

Basic Astrology Report

for

Lisa Marie Presley

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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Lisa Marie Presley

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	21°Pi51'	8th	
The Sun	Aquarius	12°Aq09'	7th	
Mercury	Pisces	0°Pi20'	8th	
Venus	Capricorn	7°Cp36'	6th	
Mars	Pisces	18°Pi18'	8th	
Jupiter	Virgo	3°Vi12'	2nd	
Saturn	Aries	8°Ar12'	9th	
Uranus	Virgo	28°Vi50'	3rd	
Neptune	Scorpio	26°Sc20'	4th	
Pluto	Virgo	22°Vi29'	2nd	
Chiron	Pisces	26°Pi41'	9th	
The North Node	Aries	21°Ar04'	9th	
The South Node	Libra	21°Li04'	3rd	
The Ascendant	Leo	7°Le32'	1st	
The Midheaven	Aries	28°Ar26'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Conjunction	Mars	3°33'	Separating
The Moon	Opposition	Uranus	6°58'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Neptune	4°28'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	Pluto	0°37'	Applying
The Moon	Conjunction	Chiron	4°49'	Applying
The Moon	Quincunx	The South Node	0°47'	Separating
The Moon	Sesquisquare	The Ascendant	0°40'	Applying
The Sun	Sesquisquare	Uranus	1°40'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Chiron	0°28'	Separating
The Sun	Opposition	The Ascendant	4°37'	Separating
Mercury	Opposition	Jupiter	2°52'	Applying
Mercury	Square	Neptune	3°59'	Separating
Mercury	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°54'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Jupiter	4°23'	Separating
Venus	Square	Saturn	0°35'	Applying
Venus	Quincunx	The Ascendant	0°04'	Separating
Mars	Opposition	Pluto	4°10'	Applying
Mars	Conjunction	Chiron	8°22'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	The Midheaven	4°46'	Applying
Saturn	Trine	The Ascendant	0°39'	Separating
Uranus	Sextile	Neptune	2°29'	Applying

Uranus	Conjunction	Pluto	6°21'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	2°09'	Applying
Uranus	Quincunx	The Midheaven	0°24'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	0°20'	Separating
Pluto	Opposition	Chiron	4°12'	Separating
Pluto	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°03'	Separating

INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

LIFE GOALS

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

Longfellow, *Elegiac Verse* 1880.

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

Your Sun is in the seventh house of your birth chart meaning that relationships are a major feature of your life, both personal and business ones. You feel most warm-hearted and loving when relating to other people, in particular your primary partner. You really shine in your own life when happily married, living or working closely with someone else in partnership. It's not that you don't like time on your own, it's simply that you enjoy being in partnership with someone else. Depending on other sections of your birth chart, you're likely to benefit through your partnerships. You're popular amongst your friends and business colleagues and therefore likely to attract happy unions. A fortunate partnership is likely to help you shine in the world and achieve your goals, and success comes to you through beneficial business partnerships. Any difficulties that arise in these relationships can usually be resolved by talking through the problems, either with your partner or through a third party, a mediator. Ancient astrologers considered the Sun placed in the seventh house of a chart to be a fortunate position enabling a person to achieve their goals in life through their partnerships with other people.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Aquarius indicating that you're unconventional, friendly, unpredictable and innovative. Anything new and original will appeal, particularly if it goes against convention. You like to test ideas that have never been thought of before. At best this can be an exciting quest into unexplored territories. It can, however, be an indiscriminate rebellion against tradition. Not that you will mind, for you're a strong believer in people having the freedom of individual expression and not being oppressed by society's expectations. A regular livewire, you've an electric quality about your personality, which makes it difficult for you to sit still for long and also makes you attractive to people from all walks of life. In fact you prefer to mingle with groups of people, often adopting the adage 'the more the merrier'. You may also enjoy working in a group which fights a particular cause. Ironically, while championing the cause for individual freedom, you also have a knack for seeing the needs of humanity as a whole. For this reason you may find that issues such as the environment and world peace are close to your heart. However, any world news can spark your creative ideas for change. Astrologically speaking the Sun is said to be in detriment in Aquarius, thereby giving emphasis to any difficulties you may have adapting your personal desire for individual freedom to the needs of society as a whole.

The Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Uranus in your birth chart indicating that you're impulsive and determined to be an individual. You want to do things your own way and will dig in your heels if anyone tries to stop you. You've the ability to be a unique and original leader, but you need to be wary of letting your impatient and excitable nature stand in the way of you achieving your life goals. If you're not careful you're easily embroiled in various dramas over perceived or, in some cases, real injustices. This could range from a minor conflict with a sales person or major battles with authorities. This tendency to clash with other people probably originates from your childhood relationship with your father or a father figure. It's likely that you were a wilful child, who liked to have the freedom to learn through experience rather than through parental advice. Of course the extent of your rebellion depends on other influences in your chart. You may have clashed with a strong-minded male parental figure, either through head-on conflict or passive lack of co-operation. Possibly the loss, or absence, of a strong male during your childhood meant that you were given too much freedom and lacked appropriate parental guidance. It's also possible that in your mind you feel that you were not given enough freedom. Given your need for individual freedom, you may have felt trapped. Either way, as an adult, you struggle to curb a tendency to lash out whenever someone else or circumstances appear to stop you getting or doing what you want. This can result in a feeling of being isolated or separated from loved ones or society. However, it's more likely that your own wilful nature is preventing you from achieving your goals in life. You need to find the right mix of respecting your own original identity and the needs of other people. Once you've achieved this balance then you're free to pursue your unique talents, and to succeed in reaching your goals.

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

Jupiter is also in the second house of your chart signifying that wealth and prosperity are yours for the asking. Like the King Midas character in the story, every thing that you touch seems to turn to gold. You just seem to have the knack of knowing how to make money, and how to increase your earnings through investments. You may not even set out to make money, preferring to take a more philosophical attitude to certain work projects, nevertheless the project turns out to be a real money-spinner. Unlike the story character you're not greedy or miserly, but are generous with your money and your possessions. At some stage you may even become a wealthy benefactor of a worthy cause or individual. It's possible that other influences in your chart do indicate extravagance. If this is the case then you're likely to spend your money as soon as you make it, perhaps even going into debt in your enthusiasm to spend. Negative influences also mean that you need to be careful of losing your money through gambling and unwise investments. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's birth chart meaning that you usually land on your feet when it comes to personal finances.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Virgo in your birth chart indicating that you have a strong desire to be of service to humanity in a practical manner because you're a methodical and matter-of-fact person. It's not that you don't have high religious or spiritual ideals, because you do. It's simply that you're prudent and down-to-earth in the manner in which you would like to see these ideals manifested. You've a materialistic view of life and are adept at working

towards your goals. You're likely to rise above your station in life through success in business, speculative dealings, gains through investments and professional recognition. You're cautious and not easily influenced by other people. In fact you're very careful in your choice of acquaintances, and count very few people as your friends. However, those who can count you as a friend are indeed fortunate because you're discreet and loyal. It is possible that your friends are students of occult studies. When you travel it is more likely to be for business than for pleasure, reflecting the practical side of your nature. In some forms of astrology the planet Jupiter is considered to be in an ill-favoured position in the sign of Virgo, meaning that you should be wary of being too smug and covetous of the material side of life.

HOME

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

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

The Moon is placed in the eighth house of your birth chart suggesting that you have a need to understand the cycles of life and the metaphysical nature of the world. What happens after death? What energies are at play in human relationships? and Why do certain events seem to be synchronised? These are all questions which could be food for thought. You're sensitive to the emotional undercurrents in many situations and want to explore this further, even if this means exploring the world of occultism. It's also possible that you suffered through the death of a loved one, possibly even the early death of your mother. Your experience opened many doors of enquiry, which can't be closed. You've the ability to develop your interest in the occult world and to use your discoveries for practical results in your own and other people's lives. Although financial gain can't make up for the traumas that you suffered earlier in life, you're likely to benefit through inheritances, particularly from your mother's side of the family. This, of course, depends on other influences in your birth chart. In some cases it's the lack of financial support during childhood which can deeply affect your adult life. If this is the case you may seek comfort through other people's resources – monetary and emotional – whether this is through joint projects or investments.

