

# **Women's Astrology**

**Astrological Profile**

**for**

**Catherine Zeta-Jones**

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Libra	01°Li49'	03rd	01 14°Le19'
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Mercury	Libra	10°Li43'	03rd	03 25°Vi10'
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Saturn	Taurus	07°Ta55'	10th	07 14°Aq19'
Uranus	Libra	04°Li14'	03rd	08 02°Pi01'
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Midheaven	Aries	26°Ar41'	10th	11 06°Ge30'
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Planet	Element	Mode	Elemental	Modal
Sun	Air	Cardinal	2 Fire	6 Cardinal
Moon	Water	Mutable	4 Earth	3 Fixed
Mercury	Air	Cardinal	4 Air	3 Mutable
Venus	Earth	Mutable	2 Water	
Mars	Earth	Cardinal		
Jupiter	Air	Cardinal		
Saturn	Earth	Fixed		
Uranus	Air	Cardinal		
Neptune	Water	Fixed		
Pluto	Earth	Mutable		
Midheaven	Fire	Cardinal		
Ascendant	Fire	Fixed		

# **An Astrological Portrait**

## **Prepared for Catherine Zeta-Jones**

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.

With a powerful combination of predominant earth and air energy, you may be able to support your ideas with a practical foundation. Your earthy nature helps to bring a grounded quality to your energy, which can be quite helpful when you're in the middle of deadlines or faced with developing an important idea. You may be a natural in the business world, where objectivity needs to be grounded, and your ability to work with others is usually quite good, although you may have more patience with those who are practical and intelligent.

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. Your strongest mode is Cardinal, indicating that your basic approach to life is one of getting things started. You're an initiator, and are happiest when you're beginning something new. This factor sometimes indicates an enhanced sense of courage and enthusiasm. A strong ability to get things going, maintain your inspiration, carry through with your commitments and complete projects. Your ability to deal with different styles and human diversity enhances your spirit of cooperation, and makes you a good choice for leadership positions.

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 Libra your ego is driven by a need to relate. Now, that doesn't mean that you must be married or in a love relationship. It is through connecting to others that you gain the feedback which allows you to maintain a balance in your life. This can be accomplished through friendships, work relationships and social situations. You may also crave the best of everything (it's your good taste that can be your downfall if you're on a budget!), and you definitely love the most refined elements of life. At heart, you're artistic, but you can be tough to satisfy.

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Leo. This signifies that you project a definite presence, a factor you can use to your advantage when you want to make a spectacular entrance. It's easy to command the attention of others (who may talk about you even when you're not around!). You can be quite comfortable in situations which call for direction or leadership and can engender loyalty from those under your influence. You may take extra care with your hair style, hats or other head adornments, since you know that they say a lot about who you are. The energy of the Sun is associated with your Ascendant, and with your Sun in Libra, you should have no trouble creating an image that will be both powerfully dramatic and elegant. You look marvelous when you feel good about yourself.

With your Sun in a semi-square aspect to your Ascendant, your desire to be noticed drives you toward your goals. You may feel somewhat frustrated because it's difficult to know when to move with will and power and when to pull back. Learning to gauge the reactions of others will help you determine the best ways to assert yourself. If you're feeling alienated, retrace your actions and recall their impact. Then you can get moving again with greater confidence.

With Mercury in sextile aspect to your Ascendant, your intellectual or communicative abilities may shine through in a positive manner. You may feel quite at ease in social situations, and have the ability to make others feel comfortable, too. This can be developed as a positive skill which is useful in every dimension of your life - from boardroom to bedroom.

With Jupiter in sextile aspect to your Ascendant, your positive attitudes can be contagious. You're a natural in situations which call for vision and insight into possibility and may have great faith in the natural order of things. As a teacher, you can inspire others to pursue their dreams. As a partner or friend, your support and understanding can be the difference between success and failure. Your self-confidence can get you through circumstances which others would find daunting.

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 Moon in Pisces feels everything. The joy of a child petting a puppy, the thrill of a ballet dancer in a perfect spin, and the despair of the lonely and abandoned street person. It's difficult for you to turn off your feelings, because they tell you so much. But sometimes you would just love to escape their intensity. To accomplish this, you can retreat into your creativity

and imagination, but you can also lose yourself in addictive behaviors. Developing your compassion for others is wonderful, but so, too, is developing a real compassion for yourself and your spiritual essence. By integrating your spirituality into your everyday life, you become whole. And somehow, in the process, the world is a much more comfortable place.

## **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!

Through your Pisces Moon you express a profound sense of Divine Feminine energy. The Source of All Power definitely has a feminine side, and you are quite capable of harnessing that power. It flows through your imagination and creativity. It sings through your love and compassion. It dances through your joy. You know that power for you is not about controlling, but instead is about surrendering. You surrender to divine compassion, and your heart fills with love. You surrender your fears, and your imagination takes you on a journey into the spaces of pure beauty. But surrender does not mean that you give up your own needs and feelings. Nor does it mean that you have to place everyone else (including "The World,") above your own needs. Selfless compassion is one thing. Martyrdom is another. To avoid becoming victimized, you must learn to recognize abuse of power when you see (or feel) it. Although you may want to provide help and rescue to others, you may not be adept at sheltering yourself from being victimized by those you're helping. In psychological terms you need to learn to set some personal boundaries. You are especially prone to co-dependent behaviors: situations where answering the needs of others completely overtakes your own needs. You may also fall into the trap of addictive behaviors as a means of escaping the pain of life in the real world. Ultimately, either of these options can lead to your becoming the victim once again. But here, you may actually victimize yourself. Suffering needlessly is highly self-destructive. In truth, you are seeking to return to the Source from which you came; and when you go inside yourself, you may discover that you've never lost contact after all. You just have to wake up to an expanded reality and renewed vision.

If you wonder why you keep repeating the same patterns of holding yourself back when you really want to move into something new or different, part of the stimulus arises from the energy of your Moon in semisquare aspect to Saturn. Deep inside yourself, you may mistrust yourself as a woman, or may feel that being a woman is second rate in some way. If these attitudes are present, they may be learned behaviors and feelings which were incorporated into your psyche through exposure to other people who taught you to mistrust yourself! Most of the time, these teachings are not intentional - they can occur from the things you hear or observe in society. But even if you did experience intentional inhibition of your self-expression when you were a young girl, you are not destined to stay there forever. You have the power to use these old messages as a springboard to a different point of view. You can decide that this is simply not true, or that your needs radiate differently now. When you are tempted to compromise on things, and your feelings tell you that you are working against yourself, you can stop yourself before you give away your needs. And when you feel that you're holding back, resisting getting close or mistrustful of your own needs, you can also change these attitudes - a little at a time. The key to success is in pacing yourself according to your ability to move forward. Rushing headlong into something before you're ready will just set you back again.

