work comes from intuitive insight into future applications and results of your efforts. As your confidence in this ability to forecast trends, you gain the trust of the people around you. You focus your connection to the spiritual realm through attention to potential future results of today's actions. You are inspired to be your best when you can foresee a positive outcome.

You are usually a step ahead of everyone else's game, reaching for the next good idea while handing off today's project to someone else to complete. You enjoy the moment of creation, but

even more, the moment before.

Your Uranus is in the 7th House. Your business or romantic partners stimulate your intuition. Alone you might ignore this information, but together with a partner you maximize your opportunities for whatever is important to the partnership.

Uranus Aspects

You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. Self-awareness comes through dramatic, sudden events. To the extent that you can foresee them intuitively, you can avoid the harsh impact to some extent. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Cancer, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Feeling function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to be the authority figure in your own life, you find you seek intelligent activity. Not one to be satisfied with methods you learn from others, you seek to formulate your own procedures, based on factual knowledge, personal experience, and instruction or training from established sources. In the process of developing better processes, you may appear dictatorial, limiting the activities of others or restricting them to what you approve. True intelligent activity will come to allow the creative problem solving of others to play a part, with you acting more as a guidance system.

Your understanding of how to direct activity effectively helps to get you past any rigid controlling behaviors. Each experience is assimilated into your matrix of resources, expanding

your potential to be more effective in the future. You learn to engage in more effective action and thus become a valuable asset within your family, work and social spheres, as you can be depended onto find more satisfactory solutions for personal and interpersonal problems.

Midheaven Aspects

Perhaps your biggest challenge in life is to act as though you are certain, while at each turning you are examining your own values and sense of self. Only after the fact can you be certain of your direction. Vanity could be a problem if your focus is on yourself. When you focus on the spiritual connections you have, you express affection to everyone you meet. Self-awareness comes through dramatic, sudden events. To the extent that you can foresee them intuitively, you can avoid the harsh impact to some extent. Your natural psychic ability provides creative imagination and bolsters your self-esteem. It also sets up the opportunity for self-doubt that in turn tests your core beliefs and allows for creative change.

Karma and Dharma

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Sagittarius, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Intuitive function. Intelligent activity in your life is inspired by your vision. You live in the moment, and you place yourself there in three ways: 1. You welcome the opportunity to make wise decisions. Because of this you dislike being forced to make decisions without thinking things through carefully; 2. You are generally able to look at your past and accept as just that-the past. Yet you consider the lessons you have learned and apply them to your present life; or 3. You use your intuition to prepare for the future. You are often able to forecast future events accurately, even though it seems unlikely that you would know what is going to happen.

Your sense of justice can be harsh if you focus only on the words rather than the intent of human and spiritual laws. Doubt may arise when you have not spent enough time in meditation and reflection. Spiritual and other desires may take you far from your birthplace.

Your Saturn is in the 3rd House. Your teacher is a stern disciplinarian. Perfection is what you seek, yet you may experience sorrow, disappointment and limitations along the path. You will be

required to give up old habits and thought patterns in order to form more adaptable, purer structures for your emerging spirituality. All this is designed to teach you self-discipline first, and compassion later.

Saturn Aspects

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You will come to appreciate the fact that you mediate between the discipline of the spiritual path and the realities of material existence. You are able to enjoy life while communicating your spiritual values. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. You may find that you go from one transformational situation to another, never really settling into any one thing. Yet you have the endurance necessary for the long haul.

Transcendent Values

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Gemini, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Thinking function. Regardless of your typical mental style, indicated by the element occupied by the Sun, you tend to process best through thinking, and through the skillful use of words. You aspire to more perfect expression, both within yourself and in the social realm. Mental and spiritual training benefit you by providing rigorous reasoning skills and by opening your heart to the intuitive information that flows around you. Even when you have achieved fusion of heart and mind, you find that your mental process and expression focus on intellect and the thinking process. You may come to trust your intuition deeply, but you gain this level of confidence through testing your intuitive knowledge logically and rationally. You understand that the cycle of cause and effect begins on the mental plane, descends through the emotional realm, and manifests in the physical world.

Your versatility makes you the welcome guest at any gathering. You thrive on the many social connections that feed your self-awareness and spiritual bank account. Because you love change, you move forward on the spiritual path with relative ease, as long as you keep your own values in mind.

Aspects of the Jupiter

You are happy to consider new ideas, and you are also happy to end situations that no longer work for you. You can become embroiled in spiritual or religious conflicts if you do not resolve them first within yourself.

The Ninth House

You have Gemini on the Ninth House cusp. The first value you have to understand is perceived duality in the physical world. Because all perceptions are a function of this perception, you will need to sharpen your powers of observation, and learn to perceive things without judgment. A second value lies in the understanding of change. You have the capacity to understand the processes of change on every level. As you gain this understanding you come to see the consistency of change within the whole of

being. The third value is abstract mental power. You learn the ability to exert your intelligence, free of attachment to the material world, gaining "concrete" knowledge on the spiritual plane. Then you can understand the true causes behind all manifestations.

