

Your Spiritual Path

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Sun	Scorpio	14°Sc38'	08th	01 04°Ar31'
Moon	Sagittarius	28°Sg48'	09th	02 12°Ta59'
Mercury	Scorpio	28°Sc24'	08th	03 10°Ge02'
Venus	Scorpio	10°Sc36'	07th	04 02°Ca38'
Mars	Sagittarius	27°Sg19'	09th	05 25°Ca39'
Jupiter	Cancer	15°Ca48'	04th	06 24°Le03'
Saturn	Leo	27°Le19'	06th	07 04°Li31'
Uranus	Aquarius	23°Aq48'	11th	08 12°Sc59'
Neptune	Leo	09°Le19'	05th	09 10°Sg02'
Pluto	Cancer	06°Ca28'	04th	10 02°Cp38'
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Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

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

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

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

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

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our

inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Scorpio, you are primarily the Feeling type. If the sensation types say, "Just the facts, ma'am," the feeling types say, "and how does it feel when that happens?" Feeling types evaluate situations on the basis of sentiment and may disregard logical processes as ineffective with others and unsatisfying to themselves. They can think logically, but may choose not to unless pressed by circumstances. You are not an emotional disaster area. Rather you are prone to making judgments about things, as in "I feel that is the best way to go." In order to maintain the capacity for fair judgment, it is important to remove or reduce any psychological pollution in the work place caused by unkind, unsympathetic gossip, threatening behavior on the part of co-workers, or idle complaining that is not backed by constructive suggestions. Feeling types can do well in careers that call for sensitivity in relating to other people. You have the ability to bridge the gap between people, and therefore make good counselors, sales people, heads of families, members of the clergy - any job where interpersonal relationships are at the core of productive work. You have a psychic connection to the people and things around you. Often you can "get the point" before other people even state it. You can over-react, but generally return to an acceptable level quickly.

How You Express Your Will

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

I will rebel (when stating my position is enough). I will be suspicious (when cautious is enough). I will be cruel (when compassion is required). I will be violent (when that is not necessary). I will be stubborn (when tenacity is plenty). I will distrust (when definition is needed). I will go to excess (when moderation is desired).

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senses. Ecstatic experience may first be found in sexual union, but that is only the beginning. You may find that any experience can evoke the memories, the feelings, even the peak of sexual ecstasy.

Aspects of the Sun

Feelings of love pervade your spiritual life. Strong relationships with your partner, friends and family provide a spark of spiritual activity deep within you. This spark can be expressed artistically or through social interactions. Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. You are able to cut through the delusion of the material world to the heart of your spiritual power. You comprehend the continuity of your psychic states as you move between spiritual planes, and even between lives.

Core Beliefs

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

The Moon

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

With the Moon in Sagittarius, your secondary mental style is primarily the Intuitive type. Your internal intuitive style is very different from what you show to the world. People may feel the fire of your passion and not know what is behind it. They see you are "fired up" and wonder what is going on. Sharing the fire can be difficult, especially in the early stage where you feel it but don't know the direction it will take. You often know what will happen, and probably have déjà vu experiences frequently. If you focus on these experiences, you will find that you have them more often than you thought, and you begin to learn how to interpret intuitive or psychic signals more clearly. As you pay more

attention, you find that what were once perceived to be anxiety attacks now are signals from your unconscious about present or future events. It is often helpful to share your insights, even in the early stage when you don't have the full picture. By doing this you gain intuitive skill.

Your core beliefs were good for your family and society of origin, and therefore they may be good for you too. However, you consider change when those beliefs conflict with perceived reality.

Aspects of the Moon

You tend to get excited about a new idea, run with it for a while, and then leave it for another idea. This approach keeps you from making steady progress. Develop the will to complete a study before you move on to something new. Others sometimes feel you are depressed or that you place unrealistic limits on your own actions. Actually it is through such discipline that you allow your spirit to rise to the occasion when called by duty. Your inner spirit functions easily on the intuitive plane, as you are able to identify and listen to the voice that guides your interactions with others to both their highest good and your own. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. What you know about yourself is deeply rooted in your psyche. You can dip into this well of information from time to time to get help with any problem that arises in your life. Your soul life is a major consideration in everything you do. A strong partnership is helpful to your spiritual growth. Women cause problems for you, but may be the source of spiritual wisdom and inspiration.