Through the trine aspect between your Moon and Neptune, you are capable of developing an exceptional level of compassion. Your sensibilities are quite remarkable, and this awareness is likely to extend into the realm of strong psychic sensitivity. You may "feel" something long before you get the physical evidence! Your imagination and sense or artistry may be quite evident in your life, and your hypnotic qualities can be quite alluring. Since you may also be quite sensitive to the feelings of others, you may be continually drawn into situations where others pour out their hearts to you, and you have the ability to accept and support them in a special manner. Becoming aware of your emotional boundaries is important, and you may naturally do this by seeking out time alone, periods of meditation, or a comfortable quiet space to relax. You may be quite adept in caring for others, but also have developed a strong awareness of your inner self and needs. You may even find that using the changes in awareness associated with your menstrual cycle helps you enhance your strength, creativity and emotional resilience. As a mother, you may be especially sensitive to the needs and emotions of your children, and can provide a heavenly sense of comfort. Because you innately know these things, you may also tend to do too much. You cherish relationships of all types - friends, family and lovers - and you may feel that your life is incomplete without an opportunity to share the deep compassion you have for the sanctity of life. You are definitely capable of expressing the true power and energy of the Goddess: the feminine aspect of All That Is. Anyone who looks carefully can see it reflected within your eyes.

With your Moon in opposition to Pluto, you feel everything at a deep, intense level. You rarely wade in the shallows, since immersing yourself in whatever you're doing is much more gratifying. Your intensity can also stimulate compulsive or obsessive levels of behavior. You can also be an intimidating woman, especially when you're focused on something (or someone!), and can become completely absorbed in your own feelings. This energy is wonderful for healing, since you have the capability of penetrating into the depths and releasing blocks; although it may be easier to direct this energy toward someone else than it is to direct toward yourself. Men who are uncomfortable with their emotional nature and their own vulnerabilities may feel exposed when they are around you. Even though you may not intend to overwhelm them, you sometimes

do. In your close relationships, it is crucial to allow others to be themselves, warts and all. Your tendency might be to transform them, and that could be dangerous. However, if a person is working towards change, you can certainly be helpful, and you may be the catalyst for change in the lives of many people. As a mother, you can be extremely attentive and aware. You can also be overly protective and can create an atmosphere of claustrophobia for your kids if you go too far. Use your sensibilities to determine how your children are responding, and allow yourself to back off when necessary. Otherwise, you may reach a point where it feels that you are abandoning ship in the midst of a storm.

Your Moon is in the Gibbous Moon phase of the lunation cycle, indicating that you are continually striving to reach your goals, and that you are definitely growth-oriented. Even when you've accomplished one achievement, you may feel an immediate discontent, because you can see that there is yet another possibility or pathway. In relationships, this can create a frustrating series of power struggles, especially with others who are content to leave things as they are. You need and want to be perfect, and that ideal of perfection is also evolving as you mature. It is crucial that you maintain an awareness of your feelings and needs, and that you spend some time in introspection in order to gain the level of perspective necessary to help you maintain your equilibrium. The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of "The Muse," stimulating your creative self-development. This is a cycle of blossoming, and you need to feel that your life is an experience of opening up. As you work to create the experience of yourself as a whole woman, you may begin to realize that what you see within yourself is much more valid than the images, ideals or expectations projected by society - especially those which are false and which do not support the true nature of womanliness. Your devotion to finding this quality within yourself can, indeed, sustain you and may inspire others as well.

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

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

Your ability to integrate and utilize your powers of attraction in harmony with your sense of assertiveness is enhanced through the trine aspect between Venus and Mars. When you know what you want, there's no stopping you, although your approach may be tempered by charm and sophistication. Your confidence in yourself shines through in a beautiful way and can be extremely attractive. When you're in relationships, it's unlikely that you'll feel threatened. Men may be especially comfortable around your easy grace.

When you're committed to something, you put your heart into it. The influence of Venus in trine aspect to Saturn indicates that you take a straightforward approach to expressing your feelings. You're willing to give yourself time to determine what you want and how you feel, and this enhances your emotional maturity. Sometimes, you may take yourself a little too seriously, but you rarely go overboard. Although you prefer to be around others who are personally responsible, you may discover that you are the one who understands the bottom line and ultimately carries through. Men may be attracted to your impeccable manner, but may appreciate you most for your helpful support. As a mother, you provide a wonderful, steady support for your children, and understand their needs for continuity and responsible tolerance. These energies are a plus in all your relationships, because you have an honest grasp on the importance of longevity and the passage of time in developing an abiding and trusting love.

The energy of Venus in square aspect to Neptune stimulates your imagination and romantic spirit. You love delving into fantasy and can be quite dramatic. You may also be tempted to wear a mask in order to cover your feelings of vulnerability. This mask can be in the form of make-up, manner of dress, or different forms of escape. You are sensitive and have such idealism that you may feel true pain when reality slaps you in the face. The problem you may face in creating your true expression as a woman is discovering what it is you truly want and need. The vague sense that it's out there somewhere is not very convincing that you'll ultimately land on the right image or step into the magical spotlight. You need to find a way to allow romance and imagination to blend with what is truly possible. Using this energy to envision yourself as the woman you want to become, and then gradually altering your life to "test" your vision, can allow you to determine the differences between what you do and do not really need. Keeping your emotional boundaries intact is one of your greatest challenges, especially once you fall in love. But you can accomplish it by remaining mindful.

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

With Neptune in Scorpio, you are part of the generation of women, born from 1955 to 1970 who are forging new frontiers in the sexual revolution. This is not only in terms of human sexuality, but also extends to the roles men and women play in regenerating society. You are the

generation who will grapple with issues of control and whose influence in the arenas of human rights will cover the entire spectrum from conception, to birth, to sexual lifestyles, to choices in death. As you are maturing and making these choices, you may resist the idea that some belief system or government should dictate the choices you make in these intimate situations. But you must also create a vision which goes beyond these old systems and which encompasses a true compassion for the experience of life and the pain and joy of choice on every level.