With the Moon in the sign of Pisces you're a deeply sensitive person, who often feels misunderstood in a harsh world. This is a strange paradox because you seem to understand others so well, empathising strongly with their feelings. At best you're a caring and loving person, who knows how to express your sensitive feelings through a creative form. Finding an outlet for your imaginative nature will be very soothing. You also enjoy communing with nature, or spending time in meditation or prayer. Your sensitivity and imagination also gives you the ability to lend a sympathetic ear to your loved ones, intuitively knowing how to make them feel at one with the world and free from their problems. However, you need to be wary of falling into the misunderstood victim role. Others may not always understand your need to escape from the realities of the world. You've a highly developed emotional nature and need to escape from time to time. Be wary of manufactured forms of escape such as hallucinatory drugs and alcohol. You may also have a sensitivity to drugs of all kinds.

The Moon is making an aspect to Mars in your chart indicating that your home life is active and

boisterous, rather than a peaceful environment. Fortunately you're an impulsive and emotional person, who prefers action to becoming bored by inactivity. You're likely to feel more comfortable when faced with a challenge. For this reason you may enjoy working around the house or working from home. It's possible that your need for an active home life stems from your childhood home environment, which was busy and boisterous. Perhaps your mother, or a strong woman in your household, was vivacious and dynamic, possibly even fiery. In some cases male members of the family can display these traits. Either way at a young age you learnt how to enjoy a spirited home life, which you've carried into your adult life. You need to be wary of a lack of sensitivity to other people's feelings. Not everyone is as feisty as you. You could also try to avoid becoming embroiled in arguments with women. This could be difficult as you're impetuous, liable to act without thinking. Mostly you enjoy the challenge of new activity, but at times your vigorous nature can land you in hot water.

The Moon and the planet Neptune are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're a soft, imaginative and sensitive person, who needs a peaceful home environment. Your home needs to be your haven from the world because at times you feel overwhelmed by the harsh realities of the world, and you need to shut away. If this isn't possible then it's likely that you'll be distressed and confused. It's true that you live in a fantasy world. Family members may have stories about your daydreaming ways as a child, which continue well into adulthood. It's also possible that your loved ones feel the need to bring you back down to earth, believing that this will help you cope with the world. Nevertheless you've learned to trust your own instincts, telling you of a need to escape somewhere to dream, even if it's only one room. In this case a room with a beautiful view would definitely appeal to your aesthetic nature. Your imagination is important in helping you to develop your artistic or spiritual gifts. It's likely that your relationship with your mother, grandmother, or an important woman has played a key role in helping you develop the imaginative side of your nature. Perhaps this woman had artistic or spiritual gifts, or encouraged your own talents. It's likely that, although you've an idealised picture in your mind of this woman, that she has had a positive effect on your life. Your house may also be a restful haven for your loved ones, because you've a flair for creating a peaceful environment. This may be your ability to listen with sensitivity to other people's problems and plans, or the ability to create beautiful environment with artistic ornaments, soothing music and indoor plants and flowers. Perhaps you also have artistic talents, which can be displayed in your home. You may find a great sense of satisfaction in living close to water.

The Moon and the planet Uranus are connected in your chart suggesting that your home life is unusual and changeable. It could be that you've difficulty settling down in one place, or that you live in extraordinary surroundings. In some way your family life is unusual. This isn't necessarily a negative experience, although it could be upsetting. Perhaps you, or a member of your family, have an unusual hobby which has taken over the household, or necessity requires that your family often changes residence. The erratic nature of your household probably stems from your childhood experiences. Perhaps your family was different from traditional families, or circumstances led to emotional upsets in the family home. It's possible that you suffered from a sense of insecurity as a child as a result of changing family life. Your mother, or an important mother figure, may have been an unusual or unstable influence in your early childhood. A continuing sense of a lack of security in your home and family may be a source of emotional distress, as you struggle to come to terms with conflicting emotions. However, you're a

resourceful, inventive and independent person, and will eventually learn to blend your individual need for excitement and stimulation in the home environment with a need for comfort and security.