The Fourth House

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

You have Cancer on the Fourth House cusp. From the conscious point of view you are certain that your core beliefs are largely instinctual. You may resist the concept that those beliefs have been acquired from family and society at all. When you take a careful look, you find that some of your beliefs are grounded in the material world and the people you have known. Along with those beliefs, you find another, subtler layer of thinking. The symbolism of water is very important to your understanding of your spiritual path. You may be most comfortable when you live near water for this reason.

Life emerged from the water. An examination of the fluids of the body shows that they are like a mini-version of the ocean; replete with the nutrients the body needs to sustain life. Yet you need air to survive. This graphic portrayal of the dualism you experience every day of your life provides a metaphor for the dualism of conscious and unconscious processes. The path to understanding, for you, lies in identifying the two

worlds of light and dark for what they are - part of the singularity of Mind.

You may mind that at some point in your life your beliefs system takes a radical departure from what you were taught as a child and believed was the proper path for you.

The Inner Voice

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

Planets in the Fourth House

Jupiter in 4th House:

The deepest, richest source of transcendent values lies within your family and home experience. You may find this difficult to understand at first, particularly if your childhood family situation was not totally positive. However, beneath any negativity there resides a foundation of beliefs that provide a starting point for your spiritual search. Hereditary values are a powerful ground on which to build personal beliefs. The key is to identify and retain what suits your quest, and set aside what does not work. You are deeply influenced by philosophy. You study the past and discuss it with family members in order to clarify your own values.

Pluto in 4th House:

Change comes from deep within your being. The inner voice guides you - and not always in calm, quiet ways. You tend to act only when you are certain that you can - or must. Thus you sometimes have stored up enough energy to explode like a volcano. To be more compassionate, both to yourself and toward others, you gradually learn to exert your will sooner so that you no longer explode out of control. Power issues in childhood caused you to develop some strange, possibly conflicting core beliefs. As you gain personal strength, you are able to challenge these ideas and resolve them to suit your own needs and desire for transformation.

Fourth House Aspects

Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. Your magnetic nature attracts others to you, and you are popular without making much effort. Sharing your spiritual joy does not have to involve sharing on the physical level. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. You are able to cut through the delusion of the material world to the heart of your spiritual power. You comprehend the continuity of your psychic states as you move between spiritual planes, and even between lives. Your powerful artistic gifts can provide the media for your spiritual expression. Sometimes you are driven by physical compulsion to produce

tangible works. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment. Use sound judgment in the use of force. Spirit guides you, but cannot always protect you against your own recklessness.

Communication and Mental Development

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

Training Your Conscious Mind

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

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

Element of Mercury

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

With Mercury in Scorpio, your communication style is primarily the Feeling type. Your healing style is well suited to the emotional distress around you. You can get into the flow of emotional energy patterns, identifying their disparate components, and guiding others toward calmer, safer modes of expression. You work to illuminate whatever emotional condition you find, not surgically removing an emotional block, but helping to bring understanding so that the block relaxes on its own.

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

Your life is filled with transitions - even major transformations. You often feel them coming, and you can use your intuitive senses to make them at least a little easier. Contemplative practice will help to clear the mind so the messages are clearer. Then your courage can stand out in the moment of the crisis.

Your Mercury is in the 8th House. You have two weapons (or tools) for your spiritual journey - the capacity to develop practical skills, and the capacity to speak. If you use

your tools to tear apart the work of others and to engage in sarcastic tongue-lashings, then you are operating from a material basis. If you are able to pursue difficult solutions through careful examination of the elements of a problem, and if you speak the truth, wrapping its potent blade with the silk of compassion, then you are well along the spiritual path. You will have extraordinary endurance, whichever way you use your tools. You function very well in formal settings. Among them are banks and other financial institutions; any location where funeral arrangements and services are held; insurance offices, and hospitals or offices where surgery is performed. Your best classroom is an arena where your students are practicing what they are learning, and not merely being taught theory. Another appropriate setting is a place where psychic activity occurs or where psychics work with their clients.

Mercury Aspects

You seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

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

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

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

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only

through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

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

With Venus in Scorpio, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Feeling function. You gather concrete knowledge by talking about the subjects that interest you, and then listening. You like to know the name of everything, and often just the name tells you far more than most people learn through more serious study. You use the power of your mind to direct your feeling energy to help others.