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

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

## **Owning Your Inner Masculine Self**

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

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

Claiming your sense of individual autonomy may not be an easy task with the influence of

your Libra Sun. Since you tend to think in terms of relativity, it's difficult to extract your own assertive self in a confident manner, especially during your early years. You may have learned to place great importance on your physical appearance or upon proper social behavior, learning to behave like a young lady, assuming that if you were pretty and charming enough then all the other things would just fall into place. Stepping out into the world and discovering that you needed to be known for more than your looks may have been your first reality check. Your sense of relativity can be one of your best assets, however. By making harmonious choices of partners - whether they are friends who share your interests, lovers or husbands - you can gain the type of feedback you need to see yourself more clearly. Then, your autonomy and individuality are strengthened through greater objectivity. But if you seek a partner or husband who will take on the tasks you just don't feel prepared to handle, like dealing with the demands of the world, then you will be continually frustrated and will frustrate your partner, too. Additionally, developing social relationships which support and reflect your true values will help you feel more confident about your identity, instead of just seeking situations which increase your social standing or status.

Adding emphasis to your self-expression is your need to be recognized as a thoughtful or intelligent woman which is emphasized through the conjunction of your Sun and Mercury. The value you place upon learning, knowledge or information can be rather intense. You may also be under the impression that if you're smart enough, you'll get what you want from life. That may be true, but there are many levels of intelligence. One of those levels involves knowing when to stop talking and start listening, so remember that if you feel that you're not really being heard.

You may feel an undercurrent of anger which rarely loosens its grip on your psyche with your Sun in square aspect to Mars. This can be especially true if you've failed to address your needs to direct your own life. It is crucial that you come to grips with your feelings about the men in your life, including your father. You may be fighting battles which are already won and can be belligerent or hostile, which can be alienating and self-defeating. Finding positive outlets to challenge yourself, like sports or other competitive games, will make a huge difference in the quality of your life. But the critical factor is knowing that you can get what you want once you've entered a level playing field.

The influence of your Sun conjunct Uranus stimulates an immense need to develop your self-assertiveness and individuality. Finding yourself may involve taking a path which is out of the ordinary, but that's to be expected since you're an extraordinary woman! You may wonder why you seem to attract men into your life who are unattainable or distant, and it could just be that the root of the problem is that you do not want to be tied down. Part of owning the masculine element of your psyche is the experience to allowing yourself to be a woman on your own terms.

Even when you are in a circumstance when you need to take charge or assert yourself, your gentility and compassion radiate through your actions and self-expression. Through the influence of your Sun in sextile aspect to Neptune, you have the capacity to accept yourself and others, and may be very open in your expression of faith in the principle of universal love. Embracing the masculine element of your psyche may be as simple as riding a bike - you just do it. Any other conflicts that you may have within yourself in this regard can be easily resolved through making an effort to integrate your spiritual and physical needs. You may over-idealize just a bit, so do remember that blind trust can be a problem.

You may be tempted to allow your life to be absorbed by the will and expectation of the men you love, from father to lover to husband. You may even have had an experience early in your life which tested your ability to survive. In truth, the conjunction between your Sun and Pluto indicates that you need to know what it is to express the charisma and intrigue which are the essence of your power as a woman. Men may be both fascinated and overwhelmed by your intensity, and you're likely to stir up a bit of controversy with anyone who is uncomfortable with their emotions, including their sexuality. As you fully integrate the essence of your will and drive with your need to create change, you can become an effective healer and powerful catalyst for growth.

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!

If you've been accused of being too controlling, it was probably true! With Mars in Capricorn, you may be at your best when you're in charge of something. But trying to take charge of someone else's life will only get you into trouble! This is NOT the positive expression of your masculine psyche asserting itself. You can be a wonderful teacher and guide and will find that you prefer a life filled with people who are learning or who know how to take care of themselves. Taking control of your life is a result of accepting and fulfilling your personal responsibilities. It is this fulfillment which helps to strengthen your assertive self in the most positive manner.

Getting things done is usually not a problem for you. With Mars trine Saturn, you like to accomplish what you set out to do, and may do it with room to spare. This aspect symbolizes a positive, supportive connection between yourself and the men in your life, since it also shows that you can be self-reliant when necessary, something anyone else will appreciate. You may also have excellent timing, but have to exercise it if you're going to make the most of it!

You can be somewhat inconsistent in your assertiveness with Mars square Uranus. Your need for excitement can stimulate your pursuit of experiences which may be thrilling, but dangerous. You can also waste a lot of energy pursuing those thrills instead of creating what you really need. Freedom of expression is high on your priority list, and you may be attracted to people who also love freedom but have difficulty making commitments. For you commitments may seem more momentary than long term, but until you can focus your energy on what you truly need, you may always feel as though you are dangling in midair.

## 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.

You think big with Mercury conjunct Jupiter, and may have a wide variety of interests. Your fascination with languages, cultures and lifestyles other than those you know so well may prompt an interest in continued education or travel. Learning is likely to be a lifelong passion for you.

Mercury's quincunx to Saturn provides a bit of friction when it comes to learning. You may frequently second guess yourself, and can undermine your own effectiveness if you're constantly chipping away and never quite satisfied with your own ideas or answers. Now, this can be quite helpful when you're finishing something and you want everything just right. But that nagging sense that you're missing something, or that you don't know quite enough was probably amplified in your early learning experiences. Maybe your way of looking at things was simply different from your parents or teachers. Now, you are allowed to have your own ideas!

You're an inventive thinker with Mercury conjunct Uranus and may be fascinated by new ideas and unusual people. You may learn best in an open environment with few restrictions and prefer to operate independently in your career. Sticking with the same old routines everyday is boring, so you're probably quite good at creating distractions.

Sometimes you may have trouble maintaining your focus, especially if your imagination is stimulated! With Mercury in semi-square to Neptune, your mental impressionability is high, which can be beneficial in circumstances which require you to be creative. But you can also be misled and can become confused when you're overwhelmed with too much input or when you miss critical details. In important matters double-check all information in order to make sure you're clear about it.

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. Although you may not enjoy the structure of academia, you love to open your mind to the realm of possibility. Your Pisces Moon functions much like a mental sponge: you take in everything! When you're

emotionally drained or upset, you're likely to function less clearly on a mental level. When you're centered, your perceptions are amazing. It's important that you give yourself time and room to process your feelings about something before you dive into it, since your own reticence can block your ability to learn.

