

Chiron & the Goddesses

Ceres, Juno, Pallas, & Vesta

Astrology Report

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Cancer	23°Ca47'	12th	01 04°Le54'
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Mercury	Cancer	19°Ca55'	12th	03 13°Vi01'
Venus	Cancer	10°Ca35'	12th	04 12°Li32'
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Jupiter	Scorpio	17°Sc42'	04th	06 03°Cp13'
Saturn	Leo	09°Le57'	01st	07 04°Aq54'
Uranus	Gemini	23°Ge50'	11th	08 21°Aq37'
Neptune	Libra	08°Li14'	03rd	09 13°Pi01'
Pluto	Leo	12°Le23'	01st	10 12°Ar32'
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Ascendant	Leo	04°Le54'		12 03°Ca13'
Chiron	Scorpio	02°Sc31'	04th	
Ceres	Taurus	02°Ta33'	10th	
Pallas	Pisces	16°Pi26' R	09th	
Juno	Sagittarius	18°Sg21'	05th	
Vesta	Gemini	22°Ge37'	11th	

Introduction

Astrology is an ancient science and art that has been in use for centuries. The planets are named after the Mediterranean gods of ancient Rome and Greece. This illustrates the awareness possessed by our ancestors of the synchronicity between the activation of life's archetypal energies and the movements of heavenly bodies that seem to measure the timing of these events.

The last few centuries have been an exciting time for astrologers. We have witnessed the discovery of the outer planets and watched them conform to the synchronistic meaning ascribed to them by their names, joining and expanding the pantheon of deities that dance through the horoscopes of people and political events. Astrologers have become comfortable with the extended astrological family that now includes Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, and these have been utilized in western astrology for most of the twentieth century. Since the dust has settled from these cosmic discoveries, astrologers have had some time to study the action of some other newly discovered heavenly bodies - namely Chiron and the asteroids.

The asteroids lie in a belt that orbits between Mars and Jupiter. It is now known that this belt is comprised of thousands of asteroids, but the first four were discovered many years in advance of the rest. These four asteroids were named after four major Olympic goddesses, which happened to redress the gender imbalance among the primarily male planetary deities that populate the horoscope. Thus it was that Ceres, Juno, Vesta, and Pallas Athena came along at the time of the birth of the women's movement in the nineteenth century. Astrologers do work with the myriad of other asteroids as well, but these four, with their associations to four of the most important goddesses, are the "standard" ones in use.

Chiron was discovered in 1977, and was named after the wise Greek centaur who tasted immortality. Chiron lies between Saturn and Uranus and occasionally passes within the orbit of Saturn. At first thought to be a comet or asteroid it is now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body.

The astrological portraits of the asteroids and Chiron have emerged through the observations of fascinated astrologers over the last century. This report informs you of their symbolic meaning and gives you insight into how they operate in your own horoscope.

Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart

Chiron

The astronomical body, Chiron (once thought to be a comet or asteroid, now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body) is named after the ancient Greek, centaur demi-god who was horse from the waist down and human from the waist up. Chiron's orbit, unlike that of the asteroids, lies between Saturn and Uranus, and is irregular in that it occasionally crosses inside the orbit of Saturn. This astronomical characteristic is symbolic of Chiron's reputation for being somewhat of a maverick.

Chiron was no ordinary run-of-the-mill centaur at the mercy of instincts and appetites. He displayed such self-mastery and was so wise and gifted in both the arts of healing and the arts of war and statesmanship, that he found himself mentor to heroes and kings and their sons. His service was of such value that he was granted immortality by the gods. Chance would have it that he was accidentally wounded in the foot by one of his own poisoned arrows, carelessly tossed by one of his fosterlings (Heracles). Since by this time he was immortal, the result of this mishap was that Chiron was condemned by fate to suffer eternally the agonies of a poisoned wound that could not be healed. In order to obtain release from his endless suffering, the wise old centaur decided to relinquish the mantle of immortality that had been bestowed upon him. He gave it, instead, to Prometheus (who needed it to be freed from the punishment he suffered for mocking the gods and stealing their fire). In this way, Chiron embraced death and found release from his suffering.