The Moon and the planet Pluto are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're an intense and emotional person, prone to extreme highs and lows. You love drama and intensity, because these give you a sense of being deeply connected to your loved ones, and to the world. It's likely that your family and home life are periodically emotionally volcanic. This can be problematic if other members of your family don't desire the same level of intensity, particularly if they're seeking peace and quiet at home. If this is the case your needs are directly opposed to your loved ones', which may not concern you, but could result in dramatic changes in your personal life. This is also a problem because you've a deep sense of commitment to your personal relationships, and feel betrayed if others don't share this commitment. It's likely that your need for emotional intensity originates from an early childhood experience, probably linked with your mother or another strong woman figure. Your relationship with your mother is likely to be immersed with intense feelings, perhaps even stemming from a life-or-death situation. You may feel positively or negatively about your mother. Either way your feelings are likely to be strong. You're a resourceful person, and can rely on your own resources to solve most problems. You need to find a creative outlet for your intense nature, something that will totally absorb your attention. Perhaps you would enjoy property development, or renovating your house. You're a powerful person with leadership skills, and a need for a challenge.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.

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

The planet Mercury in the eighth house of your chart signifies that you are keen to discover the secrets of life's mysteries, whether they be metaphysical secrets or unsolved historical events. You find hidden and unsolved mysteries intriguing. It's as if you are drawn to probe hidden meanings rather than skirt over the surface. Your curiosity leads you into all sorts of interesting situations and places, ranging from travelling to out-of-the-way places to attending lectures on unusual subjects. You are also a keen reader with interests ranging from true-life stories about life after death to a good old-fashioned murder mystery. Life after death is a subject of particular intrigue, perhaps as a result of your own experiences. The death of a loved one can cause much mental anguish and add to your determination to search for answers to the metaphysical side of life. Sex and money are also two subjects which interest you. You could experience some difficulties with your personal and business partners regarding money. Therefore you would be wise to have any business contracts thoroughly checked before signing the final contract.

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

The planet Mercury is making an unfavourable aspect to the planet Jupiter in your chart indicating that you're likely to encounter obstacles in your education. This could be for a number of reasons. Perhaps you've so many ideas and plans that you're not sure which ones to follow, and as a result never seem to get started. It's also possible that you've many unfinished projects, because your attention span is limited. Perhaps you lack good judgement. In all of these scenarios your intentions are good, but you lack the discipline to accomplish your goals. You make promises you can't keep and are prone to exaggeration. As a result your credibility is generally low. You may even become the subject of scandal and gossip. Of course this all

depends on other influences in your chart. And the good news is that you learn a great deal from your mistakes, growing older and wiser with each passing year. As a result you're likely to overcome your obstacles, and achieve your goals, particularly in the areas of communication and education. It's also possible that you choose to communicate your experience through teaching, writing or public speaking.

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

RELATIONSHIPS

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

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

When the planet Venus is placed in the sixth house of your birth chart, relationships with your co-workers are important. Usually you enjoy a peaceful daily work environment, and feel that your life is richly rewarded through your relationships with your co-workers. You appreciate the small comforts of life, anything which contributes to the smooth and pleasant running of daily life. Depending on the other influences in your chart, you enjoy good health and appreciate the freedom of being able to eat and drink what you like. Daily exercise is a source of pleasure, whether it be taking a walk in a nearby park or visiting a gymnasium. In some cases the planet Venus may be a negative influence resulting in health and diet restrictions. If this is the case in your chart, you may suffer ill-health, particularly in your childhood. As a result you may have to adhere to a strict health regime in order to overcome your health difficulties. Whether you're healthy or not, you have to be careful not to overindulge when eating and drinking. A little common sense goes a long way. Health is likely to be a general topic of interest, perhaps to the extent that you take up a job in orthodox or alternative medicine or hygiene-related professions. Your job may also be linked to your enjoyment of animals, although it's more likely that you simply delight in owning pets.