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! You've adopted a philosophy of fairness, and may believe that life should always be just with Jupiter in Libra. Although you've probably seen evidence to the contrary, your ideal life would involve situations where everyone is treated fairly and equally. You function and learn best in an environment which is beautiful and peaceful, and if you're involved in education, will include social skills in your teaching practices. You may also have an interest in the law and the social practice of other cultures and may be an expert in diplomatic or social relations.

You may have a tendency to overestimate your abilities or over-exaggerate what you've actually accomplished with Jupiter in semisquare to Neptune. Bringing harmony between what you dream for yourself and the actual opportunities you experience can be frustrating. However, this frustration can be diminished by developing an honest and powerful connection between your inner self and your outer life. There is a powerful difference between using visualization and action to change your life and just pretending that it is something other than it has become.

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 may not enjoy school with Saturn in Taurus. Better yet, you probably do not enjoy tests. But when you have a chance to prove yourself, you can be stubbornly persistent until you've achieved satisfaction. Your sense of structure is amazing, and you may be quite adept at growing things. Try to apply your understanding of the processes of nature to your own development.

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.

Your approach to thinking, learning and communicating is quite analytical with Virgo ruling your 3rd House. You may enjoy learning, and can develop a good relationship with your teachers. However, you are quite sensitive to criticism and can be too critical of yourself or your own intellectual abilities. You're probably more intelligent than you realize! Your ability to illustrate detail is evidenced by your writing and speaking, and you may be a consummate storyteller and convincing reader (ask your children!). With Mercury ruling your 3rd House you enjoy the support and interaction created through networking with others, and may have a special interest in education or children's issues.

The influence of the Sun in your 3rd House shows that you literally shine as a communicator. As a young girl you probably enjoyed school and the experience of learning, especially if you gained positive recognition for your efforts. The energy of the Sun here adds to your abilities as a speaker, writer and conversationalist. Your people skills may be among your greatest assets. The sciences can also be interesting to you, and you may have a special ability to shed light on subjects which are difficult for many people to understand.

Mercury's influence in your 3rd House adds a strong intellectual objectivity to your mentality. Your love of ideas, interest in virtually everything, and ability to connect with people from all walks of life adds a vibrant quality to your personality. You may enjoy learning, and can have a special ability to understand and relate to children and adolescents. Manual dexterity can also be quite well-developed, and activities like playing instruments or working with your hands can provide a special sense of fulfillment. You may also be a gifted writer and have a yearning to be constantly on the go or traveling somewhere.

With Jupiter in your 3rd House you may really enjoy education and learning. Your memories of school are likely to include good experiences and positive social interactions. You may also enjoy travel as a means of learning and may always find ways to incorporate travel into your life experience. Work which keeps you on the move can be quite satisfying, but you may need to learn to focus your energy to avoid becoming too scattered. Your ability to acknowledge other cultures and diverse ideas adds to your development of true wisdom, and you may always be seeking to find those links between the diversity present in human existence. You're optimistic about the prospects for your own future and for the future of humanity.

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.

Looking beneath the surface and searching for what lies beyond the facade is stimulated by the energy of Pluto in your 3rd House. You can be an avid researcher or scientific thinker and may be quite adept at understanding many of the mysteries of life. Your interest in subjects which are somewhat taboo, like sexuality, birth and death, adds a special dimension to your personality. Your ability to concentrate can be quite good, although you can be quite obsessive in your thinking. Since you may not realize the extent of your own mental intensity, you may wonder why some people have difficulty being around you. They may be uncomfortable with your penetrating insight (especially if they have something to hide), but may also feel that you know more than you do. You rarely let on about everything you know or think, and can be quite secretive about anything which is important to you.

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 are definitely an idealist with Pisces on the cusp of your 9th House. Your vision of the world as a better place with opportunities for true peace and harmony can be quite a powerful driver in your quest to improve your own life. In higher educational pursuits, you may be more inclined to study philosophy, religion, political science and the arts than you are drawn to math or science. It's tempting for you to impose your ideals or beliefs upon others who may seem less "enlightened," but you may need to show some restraint in this regard if you are to experience the peace you dream about. With Neptune ruling this house you can use your ability to visualize to aid you in your learning pursuits, and to help you create the world as you desire to experience it.

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.

You're probably surrounded by friends who share your interests, and those interests usually involve enjoying life. With Gemini on the 11th House, maintaining contact is important, and you may feel that you need a lot of gadgets, like telephones, computers, cars or other devices which help you stay in touch. Your goals may include accumulating these things, but your larger goal is staying connected! With Mercury ruling this house, you may think of a lot of goals you would like to follow, but may not stay focused upon them. You may understand that what you think you become. As you have matured, are realizing the importance of focusing your thoughts more clearly in order to create a life which reflects your true values and needs.

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

## Your Special Edge

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

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

Your soul yearns to find true peace with Libra on the cusp of the 4th House. But you are, by nature, a restless woman, and may not find that peace simply by getting everything right "in the world." Your inner harmony depends upon your ability to strengthen your real values, and these may have a very long history. The influence of Venus on this house is also powerful through its connection to the sign of Libra, indicating the importance of establishing a clear connection between the love you need and the love you express through your actions, words and creativity.

Your soul may yearn to escape the frustrations of the physical plane. With Neptune in your 4th House you're more comfortable when you've moved beyond ordinary reality - when you're in the middle of your favorite creative pastime, listening to beautiful music, watching an enthralling movie - you need to experience transcendence. Unfortunately this is also quite close to negative forms of withdrawal, and you may push yourself away from the rest of the world in your quest to tone down the cacophony of life. Setting your personal boundaries and creating a strong, yet resilient, emotional filter is crucial if you are to develop a sense of wholeness.

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

Your awareness that life exists on many levels is related to the influence of Pisces on the cusp of your 8th House. You can flow with the inevitable changes wrought by life, from birth to death and in between. Transcending your fears or anxieties and allowing yourself to flow into the ultimate source of transformational change may lead you to uncover the mysteries of human

sexuality, psychology and healing. You can be highly intuitive, and may gain impressions from people and situations which allow you to penetrate what is hidden beneath the surface. The influence of Neptune as the ruler of this house adds a powerful sensibility to the mysteries of life and allows you to deal with birth, death, sexuality and healing from a spiritual level.

The energy of your Moon in the 8th House draws your emotional focus to the areas of personal transformation and regeneration. Your ability to flow with the inevitable changes you experience throughout your life is continually tested. If you are flexible in your attitudes, you may find that you welcome the processes of release as a means of strengthening your soul. You may be strongly clairvoyant through this influence, although you can have difficulty dealing with your feelings when you do sense or see things that can be happening elsewhere or in the future. Because of your capacity to probe beneath the surface, you may be sought after by others who need your insight or expertise. Learning to maintain your emotional objectivity is crucial if you are to become an effective healer.