Astrologically, Chiron's placement in the horoscope indicates one's experience of the wound that does not heal, (or the wound that does not seem to heal, because although an important lesson may be learned through dealing with it, the wound seems to spiral around with another lesson on a deeper level). Chiron represents one's experience of woundedness and the nature of the wound. Second, by coming to terms with suffering through an acceptance of one's mortality, one arrives at a greater state of wholeness or healing. Third, Chiron shows how one comes into one's own as an elder or mentor who can provide healing and guidance to others. Thus Chiron also astrologically indicates the ways and means with which you can guide others, as well as the kind of mentoring and healing you seek for yourself.

Chiron in Scorpio

With Chiron in Scorpio, mentoring and the healing process are associated with penetrating emotional/intuitive awareness, transformational experiences and rites of passage (such as death and birth), the handling of power, and the healthy affirmation of one's instinctive and sexual needs and one's own inner darkness. This applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. You may feel wounded or inadequate in the above-mentioned areas, or you may experience an insoluble conflict arising from overwhelming or traumatic experiences undergone during the instinctual pre-verbal phase of life. You may encounter mentor figures who are charismatic, have a powerful presence and influence, and who know how to deal with powerful needs and drives - whether political, psychological, or metaphysical. Painful experiences to do with power abuses, sex, death, the occult, or reproductive disorders can evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

Chiron in 4th House

Chiron in the fourth house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with the home, family, and domestic or emotional security. In one way or another, the sense of a secure foundation and profound sustenance that is derived from early home life is likely to be damaged. The relationship with either the father or the mother (whoever is the more mysterious, less "present" parent) can be experienced as hurtful, inadequate, or rife with insoluble conflict. There may be painful issues to do with homelessness or exile, whether "real" or internally experienced as an ever-present sense of never belonging. A parent who is a healer or mentor figure may be unavailable because all their energy is given to "the sick and wounded," or perhaps there is an exquisite sensitivity to the woundedness of a parent who is dysfunctional as a result. Such early domestic experiences can have a wounding effect, and any dysfunctional defense mechanisms you use to deal with the painful issue can cause you further difficulties. Eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

Chiron: No Aspects

Chiron does not form any aspects with the other planets. The Chiron archetype, with its themes of mentoring and of dealing with the wound that never heals, is not an integrated part of your personality, identity, or character. Very simply, the whole Chiron myth just doesn't ring your bells or seem to be relevant to your life in any major way. It's as if, in your chart, Chiron is slumbering in a deep sleep. However, he may be suddenly roused - the archetype activated - by the transit (ongoing orbital movement) of one of the planets moving into aspect with your Chiron. If it does, then chances are that this is experienced as a kind of "stranger crashes the party" phenomenon that suddenly sweeps into your life from out of nowhere, and leaves you musing "I wonder what got into me"

afterwards when your normal sense of self is restored. Such episodes could involve mentor figures, body-mind healing experiences, or the sudden confrontation with a deep sense of being mortally wounded; these episodes would be further delineated by the sign position and house position of Chiron in your chart (listed here in your report).

Ceres

Ceres is the expression of the Earth Goddess archetype that has been worshipped in many forms by various cultures. This archetype has always been associated with mother earth, harvests, a transformational journey to and from the underworld, rites of passage, and the birth or resurrection of a fertility deity.

The myth of Demeter (da mater or "earth mother") and the sudden abduction of her dearly loved daughter Persephone by the lord of the underworld contains the same universal symbolism as other Earth Goddess myths. These myths may appear, at first, to be early explanations for the changing of the seasons. They are actually wise, rich, symbolic teachings on such profound themes as loss and renewal, death and rebirth, and the endless transformation that constitutes the very laws of creation to which this universe and everything in it adheres.

On a more personal level, the Ceres myth deals with the severance of the bonds of love and/or attachment. When we experience love as we have known it being taken from us, we can feel as if we have been cast into a realm of eternal darkness, never to return to the world of the living again. We may then be unable to let go of the past, reliving it again and again in our minds - protesting and resisting the present, and demanding that it somehow hand over to us the treasure that has been snatched away.

Yet as with Demeter, who chose to forgo her divinity and wander in the world of humans, after which she was reunited annually with her transformed daughter, it is only when we can give up notions of eternal paradise and immortality that we can relinquish old attachments. Only when we have been humbled by and have accepted those mysterious cyclic forces beyond ourselves that we can be restored to a state of plentitude and abundance in the here and now. Then we can truly understand how our cup must be emptied in order to be filled afresh.