Your physical and sexual intensity can overpower other people who are not ready for the surge of raw power you can generate. You also suffer when you allow your full energy to be released. As you develop the ability to modulate your physical energy, you find that spiritual ecstasy is better than physical lust.

Your Venus is in the 7th House. You make friends quickly, and you fall in love quickly. You thrive on strong partnerships with both sexes, and you may form life-long partnerships with both men and women. You thrive in social settings. Each relationship or event provides you with the ground for spiritual work.

Venus Aspects

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Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

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

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

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

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

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

Developing Your Psychic Ability

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

With Neptune in Leo, your private, psychic style is primarily the Intuitive type.

Your psychic senses are tuned to the future. Often you come up with ideas that other people cannot grasp, as they are more focused on the present moment. When you meet the frustration of not getting your ideas across, not getting the funding for a big project, or not feeling your warmth returned by other people, you may tend to exaggerate your position to get agreement. You only set yourself up for disappointment when you push too hard. It is better to regroup and redefine your goals so that your associates can relate to what you are asking for.

Your leadership depends on your capacity to serve up your plans in palatable units. Your enthusiasm need not be diluted in this process. But it may need to be harnessed. Development of your psychic ability will serve you well. As you learn to see through the outer appearance and words, you come to understand the true material desires and spiritual aspirations of the people around you. Then you can focus your own aspirations to match the ambiance, thereby pacing the people around you. If you do this well, others will follow when you take the lead, and your enthusiasm will transfer to them. Psychic information may be felt physically in the area of the solar plexus and heart as an expanding warmth or constricting coldness.

Neptune is in the 5th House. All creative activities, but especially children, open your heart to fuller expression of your creativity. Pay attention to your psychic sense, as it leads to richer experience of your environment, and fuels creative efforts.

Neptune Aspects

You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in

your interaction with others. Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life. You have strong compassion for others, yet you may be inconsistent in the application of effort in trying to help them. You often expect more from a situation than you get, spiritually or otherwise. You are easily influenced by other people and need to develop your spiritual voice to counteract this tendency.

The Twelfth House

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Aquarius on the Twelfth House cusp. You find that you attract people like a magnet, and it may be difficult to sort out the positive connections from destructive relationships. Your dreams provide a way to measure the sincerity of others toward you. Your inner voice will tell you when there is something not quite right about a situation or person. Meditation that focuses your mind on an object supports clarity in your dreams, and together the two help you to loosen the bonds of the physical body, as well as to find the best soul companions.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pluto Aspects

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. You are able to cut through the delusion of the material world to the heart of your spiritual power. You comprehend the continuity of your psychic states as you move between spiritual planes, and even between lives. Your powerful artistic gifts can provide the media for your spiritual expression. Sometimes you are driven by physical compulsion to produce tangible works. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment. Use sound judgment in the use of force. Spirit guides you, but cannot always protect you against your own recklessness.

The Eighth House

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

You have Scorpio on the Eighth House cusp. The direct path to change is always a good choice. Your strong awareness of the rhythm of change matches your will in such situations. Death is seen as a natural adjustment or companion for life. When major

transitions occur, you tend to face them and enter into them with all your faculties alert. Open to the experience, you feel the joy or sadness, anger or fear of the moment in the moment.

Planets in the Eighth House

Sun in 8th House:

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The Development of Intuition

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

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

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Aquarius, your intuition works best through the Thinking function. Intuition needs to be thought through. You rely on intellect to resolve questions, and you like to back up your intuition with logic. You gather information intuitively, then confirm it by asking questions or doing some research. You may not be satisfied about the accuracy of your intuition without some direct confirmation.

You are comfortable with intuitive information. You listen to your own and also pay attention to insights from people close to you. You can often discern when people are acting on pure hunches, even though they speak of concrete evidence.

Your Uranus is in the 11th House. You are able to discern the movements of groups and you can sometimes perceive the best path through a difficult spot by following energy patterns into the future. Because of your sensitivity, you may avoid large group

events, or at least carefully choose the ones you will attend.