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.

You are quite sensitive with Cancer on the cusp of your 12th House. Although you may protect your sensitivities with an aura of confidence, you feel everything around you. It is important that you have a comfortable and safe environment for your sleeping and resting periods, otherwise, you may not rest at all. Your dreams can be quite vivid and full of emotion, filled with images of days gone by and people from your past. But your super-conscious self may also take you into dream states which are somewhat prophetic. Your Moon is also tied to this house, adding a need to become clear about your subconscious motivations and deeper feelings. When using visualization techniques, it is important to allow your emotions to work for you to attain your desires. If you try to repress your feelings about your desires, you will only experience frustration.

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 psychic sensibilities may be quite amazing. With the Moon in Pisces your sense of things goes beyond the physical into the realm of vibration. You can feel the energy which emanates from a crowd, the energy left over in an empty room, the energy of emotion which is not expressed. You may also have a powerful connection with the realm of the spiritual and may be aware of things that many people do not see or feel. It is important that you are attentive to

your dreams, and that before you sleep or rest, you clear your energy.

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.

Spiritual development may be high on your priority list since you have your North Node in Pisces. Surrendering yourself to the will of your higher self allows you to experience truly divine compassion, and may prompt you to follow a path of service to humanity. The influence of your South Node in Virgo adds a critical nature which sometimes gets in the way of your need to move beyond judgment and into tolerance and acceptance. You can change this by becoming more open to your inner voice and by trusting and devoting yourself to a life of true peace.

Uranian intuition is the flash of insight. Sometimes that flash is so brilliant that you change your entire life to follow its 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!

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

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.

You may have a very penetrating mind with Pluto in the 3rd and can be a psychically gifted. Your ability to use words to create change can be amazing, and you may also be quite gifted using your voice as a tool for healing and transformation. You may be capable of probing into mysteries and finding information long after others have given up on finding anything.

## 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.

Your Pisces Moon pulls you deep inside yourself and beckons you to find ways to return to the source. You may feel continually hungry for spiritual rejuvenation, and need ample opportunities to experience renewal at this level. When nurturing others, you provide a sense of comfort and compassion and when anyone is suffering, you offer support which may be unequalled. Your sensitivity to the influences around you can leave you exhausted at the end of a stressful day. When you take the time to connect with the spiritual source which empowers you, you can be revitalized. Sleep is especially important, and the quality of your sleep can be enhanced when you release the tension from the day before you fall asleep. You may find sustenance in reviewing your dreams, and spending time reflecting upon your dreams can also provide an opportunity to understand yourself and your life on a more profound level. Your personal environment needs to be serene, and you'll feel more like letting go if you sense that you are, indeed, removed from the world. You may love sinking into a hot tub to relax, and swimming can be rejuvenating. Give yourself time to experience regular body work, have regular pedicures, or foot reflexology treatments. When you vacation, find a place which indulges your fantasies. And when you're just taking time off for the afternoon or evening, let yourself experience some positive escapes at the movies, listening to music or reading a book. Meditation and spiritual retreats will also provide important emotional and spiritual renewal.

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.

You have definite ideas about the way things should be with Saturn in Taurus, and your manner of supporting and caring for others can be quite stabilizing. But you don't enjoy sudden change, and would prefer to follow a traditional path, especially when dealing with your children. Tried and true methods somehow seem safer to you, although anything that adds an element of protection may seem like a good idea when it comes to those you love. Other aspects of your chart may indicate that you like to forge ahead of the times, but in your heart, you can do it only if you see some continuity. With continuity you can be comfortable and confident with experimentation. But just jumping into something without some proof or connection does not sit well with you.

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.

Libra's influence on the cusp of your 4th House adds a sense of style and refinement to your home environment. You love being surrounded by beautiful things and may have a wonderful eye for color and design. Your home may feature works of art and fine decor, and you can be somewhat meticulous about making sure that everything seems to create a sense of balance. The energy of Venus is associated with this house in your chart, influencing an inviting atmosphere and friendly home environment which probably draws your friends and family. You may love entertaining and may be quite gracious to your guests, although you do appreciate them most when they observe proper rules of behavior and don't mar the furniture!

Neptune's energy in your 4th House adds a need for a home space which is almost otherworldly. Your home needs to be an escape from the everyday, a place where you can exercise your fantasies and open to your dreams. As a little girl your home life may have been unsettling, particularly if there was illness or some type of family scandal. Uncovering family secrets may, in fact, be the key to freeing your soul of some of those feelings of inadequacy or insecurity. In the process you must also learn true forgiveness while avoiding tendencies to martyr or sacrifice yourself for the good of protecting the family illusion. By opening to your inner self through meditation, creative expression and spiritual development, you can finally achieve the connection to a spiritual home which has called to you since your childhood.

## 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.

Making your way in the world and establishing your own place is aided by the influence of Aries at your Midheaven. Your keen sense of ambition keeps you moving forward in the face of competition; you're not likely to collapse in intimidation. You need a life path and career which allow you to exercise some independence, and prefer work which is challenging and exciting. You may also forge new territory through your career or volunteer efforts, and can be the woman who makes progress where others have failed. Your key to personal fulfillment rests in your ability to initiate, and you may love a career which gives you the room and opportunity to blaze trails. The energy of Mars influences the manner in which you illuminate your path to success. You may enjoy working in a field which is physically active and may have a special affinity for working with children. The courage of your convictions provides the strength you need to realize your hopes.

With Mars in Capricorn you can be quite determined about getting to the top in your career, and need to target a career situation which will allow you to reach a position of excellence and self-control. You may be an exceptional businesswoman and can also benefit from directing your efforts toward education, politics, banking, conservation or city planning.

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.

One of the reasons you make such a powerful impression on people is because you usually go into situations prepared. Capricorn's influence on your 6th House indicates that you do not mind hard work when it will get you somewhere. You may demand a great deal from yourself, and if you're in positions of management, can also demand a lot from others, too. You may look for ways to take advantage of the talents of others and may be the mistress of utilizing resources, like technology, to make your job easier. Saturn's rulership of this house adds the energy of

responsibility to your work ethic, and shows that in order to achieve the success you desire you will have to put forth the necessary discipline. You might work well in hierarchical situations but will prefer to be near the top of the ladder.