Ceres in the birth chart thus describes what one really cares about, and the way one nurtures others (and needs to be nurtured oneself) in a parental kind of way. It also indicates where one may tend to cling, the kind of separations that can be traumatic, and what one may be required to give up (or share with others) in order to grow. It can also indicate the ways in which we seek for something that seems to be missing, something we didn't get enough of, as well as the ways that can help us mourn such a loss. As with Demeter and Persephone, Ceres can also indicate the kind of experience that constitutes a rite of passage - the most profound transformation: the death and rebirth of the self.

Ceres in Taurus

When Ceres is in Taurus, nurturance is conveyed through physical means - cuddles, hugs, and plenty of good food! You may even extend your nurturing instincts to the physical earth itself, through such activities as organic gardening and ecological movements. You may have an "Earth Mother" quality to you, and a green thumb that can make anything grow. Any unfulfilled needs for physical nurturing at an early age could be a source of grief through which you learn how to provide this for yourself and, thus, for others. On the other hand, this sense of lack can promote the tendency to accumulate material wealth as a kind of unconscious physical substitute. Loss of material security could be a transformative experience for you, one that initiates you into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 10th House

Ceres in the tenth house indicates that nurturing is so important to you that it needs to be part of your career (whether or not it's part of your job description). This need to care for others may have its roots in some experience (real or perceived) of parental rejection in your own personal life. The integration of parenting with the pursuit of a career can be an issue that, if not resolved, may lead to the sacrifice of one over the other. Unfulfilled desires to be a parent can be consciously channeled into your career, where you can make use of your great natural ability to care for others. You are "a natural" in such careers as social work, day-care, and herbal/nutritional or health care professions. Issues of nurturance and performance/achievement may have become intertwined, and if so, you could find it transforming and healing to disentangle the two.

Ceres: No Aspects

Ceres does not form any aspects with the other planets. The Ceres archetype, with its themes of mother-child bonds and issues of loss and return and difficult rites of passage, is not an integrated part of your personality or sense of self. To put it simply, the whole Ceres myth just doesn't strike any chord or seem to be relevant to your life in any major way. It's as if, in your chart, Ceres is slumbering in a deep sleep. However, this archetype may be suddenly activated by the transit (ongoing orbital movement) of one of the planets moving into aspect with your Ceres. If it does, then chances are that this is experienced as a kind of "stranger crashes the party" phenomenon that suddenly sweeps into your life from out of nowhere, and leaves you musing "I wonder what that was all about" afterwards when your normal sense of self is restored. Such episodes could involve sudden maternal instincts or uncharacteristic feelings of great loss; these episodes would be further delineated by the sign position and house position of Ceres in your chart (listed here in your report).

Pallas

As with goddess-myths associated with the other asteroids, the myths that pertain to the warrior goddess Pallas Athena reflect socio-historic upheavals as well as archetypal themes. One of the most interesting aspects of Athena's myth, as it has evolved, is the changing nature of her birth. In her earliest form she was said to have been born of Lake Triton in Libya, home of the legendary amazons. Her worship was brought to the Greek islands much later by the Libyans themselves as they emigrated across the Mediterranean sea. The story of her birth reflected this migration, for she was then said to be born of Metis - a sea goddess. Further evolution of her myth reflects the encounter of the goddess worshipping peoples with the patriarchal people invading Greece from the north: Metis (whose name means Wise Counsel), pregnant with Athena, was devoured by the invaders' god, Zeus, who later gave birth to a fully grown and fully armored Pallas Athena from his head. Later versions of this myth omit altogether any mention of Metis, and depict Athena as having been conceived without a woman's involvement.

Later myth also portrays Athena as bringing about the destruction of both Pallas and Medusa in what appears to be sociological evidence of the attempt to destroy goddess worship. (Pallas, Athena, and Medusa were the three faces of the Libyan version of the triple goddess.) In one of these myths Zeus tricks Athena into killing her Amazonian sister Pallas during a friendly competition. Another myth relates how Athena helped King Perseus to cut off Medusa's head by giving him a mirror to use so he could avoid her deadly gaze. Yet, as much as these myths might have been used as evidence of the wise Athena's denunciation of the Feminine, they also contain symbolism that indicates how Athena preserved the goddess trinity. For, upon the death of Pallas, the grieving Athena placed her sister's name before her own. As for her attitude towards Medusa, she bore Medusa's image upon her breastplate and distributed her blood to healers as a regenerative medicine. The symbolic importance of the mirror in the Perseus-Medusa conflict also hints at Athena's wisdom and gift as a mediator in teaching how to reconcile opposites by seeing in oneself the disowned qualities that are projected onto opponents.