Planets in the Ninth House

Moon in 9th House:

Higher mind and spirituality form the basis of your core beliefs. Thus you are well positioned to pursue your spiritual path, beginning with careful examination of what you learned as a child and continuing as a life-long educational process. You experience the bondage to form - the physical body - and you are able to respond to the energies of the earth directly. You can use your will to express through physical form, combine it with the will to know and understand the spiritual realm, and transform instinctual reactions into intuitive responses. You are actually channeling impulses from the collective Mind of the universe. Any conflict you experience is the reflection of the dichotomy between (not the separation of) your physical and spiritual drives. It is imperative for you to experience and understand your physical body on the deepest level possible, as it is the most direct source of your transcendent values. You tend to focus on the shifting ground of your beliefs. You are not wishy-washy about your values. However, you are willing to change your thinking if evidence suggests the need to do so. You measure your decisions based on a feeling, listening to your gut reaction to ideas. You can imagine adopting a new attitude without having to test it out in the material world to see if it fits you.

Jupiter in 9th House:

You will find your values within your studies. It is essential that you develop a formal approach to learning. This does not have to be a college degree program. It can involve reading, attending workshops and seminars on subjects of interest to you, or travel to sites where spiritual energy is focused. You can choose which traditions to pursue, and you may be drawn to a philosophy or religion very different from what you were taught as a child. You are the perennial student, always willing to expand your sphere of knowledge.

Ninth House Aspects

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to respect your opinions. The spirit within you desires material expression, and you search

fearlessly for the way to show how you feel to others. People find they can depend on your devotion to your principles. You are happy to consider new ideas, and you are also happy to end situations that no longer work for you. You can become embroiled in spiritual or religious conflicts if you do not resolve them first within yourself. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You are happy to consider new ideas, and you are also happy to end situations that no longer work for you. You can become embroiled in spiritual or religious conflicts if you do not resolve them first within yourself.

Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

The Element of Mars

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses-touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Libra, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Thinking function. You are able to take an idea and wind it into an imaginative, yet logical picture, filled with colorful images and connections. Your spiritual discipline is likely to reflect this strong use of intellect. You find causes to which you devote time and energy, and you are best placed in jobs or activities that draw upon your mental capacity. Today's focus on the Internet and telecommunications suits your energy very well, as you are able to picture systems and to devise strategies for the future.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Cooperation, Honesty, Impartiality. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 1st House. Ideally you want to use your energy to move yourself along the spiritual path. Your own evolution is plenty for you to manage, so to some extent you may

disregard the needs of others in your haste to progress. At some point you begin to shift personal desires toward more spiritual aspirations. When this happens you find that movement is faster, detours fewer, and you generally feel that your spiritual life is more closely aligned with your physical activities.

Mars Aspects

The spirit within you desires material expression, and you search fearlessly for the way to show how you feel to others. People find they can depend on your devotion to your principles. You use your powerful mind to help you through difficult transitions in your life. Rash actions can cause arguments and break-ups. You take to the path of devotion with determination. You may find that you go from one transformational situation to another, never really settling into any one thing. Yet you have the endurance necessary for the long haul. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

In some ways your persona is the balance of an object at rest. Metaphysically you appreciate the space between activities, so your persona reflects that kind of calm. This contemplative expression indicates that you can achieve a balance between your physical life and your soul life. As you learn to work with duality in a conscious way, your persona becomes calmer and you are able to effect change in the world without stirring up the energy more than necessary.

The tendency to balance and calm is part of what makes you a welcome guest. You can be counted on to enrich conversation both by listening actively and participating with clear questions, ideas, and an occasional opinion. You cultivate harmony among the people around

you, and thus make a strong team member who can be counted on to keep the goal in mind in the midst of discussion.

As your spiritual path unfolds, you find that your sexual and other material desires change. You are still a physical beings with needs and desires, but your motivations take on the quality of spiritual aspiration. Instead of engaging in sex for the sake of sex, you seek partners who share a spiritual affinity that allows you both to experience ecstasy through your relationship. Sometimes this even means engaging in activities that transcend the physical realm without using physical contact as the avenue of approach.

Sometimes we see an older couple hanging out together. They don't seem to talk very much, but we can see that they are attuned to each other. They investigate whatever catches the eye, pointing out things to each other. They are calm, not rushing their activity but following its natural pace. The outer appearance reflects an inner spiritual attunement that is the hallmark of the Libra Ascendant.

Libra Ascendants are vulnerable to any excess that throws the physical body out of harmony. This can result in a variety of ailments involving the kidneys, bladder and sexual organs. You can enjoy life best by exercising a degree of moderation. In this way you demonstrate respect for yourself and your partner on the physical and spiritual level.

Ascendant Aspects

You are generally self-confident and you find self-esteem within yourself, not from others. You are likely to gain recognition, and you desire it. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth. You are easily influenced by other people and need to develop your spiritual voice to counteract this tendency.