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

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

Sagittarius' influence on your 5th House adds a need for adventure in your approach to play, creativity and recreation. When you have time to travel, explore the world, interact with people from different backgrounds, attend workshops or classes or read, your creativity is inspired. You may love getting into nature, and may find that adding a dimension of reaching into unexplored territory is an excellent source for personal regeneration. A little competition can also spur you to reach into your own creative soul and express dimensions of yourself you might otherwise leave unattended. With Jupiter ruling your 5th House you may feel most inspired by situations which open all the fences and allow you to explore freely and independently.

The driving force of Mars in your 5th House adds a powerful dimension to your creative self-expression. Creative avenues which utilize your physical energy can be rewarding - from dancing to athletics. In the arts, you may be more drawn to working with metals or sculpting. You may be somewhat competitive in your creativity and may find that some type of challenge really gets your energy going and heightens your creative output.

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.

You may think you don't care much about success as long as it looks good on you. But you know that your Libra Sun is really driving you to reach a stage of getting things right and having life fit your set of specifications. Finding success through your associations with others may seem to be the easy way out, and you may keep trying to change them to fit your desires until you realize that you really are working on changing yourself. So, look in the mirror and start over. What do you want to see reflected back at you? See that confident smile? That's the look of success. The rest should be easy.

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 Libra, strengthening your need to experience breakthroughs in the realm of relationships. Along with other women born from 1968 to 1975, you've witnessed major changes in personal relationships and their effects upon the whole of society. These changes have also extended into the realm of the law and politics, and are also having a profound effect upon artistic expression. Your revolution will be fought within these realms, and those with Uranus in Libra will incite the changes in the law which have a major effect upon lifestyle and relationship choices. The areas in your own life where you've broken ground in your desire to achieve an awareness of true harmony and beauty are signified by 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 Aries, signifying a need to discover your true courage. Your life purpose is centered around your needs for pioneering into unexplored territory, whether physical or idealistic. Your life work may involve breaking ground, cutting through barriers, or blasting through outworn attitudes. Your head and heart need to be in harmony with one another if you are to succeed in achieving this purpose.

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!

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

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

When you're sure of what you want from a love relationship, it's reasonably easy to achieve it with your Venus and Mars in trine aspect. Your good fortune in love may seem uncanny at times, and learning to show your appreciation for the positive things in your love relationships will assure that this productive cycle will continue. Your kindness and tenderness are easily expressed through your actions and attitudes, and will attract the same from others. You may be quite demonstrative in intimate relationships, and can enjoy a satisfying sexual and emotional bond with your partner.

You can be quite reliable in your love relationships with Venus in trine aspect to Saturn. You believe in a love which endures and will grow best in relationships which provide an opportunity for mutual trust and support. Patience with your own mere humanity adds a sense of practical

humility, and reflects in your attitudes of helpful acceptance toward others. You're willing to put effort into your relationships instead of just expecting that they arrive ready-made. Opening your heart is easy when you trust yourself, and developing that sense of self-acceptance is one of the key ingredients for experiencing the kind of relationship that can stand the test of time. For you, love is the great teacher, and you are the willing student.

You're attracted to relationships which are out of the ordinary with Venus in semi-sextile to Uranus. Maintaining your autonomy is paramount, and you may have such a strong need for independence that you're willing to function without a sense of commitment - for a while, at least. What you really need is a situation which allows you to keep your options open, and that can be created within the context of responsible, committed relationship - but on terms which fit your individual needs. The standard contract - love, honor and obey - is not really your style. Particularly the "obey" part. What you're seeking is a love of free expression and unrestrained possibilities. That is something you'll promise, because that is something you can deliver!

In square aspect to Neptune, your Venusian expression takes on an other-worldly quality. Your yearning may be for that perfect lover whose spirituality, passion, purity of spirit and drive all stem from the highest possible level. Loving in such a manner would seem to remove you from the bondage of ordinary life and transport you into true bliss. Although this seems possible in fairy tales or movies, it's really difficult to find those elements in another human being. You may also operate under the illusion that you must first sacrifice yourself before you are worthy of love. It's all too easy to project unrealistic feelings onto your lover, and it is just as tempting to try to alter yourself to please a man so that he will love you. Whether those alterations are in your behavior, your appearance or your attitudes, if you submerge your real self beneath the illusions of what you feel will make you more lovable, you're selling out. If you want to experience the ecstasy you dream about, you'll surrender to a love which honors your real needs and learn to avoid situations where you become addicted, co-dependent, victimized or abused. Forgiving the shortcomings of the man you love is one thing; allowing him to deceive or victimize you is another! Know when and how to give help, but be careful of emotional rescue ventures!

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

With your Moon and Neptune in trine aspect, you may find it easy to trust your feelings when you're opening to love. Your sixth sense about other people is usually quite clear, and when you've found the right partner for your needs, you know. You may still have to watch a tendency to be too emotionally sensitive, but it's not usually a difficult problem.

The influence of your Sun in sextile aspect to Neptune indicates that you need a relationship

which embodies many qualities, ranging from physical to emotional to spiritual connections. Integrating the spiritual essence of yourself into your relationships is easy when you have a partner who respects and supports you as a whole woman. You are most drawn to a man whose spirituality is a powerful part of his life.

You may dream about a perfect love and can be strongly influenced by those overly idealistic images in stories, movies, magazines or television. With Mercury semisquare to Neptune, it's important that you learn the difference between what you wish you were hearing and what is actually being said. You'll leave yourself open to disappointment if you just hear those things you want to hear instead of listening to the whole story.

Through the semisquare connection between Jupiter and Neptune, you may attract relationships which cause you to take a careful look at your beliefs and ideals. If you are firm in your own ideals, then the challenges will only help you confirm what you know to be true and right. If you are uncertain, the experience of relationships may offer a contrast to your early upbringing, allowing you to re-evaluate your beliefs and ideals.

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.

The feeling of opening your heart to love brings pure joy with Sagittarius influencing your 5th House. You've experienced the transformative power of joy more than once in your life, and know that when you reach out and give of yourself to others, the energy you receive in return can be sweet indeed. You may attract a wide variety of relationships over the course of your life, and may be especially interested in relationships with men whose backgrounds are different from your own. There's more adventure that way! You love to travel, and will probably enjoy sharing travel with your sweetheart (although sometimes, traveling alone makes your heart sing, too). When you fall in love, you really go for it; sometimes you may act too quickly, before you've had a chance to think about what you're doing. Just because the guy is gorgeous and knocks your socks off, that does not necessarily mean it's safe to change your life for him! Jupiter's influence here adds a confidence and enthusiasm to your approach to loving; sometimes it adds too much enthusiasm, so remember to take a deep breath and try to think before you leap from the cliffs of the heart.