Pallas Athena signifies wisdom and creative problem solving in which a holistic view of conflicting or opposite elements (the Masculine and the Feminine) is required. This sense of fairness is backed up by a willingness to defend or fight for the underdog. Thus Pallas Athena is also associated with fighting for causes. She represents the application of practical skill and creative intelligence in order to best be of service. She was the goddess of war (defense, originally) as well as the goddess of wisdom and culture - patroness of the civilized arts such as pottery, sculpture, weaving, architecture, and animal husbandry. Pallas Athena can also represent the denial of one's own gender in an effort to cope with situations that require the skills of the opposite gender in order to survive, as well as the struggle to rediscover and reconnect with essential qualities of one's own sex. Androgynous conditions and healing through feminine wisdom, energy balancing or conflict resolution are also expressions of the Pallas Athena archetype.

Pallas in Pisces

Pallas Athena in Pisces denotes perceptive insight into suffering and the human condition. You may be intuitively subtle or wise in your ability to express empathy, compassion, and unconditional love; and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. You could possess considerable psychic sensitivity, arising perhaps from a natural ability to experience states of mystic unity, or as a result of personal suffering, loss, or deprivation. Your compassion and sensitivity may be expressed aesthetically in powerfully moving song, poetry, or other art forms that emphasize the dreamy, inspirational and ethereal. You may put these abilities to use in the defense of some cause, especially any group that, for you, symbolizes the "suffering humanity" (see Pallas Athena's house position, below) - indeed you may be a crusader for universal Love. Difficulty may arise if your natural spirituality and sensitivity are directed into a crusade or militaristic campaign for unattainable ideals such as a perfect or divine society - especially if religious guilt is involved. Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in the creative ability to work with psychic or faith healing; spiritual practices involving the use of meditation, mantra, or visualization; shamanic journeying or imagery; art, dance, or music therapy; and dream work.

Pallas in 9th House

Pallas Athena in the ninth house burns with zeal over philosophical, religious, or legal matters (anything pertaining to the quest for "truth") as well as over matters that broaden the mind: higher education and foreign cultural exchange and travel. You can adapt with ease to a foreign country, language, or philosophy and make yourself quite at home in it, grasping its cultural wisdom and treasures with a knack that impresses its own people. You like to put your skill and understanding of foreign languages and belief systems to practical use, and you have a creative genius when it comes to doing so. You are a wise and practical teacher, and your approach to education expresses this. Difficulties can arise if you express an attitude of fanaticism or crusading over your belief system or cultural interests.

Moon Trine Pallas Orb: 06°23'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with the Moon. Your creative intellect and socio-cultural pursuits are fortified by your emotional energies. You are emotionally at ease in non-traditional gender, cultural, or political settings. Creative or cultural expression feeds your sense of emotional well being, and you may care for others through your practical creativity, your courage, and your wise approach to conflict resolution. You could be seen as a kind of mother figure to some minority or oppressed group that you support.

Mercury Trine Pallas Orb: 03°30'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Your intellectual-communicative abilities and your cultural and socio-political urges mutually enhance each other. You appreciate fine or thought-provoking literature and intellectual

discussions, especially when the topic revolves around issues of the arts or non-traditional gender, cultural, or political issues. You may enjoy networking with community projects that support these issues, perhaps supporting them through your writing or communicative skills.

Venus Trine Pallas Orb: 05°51'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Venus. The goddess of wisdom and culture meets the goddess of love and they strike up a great friendship! You have an appreciation for the arts, and may have a fine sense of beauty and aesthetic harmony. Your idea of the feminine can encompass assertive and confident worldly or creative accomplishment together with the more sensual, soft female qualities. You may support such issues as women's rights or women's efforts to heal their sexuality.