With Venus in the sign of Capricorn you're shy in relationships, slow to form friendships with other people but, once you've committed to another person, then you're steadfast in your efforts to maintain the relationship. This is particularly true of your primary relationship. Not one to be distracted by romantic illusions, you may appear to be reticent, almost cold, in the first throes of love. This is partly because you're timid, but it's also because you like to weigh up the pros and the cons to any new relationship. You're a great believer in the adage "actions speak louder than words" and you like to observe other people's actions. You form relationships slowly, but they are enduring. Your head isn't ruled by your heart, although you like to think that you've a good balance. This is fortunate because you're ambitious in relationships, seeking a partner who is of good character and good standing in the community. For these reasons you may have more difficulty in your relationships earlier in life, seemingly missing out on the flurry of social contacts being experienced by your more flighty friends. It's later in life that your relationships flourish and you're placed in positions of trust and responsibility through your liaisons with other people, particularly people in authority. It's also later in life that you stand to profit through your relationships, either financially or through promotions in your social standing.

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

The planets Venus and Saturn have combined in your chart indicating that you have difficulty in intimate relationships. You seek commitment and security in your primary relationship, but may be disappointed at some stage of your life. It's possible for you to have a rewarding, long-term relationship with someone trustworthy and reliable, but it's likely to be after initial setbacks and upsets. You're faithful and loyal, a dependable, stable and dutiful partner. However, you need to be wary of becoming involved with someone who tries to control your movements and behaviour. Depending on other influences in your chart you may be shy and inhibited in your personal relationships, and be fearful of standing up for your rights. One of your parents may have been too strict, eroding your confidence and ability to make your own way in the world. Consequently you fear expressing yourself, particularly in intimate relationships, and harbour feelings of being unattractive. While your personal relationships may prove difficult you've the ability to form good business partnerships. This is probably because business partners don't require intimacy or emotional vulnerability. It's also possible that you're attracted to someone much older. The good news is that once you overcome your feelings of inadequacy you've the ability to form secure and long-lasting personal relationships based on firm foundations. You may favour a traditional marital relationship, complete with a ceremony and wedding vows.

MOTIVATION

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

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

With Mars placed in the eighth house of your birth chart joint ventures and finances play a major role in your life. This can be sharing money and investments with your marriage partner, or it could be ventures with business partners, or both. You enjoy working towards your goals with other people, pooling ideas and resources, but the path is not always smooth. This could be because of circumstances beyond your control or because you rush into agreements without reading the fine print. You're so keen to do business with other parties that you brush aside the details in the belief that they will sort themselves out later, but this is not necessarily so. You need to take more care, particularly in connection with joint finances with your spouse. This is another problem area. It's difficult for you to agree with your marriage partner on the subject of joint money. Perhaps your spouse is extravagant, or perhaps you are. Either way money is likely to be a hot subject in your marriage. Legacies and wills are also likely to be fraught with difficulties. You may have difficulty trusting someone else to look after your financial matters, but this may provide a solution as long as you have a contract that protects your interests. It's also possible, depending on other influences in your birth chart, that you can benefit financially through joint enterprises that involve good honest hard work.

The planet Mars in the sign of Pisces indicates that you're a sensitive and affectionate individual, with a tendency to have difficulties facing the more practical realities of life. Where others rise to a challenge, you're more likely to hesitate, fearful of the consequences. You're timid and retiring, preferring to skirt around conflict rather than tackling problems head on. In some cases you can resort to emotional manipulation in order to get your own way, such as refusing to show interest or take part in a project. In other words you're more likely to be passive rather than aggressive in your approach to achieving your goals, and when thwarted. You do well when you're able to socialise with sympathetic and like-minded individuals, but you suffer when exposed to harsh or unsympathetic people. In other words you're easily influenced by other people. For this reason you need to avoid situations in which you may be victimised, as this will only fan the gloomy and depressive side of your nature. You would be better to pursue a more creative or spiritual path in life, or to take up activities which enable you to express the caring side of your nature. You're a kind and benevolent person, often drawn to philanthropic institutions. You're also likely to be artistically or psychically gifted.