You may really enjoy the game of love with Mars in the 5th. This energy stimulates your tendency to initiate relationships, since you're the one who may take action to get things moving. Although you may enjoy taking the lead, you also like the feeling of being pursued, and can have the knack of keeping that energy of the chase going in your relationships. Keeping the passion alive is an important part of allowing your heart to remain open. You can be a bit selfish in your relationships since you really do like to do things your way. Let him drive some of the time.

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.

With the qualities of Aquarius filtered through your 7th House you are likely to attract a partner whose needs for independence and autonomy are as strong as your own. It is imperative that you connect with a mate or husband whom you respect and who will respect you. This will occur most readily once you have developed your own self-respect and when you know how to avoid too much self-absorption. Although you may think you want complete autonomy, you really do love the idea of attentive support from a partner. With the energy of Uranus driving your approach to partnerships, you will be most successful when you develop the experience of unconditional acceptance and learn to project that toward the person who shares your life.

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

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

You have Gemini influencing your 11th House, signifying that your friendships are forged through a meeting of the minds. When you get together with your girlfriends, you always have a lot to talk about. You probably have friends from a variety of backgrounds and with myriad interests. With your closest friends you are drawn together because you think alike. Sometimes it may seem that you part and greet one another in mid-conversation, but that's okay. The mental link you have to one another probably keeps the connection strong enough that you don't ever really lose anything in your understanding. Mercury's energy influences your friendships by forging a bridge of understanding, and it is through developing your mental connection that you unlock the doors to your heart. You feel most supported when you know you have somebody who will listen. This is one of the best ways to allow love to flow into your life.

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 Leo Ascendant you can demonstrate a strong sense of presence. You may feel that you are only powerful when your presence is acknowledged by others and can even be demanding in your desire for attention when you're feeling insecure. The more demanding you become, the less powerful you are. The respect and admiration you desire arises when others show their loyalty from love, not from fear. Although you may think you always operate from a pure heart, take a careful look. Have you, in your need to establish yourself, been too self-absorbed? Self-awareness and self-absorption are very different. In the instance of self-awareness, you are also sensitive to the needs and desires of others as individuals. This can be especially trying in relationship to your children. You can be such a marvelous light in their lives, and the path you've forged in the world can provide inspiration to them. If you try to force your will too strongly without honestly assessing what they may need or want for themselves, you may lose their deep trust. You demonstrate your greatest power when your actions, words and attitudes radiate from the heart of love. Then, your self-assurance is genuine and shines brilliantly through a regal personality.

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 Aries Midheaven you are striving to experience the power which comes when you are leading the way. Your admiration for great leaders may prompt you to find a mentor whose inspiration fosters your own courage to forge your own pathways to success. Although meeting challenges can be empowering to you, disruptive outbursts or abrasive attitudes can

work against your aims.

Since you have Saturn in your 10th House you're probably serious about pursuing a career which will confer respect. A professional choice may seem most appropriate - something like a doctor, lawyer, professor or business owner. You like the idea of being in control at work (which is really an illusion, but you can get away with it). Career paths which involve governmental agencies, educational pursuits or powerful business ventures may be appealing and fulfilling. You need structure in your career, and may perform best in situations which require a series of tests or which allow you to advance in your expertise in a well-defined manner. However it is crucial that you determine what is driving your ambitions, since if you are striving to please someone other than yourself you may feel continually disappointed in their responses to your successes.

You may attract fortunate opportunities to rise to positions of prominence with Venus in trine aspect to your Midheaven. But you may not always cultivate those opportunities. The choice is yours. Whether you're developing your artistry as a means of making your place in the world or in business, you can be quite successful but feel most powerful when you put effort behind your opportunities. You can also be quite influential in aiding others along their paths and may feel better about opening doors for someone else than running headlong into the spotlight yourself.

You don't mind working hard to accomplish your goals. The energy of Mars in trine aspect to your Midheaven confers a strong measure of courage and confidence where career matters are concerned, and blazing trails may be second nature for you. You can handle competition and may even perform better when you rise to meet challenges.

You may have to re-evaluate your dreams from time to time with Neptune in quincunx aspect to your Midheaven. You can become disenchanted, particularly if you're following a path which seems to waste your talents and abilities. But you may also feel that your drive to accomplish success in the world vacillates. Listening to your inner voice in this regard can help, and knowing when you need to pull back can help you keep your energy strong. Work which makes a difference to the world in some way will be more fulfilling than just putting money in some guy's pocket. Your dreams of a better life can be distracting, especially if you always think that the grass is greener on the other side of that proverbial fence.

Although you may feel driven to achieve a preeminent position in the world, you may not find that the experience of getting there is easy. Pluto's energy in quincunx aspect to your Midheaven encourages you to forge ahead in developing your life path, but your aims will probably have to be adjusted before you can effectively accomplish them. In the process of getting there, you may discover strengths or talents you did not know you have, and you may also find that some of the areas you felt were important are not as fulfilling. As long as you're willing to be somewhat flexible in dealing with changes, you'll probably accomplish what you set out to do, and more. But if you resist change or feel resentful when you have to alter your path, you may hold yourself back.

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 Virgo radiate through your 2nd House, adding discrimination to the manner in which you use your resources. Whether you're expending time, money or energy, you like to know where it's going and what effect it will have. You may be quite adept at handling money, and are not likely to waste your resources on something of poor quality or questionable value. You're the woman who'll take the time to read about your purchases or to investigate the feasibility of a projected budget. Mercury's energy influences this house, stimulating your need to gain an understanding of the best ways to handle your finances. But you are also learning about the power of your mind in attracting the kind of resources you need. Your self esteem can be strengthened by maintaining a keen awareness of the manner in which you use your available resources. Getting the best use out of what you have makes a lot of sense to you.

Through the energy of Venus in your 2nd House, you can attract resources and material stability quite readily. You are very aware of the relationship between your self esteem and your finances and may have learned early that when you're feeling good about yourself, it's easier to get what you want. Although you're not likely to be extremely greedy with your finances, you can be self-indulgent. You love the best of everything and will feel empowered when your life involves at least a few of the pleasures you enjoy. Occupations which involve the arts or which cater to things women love - like fashion, jewelry, cosmetics, hair dressing - can bring rewards.