Mars Square Pallas Orb: 05°09'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Your male assertive energies collide head-on with issues of culture, the arts, or social activism. You may feel, or be made to feel, that it is unmanly for men to express themselves in creative or artistic endeavors. Or perhaps you struggle with lack of confidence or fear of confrontation when it comes to expressing your creative mind or political views. The pursuit of more traditionally male activities may put you into conflict with sensitive issues of socio-cultural concern. Or perhaps your socio-political views leave you feeling uncomfortable about your more masculine characteristics, like anger or aggressive behavior. Either way, there may be some issue over the expression of one's masculine qualities. It is important for you to understand that both the need for cultural/creative expression achievement and the need for a healthy masculine assertiveness are legitimate. If either need is denied or suppressed, it will tend to pop up in negative forms that continue to irritate you until you find ways to make room for both in your life.

Jupiter Trine Pallas Orb: 01°16'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Jupiter. Your sense of faith and enthusiasm and your creative and cultural sensibilities enrich each other. Your creative intellect or cultural pursuits are bolstered by your optimism and your sense of faith. A search for meaning could be deepened by a sophisticated grasp of the roots of cultural traditions. You enjoy philosophical thought, story-telling, and folk wisdom. You may have a gift for teaching, or picking up foreign languages. Perhaps you support a favorite cause through your ability to bridge the cultural gap or reconcile differing belief systems or cultures. You can instill faith and optimism in those who feel downtrodden or defeated.

Juno

Juno (whose Greek name is Hera) is an ancient Queen of Heaven Goddess dating from that matriarchal period when the sovereign Deity was female and reigned alone, presiding over the mysteries of birth, motherhood, and the various phases of reproduction. Mythology relates how she was seduced by Zeus, married him out of a sense of honor, endured a marriage characterized by power struggles over issues of fidelity and bearing a line of descent, as well as how she went into retreat occasionally in order to renew and center herself. Her myth parallels the history of social upheaval in the lands where she was worshipped. Northern invaders struggled to impose traditions of patrilineal descent and the worship of their chief god, Zeus, upon the indigenous matriarchal cultures of Mycenaean Greece and Crete. Over a period of hundreds of years of cultural conflict, the two divinities were forced to share the altar. Thus, in addition to her authority over matters pertaining to childbirth and motherhood, Juno has come to be associated with issues of socially acknowledged relationship, legal marriage, marital fulfillment through commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

Juno represents both the need for relationship and the refusal to accept inequality within the context of a relationship. She represents the struggle to balance the need for intimacy with the opposing need for freedom - needs which both partners have, although one of these needs may be projected onto the partner. She can also represent the need to take marriage as a sacred trust, a way that leads to spiritual fulfillment through the reconciliation of the opposites in a state of union.

On another level, Juno can represent the way in which one feels rendered powerless by conflict in spite of sincere effort and irreproachable conduct on one's own part. The harder one tries, the more inadequate one's efforts seem to be, for there is a tendency to cling to old methods when circumstances have changed and a whole new paradigm is needed before the way clear can be seen. This frustration can sometimes lead to self-depreciation and loss of faith in oneself. Juno thus symbolizes the transition state between old and new ways of being, where the old fails to meet the needs of the times and the new is not yet manifest. She describes the need for a kind of spiritual self-rejuvenation that is needed in order to see oneself through times of utter disintegration into the future that awaits. Juno in the horoscope thus represents the ways in which we need to renew ourselves, and where our ability to adjust to changing circumstances is most tested.

Since marriage proved to be this goddess' testing ground, Juno in the horoscope also indicates the qualities associated with one's marriage partner and the ways in which one handles intimacy/freedom needs as well as the jealousy and insecurity that often accompany this balancing act. Juno's position describes the nature of any control issues,

the ways in which such power struggles get enacted, and the type of sacred cows that need to be relinquished so that the path to marital fulfillment can unfold. Juno's placement in your chart can refer not only to your mate (or the way that you perceive your mate), but to the relationship and to your own behavior in a committed relationship as well.

Juno in Sagittarius

With Juno in Sagittarius, the qualities you seek in a committed relationship are freedom, a spirit of adventure, a shared vision, and a shared belief system to lend you faith and inspiration in the movement towards your goals. You appreciate a partner with a love for the outdoors and an interest in outdoor sports. Someone who's willing to explore, and to travel beyond the familiar in search of truth and the unknown. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy or powerlessness when it comes to such matters, or that your partner is doing all the expressing in this regard (or vice versa). This could be a source of difficulty when it comes to intimate relations, and may lead to fanatic adherence to one's own beliefs. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled frankly, otherwise unrealistic expectations can result.