Uranus Aspects

Your inner spirit functions easily on the intuitive plane, as you are able to identify and listen to the voice that guides your interactions with others to both their highest good and your own. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe. You find yourself brushing up against dangerous situations. Spiritually you learn from each one, eventually learning how to help others without taking unnecessary risks yourself. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

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

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

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

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

Beneath the subconscious desire to be comfortable with your present belief system, you find the desire to create conditions that provide for the transformation from a being driven by instinct to a person governed by intellect. The Moon combines its energy with other planets to bring this change about, so the Moon's aspects will have an important

impact on how this change is wrought. In childhood you may simply absorb and accept the beliefs (and thereby act on the instincts) of your family. As you complete your childhood and begin adult developmental processes, you will find that not every basic belief of your family suits your individual needs. You then apply your mind to discovering what will work better for you.

You have a fluid mind and are able to retain what you have been taught while at the same time motivating yourself through new experiences. Because you are listening for the nuances of your soul, you find the proper direction for your own activities, and you do this without needing to break the mold provided by your family and social position. When the intellect has been fully engaged, you will move into the rich experience of intuition, and you will be able to foresee the results of your decisions and plan even more responsibility.

Midheaven Aspects

What you know about yourself is deeply rooted in your psyche. You can dip into this well of information from time to time to get help with any problem that arises in your life. Your soul life is a major consideration in everything you do. A strong partnership is helpful to your spiritual growth. You apply your energy to understanding yourself as much as you apply it to career and other activities. Action and the desire for success are a big part of your life. Determination could be your middle name. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment.

Karma and Dharma

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

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

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

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

People experience you as being shy - you don't jump right into social situations, but sit back to see which way the energy is moving. You have one eye on the outcome of each situation, and are usually able to foresee difficulties and head them off.

Your Saturn is in the 6th House. You are exacting in your work, seeking perfection that will necessarily elude you some of the time. On the spiritual level you are compassionate toward others, and you learn to be compassionate toward yourself. Your keen skills of observation provide the information you need to make decisions.

Saturn Aspects

Others sometimes feel you are depressed or that you place unrealistic limits on your own actions. Actually it is through such discipline that you allow your spirit to rise to the occasion when called by duty. You seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. You may find that you go from one transformational situation to another, never really settling into any one thing. Yet you have the endurance necessary for the long haul. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work.

Transcendent Values

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

awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Cancer, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Feeling function. You find it easy to expand your emotional range to encompass other people, large projects, and even global thinking. You naturally want to engage with others because this is one of the principal ways you learn. While you may use intellect skillfully in your daily activities, it is at the emotional heart level that you connect to the planet, to humanity, and to spirit. It may seem that fusion of heart and mind is easier when Jupiter is in a water sign because we ordinarily experience the values of the heart in an emotional way. However, such fusion is not limited to water signs, nor do water signs limit the possible expression of transcendent values in any way. One advantage to this placement is that a constant flow of spiritual energy is possible. You may benefit from a meditation practice that focuses on the flows of energy through your body, whether it be breath or energy on a higher plane.

Your strong sense of family and hereditary values guides your work and inspires your emotional life. Contemplative practice should be designed to help you focus on one spiritual target. In this way you develop the capacity to focus in all areas of your life.

Aspects of the Jupiter

Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. Your magnetic nature attracts others to you, and you are popular without making much effort. Sharing your spiritual joy does not have to involve sharing on the physical level. Group activity has a fortunate effect on your creativity, as you absorb concepts from the group and apply them to your own spiritual model.

The Ninth House

You have Sagittarius on the Ninth House cusp. While human emotions may not seem transcendent, understanding them is one of your highest values. This is important for you as an individual, and it is also significant in the way you interact with others. A second value is focused consciousness. Learning to focus is key to the proper orientation of your work, whether in the material or spiritual realm. Without focus, your work wanders all over the map, never reaching its destination. A third transcendent principle lies in the perceived duality of physical existence. You find many ways to understand the illusion of duality, and to help others understand it as well. As you become aware of these specific values, you find that your efforts follow as sure a path as an arrow shot from a bow, and the power of your path lies in your personality, just as the power of the arrow is inherent in both arrow and bow.