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.

The influence of Pisces on your 8th House adds a need for drama and romance as key ingredients in your intimate relationships. You may think this is the way everyone approaches intimacy, but it's not true! To unlock your deeper yearnings, you might enjoy role playing or sharing your fantasies. You may also be very drawn to a partner who shares similar spiritual

aspirations. It's important to learn the difference between spiritual bonding and fanciful romance, and it may take some time before you've clarified them. Within the union you desire, both partners surrender to the experience of love and allow the flow of love itself to change them. You may be attracted to men who are wounded in some way, and may feel that loving can heal them. This may be true, but if you sacrifice yourself in the process, you'll only be left with feelings of disappointment. The same is true in matters of joint finances, because you can go too far trusting your partner financially. Even if he manages the money, you need to sit down on a regular basis to discuss where you are so you are not shocked into disbelief if problems arise. But you need to also avoid making your partner the scapegoat for your financial problems.

Your Moon's energy in the 8th House signifies the experience of soul level transformation as part of the process of establishing a real awareness of your power as a woman. This may arise through childbirth, the loss of a dear friend, illness or death of your mother, severe illness of your own, or working in a field which encourages and supports transformation and healing. You need to confront the nature of total regeneration on an emotional and spiritual level in order to feel powerful, whole and complete. These are not easy tasks and may result in deep wounds, feelings of inadequacy or fears of loss or abandonment. Although any of these may be justified, staying stuck in the wound is not your ultimate goal. Learning to extract yourself and to experience rebirth allows your soul to evolve. And that's why you're here.

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.

Your earthy sensuality radiates through your Mars in Capricorn. Even though you may think you have yourself under control, you have an amazing sensual appetite. That's okay because when you indulge those needs within a safe and trusting relationship, you may actually feel better about yourself. It's when you try to repress your needs that you get yourself into trouble. Playful sexual activity may not be easy for you, especially if you're worried about whether or not you're doing everything in the proper way. Well, that's a matter of what you need at the moment, not some test of your abilities. You may actually find that sexual play which involves some type of restraints is quite appealing for you, whether you're the restrainer or restrainee! You strengthen your sense of power in the world by working hard to achieve your goals, and can be strongly self-reliant. You'll probably resist outside restraints, and will always perform better when you can do things your way. Establishing the difference between self-control and excessive controlling behavior and attitudes are among your primary lessons in life.

Since you have Mars in trine aspect to Saturn, your deliberate focus of energy can work to your advantage. You will probably resist outside controls, because you are quite capable of directing and controlling your own energy. When you need to be cooperative, you can, and when you are in situations which require you to take direction, you can be graceful about it. You don't like giving away your power by taking on useless power struggles.

You don't mind working hard to accomplish your goals. The energy of Mars in trine aspect to your Midheaven confers a strong measure of courage and confidence where career matters are concerned, and blazing trails may be second nature for you. You can handle competition and may even perform better when you rise to meet challenges.

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.

Your endurance levels are amazing with Saturn in Taurus, and it is that endurance which is the source of your personal power. You lose power when you feel insecure and when you allow jealousy, resentment or possessiveness to overtake you. Although you may think that holding onto the people and things you love will add to your power, sometimes you simply have to let go and allow change to work its own magic in your life. When you look at your inner drives, you may discover that you are driven by a fear of loss or abandonment. Even if this has not been confirmed by life experiences, it can play a huge role in your approach to your relationships and career endeavors, and it affects your self esteem. Learning to concentrate upon fostering growth and dealing with your emotional attachments by allowing some change to infiltrate your life will be very empowering in the long run.

With your Moon in semisquare aspect to Saturn you can diminish your personal power by trying too hard to control your emotions. Negative thoughts, feelings and attitudes seem easier to cultivate than positive, optimistic qualities. But you have a way out. When faced with challenges, you can actually use your awareness of your feelings, even if those feelings involve fear or anxiety, as a springboard to get you moving. Your grasp of the need to be responsible for yourself does not have to be depressing, but can instead prompt you to do things which will strengthen your sense of security and help you build a solid foundation for your long term growth. Watch a tendency in relationships to cling or to function from a level of neediness. When you're too needy, you deny your own power.

When you're caught in a difficult situation, you can usually figure out what to do. With Mercury in quincunx to Saturn you sometimes get caught because you failed to plan for contingencies. This can leave you feeling very exposed and frustrated, diminishing your sense of personal worth and power. Sometimes changing this is just as simple as studying for an exam, taking the time to balance your checkbook, or putting a map in the car before you head out for a trip.

Sustaining your self worth seems natural with Venus in trine aspect to Saturn. You know that you build solid foundations when you develop your talents, share what you have and teach what you know. Love is the key to your power, and sometimes being there for someone else in times of trouble strengthens you, too. You may also have a good ability to manage your finances, which forms an excellent base for power on many level.

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.

The power of your thoughts determines your experience of life. Pluto's energy in your 3rd House prompts you to transform your thinking. You must learn to trust your own intelligence, and to develop your mind in such a way that will allow you to experience an understanding of life at core levels. You ask questions, although many are never verbalized. They just drive you, like a relentless taskmaster, to look beneath the surface. You can be overcome by compulsive thought patterns, and when you do, you can find it difficult to release yourself from them. These compulsions can be a power drain, especially if they reach the obsessive level. Take the time to listen to your own thoughts. Do they offer self-confirming messages or destructive mutterings? Once you find a way to use your mind to heal your life, you will know the power you've been seeking.

## **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 a priestess living in a sacred temple. Here, you are calm, at peace with yourself, and free to express your ideas, creativity and compassion without restraint. All your gifts are considered sacred, and your awareness is clear and pure. Each day you sing with joy and feel inspired by the experience of sharing time with your sisters whose lives are as full as your own. You are happy to surrender to your creative muse, because she guides you into experiences which are always wonderful. One morning your muse sings to you and carries you into a beautiful garden. She seems to have a great sense of anticipation, and tells you that you are to be blessed today. In the center of the garden, you meet an angel, surrounded by music and light. You wonder if this is your guardian angel, and just as though she could read your thoughts, says,

"I am your angel of laughter and mirth." She dances around you, and you cannot help but move your feet and begin to dance yourself. You hear her laughter, and then seem to be joined by a host of angelic beings who are absolutely radiant when they laugh. Your angel then sings to you, "With so many worries and cares in the world, you sometimes feel disheartened. But you can change the music by listening to your soul."