Juno in 5th House

Juno in the fifth house indicates that your need for creative fulfillment is actualized through being in a partnership. You may like to have someone else with whom to share creative work with. You might need encouragement or inspiration from a loved one, or perhaps you feel creatively thwarted and meet these needs through your partner's creativity or through your children. Your most important relationship experiences will involve your children, lovers (romance may be a necessary ingredient in your relationship life), or creativity. The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

Mercury Quincunx Juno Orb: 01°34'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Mercury. Mental urges hook up with the urge to relate intimately and on equal terms, but in a manner that may be fraught with conflict. The longing for a mutually supportive relationship may conflict with your belief system or your style of communication. Perhaps one partner feels threatened by the beliefs or intellectual capacity of the other. One partner may try to manipulate the other through mind games or through belittling the mental achievements of the other. There may be difficulty in verbally communicating one's need for equality and autonomy within the relationship. One partner may lecture the other. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for a healthy relationship and the need for intellectual expression and cultivation of the mind co-exist within yourself (and in others). These needs are not mutually exclusive and you may need to find ways to meet them both, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others (especially your partner).

Uranus Opposite Juno Orb: 05°29'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The rebel meets the liberated partner! The need for intimacy and the need for freedom just can't seem to make room for each other. Perhaps you feel that committed relationships hinder your process of individuation, or cramp your exciting style of life. Or perhaps you use your relationship as an excuse for not marching to the tune of your own drummer. You may feel that your need for constant change and excitement makes it impossible for you to experience lasting ties with another person on an equal one-to-one basis. Humanitarian activities or collective enterprises may conflict with partnership commitments. Rather than pitting these two needs against one another - siding with one, and denying/projecting the other out onto people around you (especially partners), you'll find it more fulfilling, though possibly hard work, to try to find ways to meet both. Then your relationships and your sense of freedom and excitement can enliven and enrich each other.

Pluto Trine Juno Orb: 05°58'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Pluto. The whole sphere of intimacy and equality in relationship combines nicely with issues of power, self-empowerment, and transformation. Your instinctive grasp of the deep inner forces at work in life grants you a psychological depth and a sense of self-empowerment that can benefit your committed relationship or partner. You associate healthy partnerships with powerful instincts and energies, and the encouragement of one's ability to handle power and undergo transformative experiences.

Vesta

The asteroid Vesta (Latin) is named after the ancient Greek goddess Hestia, first born of the Olympian deities and last released by her father Cronos (father Time), who at one point swallowed all his offspring. Thus she denotes the beginning and the end - alpha and omega - and serves as a reminder of the source from which all things originate and to which all must return. She represents the preservation of sacredness and the state of connection to formless Essence. As such, she is the only Olympic deity not worshipped anthropomorphically; she is symbolized only by the altar and its sacred flame. Thus she also represents any sacred space - be it temple, sweat lodge, or meditation corner - that acts as a container in which we may center ourselves, and feel the presence of Spirit. In ancient times Vesta was worshipped both in the city center as the flaming altar, and in every home as the central hearth whose embers were literally passed on down through the generations from mother to daughter when the daughter married and established her own hearth. In this manner Vesta came to represent the perpetuation of the spark of life, and of civilization and one's ancestral and cultural roots.

In early matriarchal societies, priestesses honoring Hestia maintained a connection to this spiritual essence (represented by a sacred flame that they tended night and day). They

offered themselves in sacred sexual union in order to teach the divine aspect of sexuality and the need to remain aware of the sacred while engaged in physical life. The priestesses remained unmarried and committed to none but themselves and their worship. Their sons (conceived anonymously during ceremonial summer solstice rites) served as year-kings when there was no royal heir. These customs were finally abolished when patrilineal traditions were enforced and the priestesses were compelled by the Roman king to serve as keepers of the new (patriarchal) civilization and to observe vows of celibacy. To break these vows entailed a cruel death penalty. In exchange for the relinquishment of their sexuality, matrilineal customs, and true spiritual function, the priestesses (Vestal Virgins) were granted freedom from paternal control.