An unfavourable combination of the planets Mars and Pluto has a powerful effect on your life, suggesting that you've intense emotions which are difficult to control. Violence may even be a theme in your life, either your own or someone else's aggressive actions. Those who know you

well also recognise a volcanic temper when they see one. Whether you're the type to lose your cool often or rarely, you certainly make an impact when you do! On the other hand you're a great person to have around in a crisis because little daunts your indomitable spirit. You're capable of swift and effective actions, and commitment to seeing something through to the end. One of your key lessons is to come to an understanding of your own and other people's powerful emotions, and to express your own in a positive and creative manner. Fortunately your will-power is awesome once you've decided on your objective. You've the ability to work with persistence and determination, and to achieve a great sense of satisfaction when you have reached your goal.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

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

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

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

The planet Saturn in the sign of Aries signifies that you're resourceful, and capable of applying new methods of approaching a project or problem in a practical manner. You're ambitious and prefer to carry out tasks on your own rather than in a group. If you do take part in group projects then you're likely to be the leader. You're able to slowly and surely achieve your ambitions, although it's more likely to be later than earlier in life. Your lessons are in patience and self-reliance. Once you've mastered these traits then you can resolutely work towards your objectives. You've good reasoning faculties. You tend to be reserved rather than outgoing, although you're touchy and easily-angered when under pressure. Those who know you well can sometimes feel the brunt of your temper. Astrologically speaking the planet Saturn is in an ill-favoured position in the sign of Aries meaning that you need to beware of your tendency to try to achieve all of your goals on your own without recognising the contribution of other people.

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

With a Midheaven in the sign of Aries and ruled by the planet Mars, you're likely to choose any career which gives you the freedom to follow your own path. You're a leader, rather than a follower, and prefer a profession which provides independence and autonomy. In fact you have

difficulty settling into a job which doesn't give you plenty of authority. You don't like to work with someone watching over your shoulder, preferring to go at your own pace. You may even have difficulty working in an office, where routine and schedules are the order of the day. You prefer to be on the road, or to work your own hours. Assertion, power and initiative are keys to you succeeding in your chosen career. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Hollywood actress Meryl Streep, Prince Charles of England, UK politician Neil Kinnock, and Australian opera singer June Bronhill.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY

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

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

The planet Uranus is in the third house of your birth chart suggesting that you're a quick and original thinker, quick to grasp the meaning of complicated subjects and to understand the nuances of human relations. Your intuition is strong, so much so that you may have clairvoyant, clairaudient or telepathic abilities, perhaps even a gift for magnetic healing. You may be fascinated by the occult world or pursue your interest in astrology, science or metaphysics through reading, writing or studying. Other people may be drawn to your original mind, or they may be repelled by your eccentricity, because you do have a tendency to suddenly express your ideas without fully realising their impact on other people. When you focus your creative and intelligent mind on one task it's difficult to imagine you failing at your purpose, but the problem is being able to maintain your concentration. At times you're unsettled in your purpose, and your restlessness can prompt sudden changes of residence or impromptu journeys. The planet Uranus in this house can also indicate an unusual relationship with your siblings, or that your siblings are independent and unconventional.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Virgo from 1962 - 1968. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Virgo indicates that you belong to a generation which focuses on the practical details of humanity. Medical research, the balance between work and leisure, the links between mind and body come into focus. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

The planets Uranus and Neptune are combining in your chart suggesting that your creative urges are strong. You enjoy exploring new territory, either through studying or travelling and your talents may lie in writing, healing, social welfare, healing or spiritual fields. You may be keen to explore metaphysical matters, perhaps even belonging to a secret society or a group dedicated to global healing, charity or spirituality. Your psychic abilities and intuition are likely to be heightened, and this may help you explore your creativity.