Planets in the Ninth House

Moon in 9th House:

Higher mind and spirituality form the basis of your core beliefs. Thus you are well positioned to pursue your spiritual path, beginning with careful examination of what you

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

Mars in 9th House:

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of education. You may seek to travel and experience the world, or you may pursue educational objectives. You may eventually become a spiritual teacher. A second very powerful spiritual theme is your devotional path, which may include formal religion, return to older traditions, or eclectic gathering of spiritual experiences that contribute to your expanding consciousness. Events that point to your transcendent values tend to have a combative component. There is energy to spare and you travel the world to find ways to use it. Desire is what drives you in your search for your unique set of values. You know you are unique, and you want to express that individuality on the spiritual level. The inner struggle is for self-mastery. You seek, beyond all else, to harness your energy for effective action. As you progress through life you find that less constructive traits, such as defiance, combative behavior, and egotism are transmuted into more refined expression of your devotion to your spiritual path, generosity toward others, and determination to make a positive impact in this lifetime.

Ninth House Aspects

You tend to get excited about a new idea, run with it for a while, and then leave it for another idea. This approach keeps you from making steady progress. Develop the will to complete a study before you move on to something new. Others sometimes feel you are depressed or that you place unrealistic limits on your own actions. Actually it is through such discipline that you allow your spirit to rise to the occasion when called by duty. Your inner spirit functions easily on the intuitive plane, as you are able to identify and listen to the voice that guides your interactions with others to both their highest good and your own. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. What you know about yourself is deeply rooted in your psyche. You can dip into this well of information from time to time to get help with any problem that arises in your life. Your soul life is a major consideration in everything you do. A strong partnership is helpful to your spiritual growth. Women cause problems for you, but may be the source of spiritual wisdom and

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Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

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

The Element of Mars

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

With Mars in Sagittarius, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Intuitive function. You naturally consider the future while taking action in the present. You relate to the physical world via intuition, and you do the same in spiritual considerations. When you encounter a dilemma or paradox in your life, you tend to project the problem into the future to hypothesize how it will be resolved, and then you take action in the present to move toward that outcome. Your actions, while focused on the future, are always a reflection of a purification process that is usually associated with water.

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

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The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

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

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with

constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

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

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

Aries is the first sign of the zodiac. It expresses the will to power, but its primary expression is the unfoldment of potential - the power to manifest in the physical world. You are expressing the power to create on the material plane, but you are also capable of expression on the intuitive level. You understand the capacity of intuition to illuminate your life and the lives of others.

During your life you will find yourself going through cycles of intuitive insight and more practical application. All intuition without the practical effort carries little impact, so you have to learn a compassionate style for delivering your psychic messages. With Mars as ruler, Aries is not known for its compassion, so you have an interesting task. Qualities that you can easily demonstrate are your endless enthusiasm for life, your quick wit, and your spontaneous responses. Practice being enthusiastic about the path of other beings. Inject humor into difficult situations to ease their path. And don't withhold your true response to their sadness and pain. If you are impatient, be impatient to see them reach the next level of creativity. If you are foolish, be foolish with your willingness to help. If you are jealous, show it as protectiveness of their tender hearts.

As you practice the strengths of your rising sign, you will find that what began as a lively, expressive personality is developing into your soul expression. For Aries the shift is from "I am" toward "I aspire to become." You aspire to become the container for intuitive truths that you can act upon for yourself, and also share with others. You know, deep within yourself, that intellect functions best when it is paired with intuition. As you open yourself to the world of intuition, your sensitivity deepens. You become an active participant in the creative process as you re-orient toward the inner voice.

As you activate the purifying process of fire in your life, you may find that your physical health is affected. Wholeness and wellness are significant factors in your spiritual quest. The head, and especially the eyes, become the focus of your intuition and expression. When spiritual energy first arises, you may experience headaches and your eyes may tire easily. You may benefit from meditative practice in which you visualize energy moving up your spine and out the top of your head. See it flow around you like a fountain, to be pulled up your spine again. In this meditation you use the energy within you to move through any pain in your eyes or head, and you also can use it to connect with the immediate environment.

Ascendant Aspects

Women cause problems for you, but may be the source of spiritual wisdom and inspiration. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time. You may

experience accidents or injuries that test your spiritual values. Quarreling will not help. You are easily influenced by other people and need to develop your spiritual voice to counteract this tendency. Use sound judgment in the use of force. Spirit guides you, but cannot always protect you against your own recklessness.

Conclusion

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.