Vesta's sacred flame represents, in the yogic tradition, the kundalini force which, when properly awakened and channeled, leads to spiritual development. Thus, astrologically, Vesta has come to represent both spirituality and consecrated (or desecrated) sexuality. This can include a wide range of sexual expressions such as abstinence, renunciation and celibacy, the celebration of spiritually honored sexuality, sexual idealism, and the sacred whore. Astrologically, Vesta stands for that which provides us with inner sustenance; the way in which we are pulled back to our core or inner self; and the struggle between this and the demands of the outer world. Vesta represents the way in which we long to bless others with the fruits of the spiritual resources we have found within ourselves, but it is also the need to retreat and preserve our inner sanctuary against any disrespectful intrusion. Vesta is associated with dedication, focus, and commitment. She represents those things that helps us focus, the way in which we dedicate ourselves with heart and soul, and that for which we are ready (or compelled) to make a sacrifice. The things indicated by Vesta's position in your chart may be things that you feel compelled to give up or sacrifice, often out of a sense of spiritual compulsion. Yet they can also be the very things that evoke your dedication - leading to a sense of deep inner fulfillment when you are willing to make some sacrifices on their behalf. Keep this paradox in mind as you read on, for Vesta can express itself one way or the other - or both!

Vesta in Gemini

Vesta in Gemini indicates that communication, listening to others, and being heard are the things that help you focus and get centered. You use them to go inward, get in touch with yourself, and tap into your sense of dedication, which is then committed to communication activities like networking, teaching/learning, and the sharing of information and ideas by keeping in touch with others (described further by Vesta's house position, below). You revere communication and mental rapport when it comes to sexuality as well, for through it you can explore and come to know the spiritually fulfilling aspects of sex. It is possible that, through one-pointedness, you focus so much on this mental activity that the means becomes an end in itself and you lose sight of the goal it is meant to serve. If this happens, words and thoughts become divorced from real heart feeling - perhaps even used to create distance - and you end up feeling disoriented, off-center, and tempted to renounce communicative and mental pursuits. By constantly re-anchoring your mental activity in your sense of inner spiritual presence, you can renew

the sense of fulfilling dedication to your goals.

Vesta in 11th House

Vesta in the eleventh house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense one-pointedness are invested in group or organizational activities of a humanitarian or fraternal nature. Your sexual drive may be channeled into these avenues as well. Spirituality, celibacy, or spiritual attitudes towards sexuality might play an important role in the way you interact with groups. A sense of unswerving commitment and a willingness to embrace discipline and hardship for the sake of the welfare of the collective, enable you to truly live for your ideals. The sense of sacrifice that you experience regarding these issues could also be expressed through denying yourself these things for the sake of some other goal (which may be spiritual or religious in nature). You might experience difficulty in formulating and clarifying your goals, and thus have to struggle all the more in order to realize them. Careful consideration of these activities or issues will help you understand how to best manage your sense of commitment and remain centered in your self.

Uranus Conjunct Vesta Orb: 01°13'

Vesta is conjunct Uranus. Your ability to commit yourself passionately to that which connects you to a sense of the Sacred may be expressed in revolutionary or unconventional ways. The need for freedom, independence, change and experimentation may color your spiritual and/or sexual expression. You may have exceptionally brilliant insight into the connection between kundalini, healing, and spiritual-sexual energies. Collective or group settings may provide an avenue through which you can access, express, or heal these aspects of yourself. You may dedicate yourself to humanitarian, "new age," or activist ideals, or you may harbor a passionate commitment to technology, science, or the abstract.

This sums up your report for Chiron and the asteroids in your chart. An astrological chart is like a blueprint of the human psyche, with its great and dramatic cast of archetypes. And each human psyche is like a unique, one-of-a-kind carpet woven from many beautiful threads of many different colors. Chiron and the asteroids are five of those threads.

This report has described each of those five threads by house and sign, and has even described what happens when one of those threads is intertwined with other single threads (the other planets). And this does give you some kind of overall picture. But the best way to understand the pattern that all the threads make in their weaving of the whole unique carpet, is to consult an astrologer skilled in chart interpretation. The astrologer can make a big difference in helping you piece together the puzzle of your chart so that, in the end, you can see the beautiful carpet where once, perhaps, all you saw was a tangle of threads. Hopefully, this report will help you to understand some of the magical threads that are woven into your life.