The planets Uranus and Pluto both move slowly through the zodiac, and therefore any connection between the two planets affects birth charts for a short period of time. You were born in such a time meaning that you feel the urge to bring about revolutionary change in your life and those of your friends, colleagues and society. You've high ideals and the creative energy to

implement changes. You may be curious about metaphysical matters, science and global affairs.

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

The meaning of the planet Neptune placed in the fourth house of your chart varies depending on the other influences in your chart. It usually means that there are plenty of skeletons in the family closet, which family members are keen to see remain behind closed doors. Perhaps other family members are well aware of the skeletons, and it's only you who refuses to face the reality, preferring to build a fantasy picture of your childhood home and family. It's possible that there were several changes of residence in your childhood, or perhaps one major move which affected you deeply. It's also possible that a grandmother had an important influence on your early childhood and family life. There is likely to be a sense of loss associated with your family home, or with your parents. As an adult you may repeatedly attempt to recreate a home that will reflect the ideal held in your mind, or in search of the security which was absent as a child. This can lead to frustration. On the other hand you may be well aware of the peculiarities of your childhood home or family, recalling a sense of loss or disillusion. With this placement you're likely to benefit from the healing effects of living near water, or in wide open spaces. You may also enjoy living in a large apartment block, revelling in the anonymity.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Scorpio from 1955 - 1970. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Scorpio indicates that you belong to a generation which has the ability to passionately pursue spiritual values. You face a battle between your material desires and the desire for a spiritual way of life. You know the value of regeneration rather than stagnation, and may play a role in changing the world.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

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

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

The planet Pluto is in your second house of your birth chart indicating that possessions and money are a major challenge in your life. There is a constant sense of upheaval in your finances. This could mean that you're constantly struggling to make enough money to cover your expenses. If this is the case you may adapt your attitude towards money, realising that there are more important values in life. It's also possible that your financial situation undergoes a dramatic turnaround at some stage in your life. You could be very wealthy at one stage, and yet suffer poverty at another. Perhaps you believe that someone has betrayed you, and you've suffered financially as a result. Your challenge is to organise your personal finances with the utmost integrity, otherwise you could be subject to financial investigations and loss.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Virgo from 1957 - 1972. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Virgo suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global health and environment. Your generation possesses the ability to transform the way the world sees health. Medical research, world-wide diseases, medical discoveries, and the links between mind and body are focuses for this generation.

PURPOSE AND JOY

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

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

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

Your North Node is in the ninth house and your South Node is in the third house of your birth chart indicating a quest to develop your higher mind. You need to let go of any tendencies to be narrow-minded and learn to broaden your perspectives.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Aries and the South Node in the sign of Libra denoting that you're on a quest to become assertive and self-empowered. You've a tendency to be indecisive, always considering the needs of others first. Now you need to discover a sense of your own identity and initiate your own projects.

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Leo is considered to be "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Leo is also a fixed sign denoting fixity of purpose, resolution, self-reliance and independence.

You're sincere, generous and ambitious, enjoying a sense of autonomy in all that you do. You're adept at organising your own life, and enjoy the independence. Generally speaking you're assured of your own purpose, and your life is full and eventful. However, there are times when your passion and haste lead to downfalls, and you also have to be wary of the dictum "pride before a fall". Fortunately you're usually back on track quickly thanks to your vital and sunny nature. Other people may be buffeted by the vagaries of fate, but your lessons are connected with will power. In the balance of fate versus free will your purpose is to learn to use your strength of character and strong will power in a positive and powerful manner, rather than simply rebelling against society.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Leo is linked with conviction of spiritual purpose. While it may seem second nature to you, your strength lies in your sure knowledge of your own and other people's purpose. Others may not share your conviction, and this can be your gift to them. You need to be both single-minded in your spiritual purpose and inclusive of other people. Compassion should be your rule of thumb. Your purpose is connected to gaining and sharing a knowledge of both the personal self, and the higher self or soul.