

# **Your Spiritual Path**

## **Astrology Report**

### **for**

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Sun	Gemini	04°Ge05'	07th	01 09°Sc27'
Moon	Cancer	06°Ca32'	08th	02 08°Sg25'
Mercury	Gemini	01°Ge44'	07th	03 12°Cp00'
Venus	Cancer	13°Ca58'	09th	04 17°Aq50'
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Saturn	Cancer	19°Ca32'	09th	07 09°Ta27'
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## **Your Spiritual Path**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Your Creative Process**

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits

patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

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

### **How You Express Your Will**

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

I will talk (when I could be silent). I will adapt (when I could be steadfast). I will worry (when I could think things through to effective action). I will be superficial (when I have the capacity to reach profound depths). I will not show emotion (even though I am feeling very deeply). I will do a bit of everything (instead of focusing my energies) .

Your Sun is in the 7th house. The kidneys and bladder form a physical focus for tension. You need to constantly replenish bodily fluids, and should drink purified water to aid the cleansing process on the physical level. Your consciousness focuses on relationships. It is through interchange with others that you find the grist for your spiritual mill. It is also through close contact with others that you find your path. Rarely one to journey alone, you seek partnership in all areas of your life.

### **Aspects of the Sun**

Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. You devote yourself to each of life's experiences. If you can't do something wholeheartedly, then you may decide not to do it at all. You make spiritual progress through your own efforts, and may reach extraordinary heights. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out

of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. Your spiritual sensitivity can create problems, as you are open to both creative and destructive psychic influences. Being open is not the problem. What you must develop is discrimination between helpful and harmful energies. Your powerful spiritual values can be the source of your best and worst behavior. Arrogance is the least attractive of your powerful qualities. You must first rule your own desires. Then you can move forward without creating dangerous conditions for yourself.

### **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 Cancer, your secondary mental style is primarily the Feeling type. You have a powerful internal mechanism for identifying the truth in any situation. You may be able to see auras, and you can certainly feel other people's energy. Because of this you value your privacy. You needed your own room as a child and you continue to need time alone as an adult. Yet you love to know that there are people around you who care about you and respect you as a person. You tend to judge the world on the basis of your internal meter. You often act on impulse and baffle others by your actions. They don't have any idea where the decision came from unless you tell them. This makes it important to be surrounded by people you trust deeply. Only then can you be yourself. At the same time they will come to trust your psychic sense. On the rare occasion where others attack you directly, you are thrown completely for a loop. Until you understand their motivation, you may be stuck in a loop of trying to figure out what you did wrong.

You naturally understand your beliefs and their source. There is a sense of belonging that follows you even when you are far from home. This allows you to nurture your own and other people's ideals and creativity.

#### **Aspects of the Moon**

Your emotional intensity can cause the ending of a relationship before you have learned all the lessons. When you are able to work through conflicts with others instead

of avoiding the pain by walking away, you find profound spiritual support. Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. Your strong intuition provides a rich source of information in your relationships with others. You may eventually be capable of seeing into the future quite clearly. Meetings with unconventional people can provide the spiritual contacts you need to make further progress. You can be a radical without being irresponsible. Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions.

### **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 Aquarius on the Fourth House cusp. Highly unusual circumstances conspire to provide an eclectic set of beliefs in your childhood. Your intuition may have worked overtime to provide clues about the future, and thus suggest necessary changes in core beliefs. If your parents or family encouraged you to follow your own path, you have thrived on the opportunity, even though you may have stepped off the spiritual path to sample less constructive ideas along the way.

You enjoy the trappings of ritual - it is through ritual that you are able to associate matter and spirit. Whether it be the traditional rituals of your church or religion, or unique rituals you have devised for yourself, the systematic approach to spirit suits you very well. You are generally willing to then state what you have experienced.

Whatever you value receives your best effort. You work hard in your job, you work hard to support and nurture your family, and you devote yourself to service when you are interested in it. Your demeanor may suggest that you are somewhat shallow in your beliefs, yet your intention deepens throughout your life to become dedication, based on your growing self-awareness.

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

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

Your thinking loves variety and change, and is therefore flexible and versatile. Training may include the cultivation of an orderly approach and honesty, especially with yourself. Correspondence (either orally or through writing) with others is also an important training factor. You need to create a feedback system through which you use inner tension as a signal to focus your mind. This will help to overcome any communication blocks you may have.

Your Mercury is in the 7th House. Partners are a strong component of your mental life. By talking with a trusted partner, you learn both how to listen and how to speak. You develop sensitivity to others, and therefore sensitivity to your inner voice. Listen first, then determine how to communicate.

### **Mercury Aspects**

Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. You use your powerful mind to help you through difficult transitions in your life. Rash actions can cause arguments and break-ups. You take to the path of devotion with determination. Intuition comes to you and you are able to express its meaning to others. The flow between ordinary words and intuitive content is smooth and natural. Your imagination takes you into wondrous realms of the subconscious, and this can cause a lack of clarity at key transitional points in your life. You have sympathy for others, as you feel their

distress directly. Your powers of suggestion allow you to take others along with you for whatever spiritual ride you are on. Yet your argumentative nature can spoil your studies, as you begin to argue before you have all the facts.

## **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 Cancer, 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 though more serious study. You use the power of your mind to direct your feeling energy to help others.

You place high value on home and family, and you may not stray far from your birthplace. You seek harmony in your life and occasionally mistake harmony for spiritual achievement. Harmony is only one aspect of the spiritual path.

Your Venus is in the 9th House. You anchor your higher values in concrete facts. Your life includes many significant events in the social sphere where you are able to gather information concerning whatever is truly important to you. You may have learned certain manners from your family and teachers, but it is through interaction with others that you learn how to be both a considerate companion and a responsible individual. At

first you may be indulgent, doing whatever the "crowd" suggests, or flirtatious regardless of the risk involved. You may vacillate, letting others lead you into activities that are not in your own best interests. As you move through your life, you attend to your own values early in any relationship. There is less friction in your interaction with others, and you find that others appreciate your ability to define and adhere to your principles. Knowledge comes from many sources, and you must study closely to gain the value from the experience of others. You may travel the world to gather information, or you may stay closer to home and read about far-reaching ideas.

### **Venus Aspects**

Your emotional intensity can cause the ending of a relationship before you have learned all the lessons. When you are able to work through conflicts with others instead of avoiding the pain by walking away, you find profound spiritual support. You are reserved. You don't jump into a spiritual practice any more than you jump into a love relationship. You may do best with a spiritual teacher who is much older or younger than yourself. You accept endings as a necessary part of life. You tend to fall in love instantly, and you need to discriminate between passing sexual fancy and something that can last "forever." As your intuition develops, you will be able to identify the difference more clearly. When you "fall," that is a good time to marshal all your respect for yourself and your partner, and to take things one day at a time until you have forged a deep connection. Your generally affectionate nature attracts both good and bad influences. You have to sort them out for yourself.

### **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 Taurus, your private, psychic style is primarily the Sensation type.

As a child you may have wanted to hold onto what you had with a very strong grip. You wanted things to "stay put" in your life. You have organized your life around a set of principles that permit movement within a secure structure. You may even take pride in the fact that your private life is not in constant turmoil, like the lives of some of your friends.

Resistance is experienced in the nature of that stability. If you are bound to the relative security of your life, you may resist change, even when it is practical and desirable. It is important for you to understand that the most profound changes come when you allow the structure of your life to open to something new. The paradox: on one hand you seek stability, and on the other you have intense desires. Desire, by its nature, implies some degree of change. You want to add something to the mix of what you already have. Doubt arises when you try to decide what to let go.

Your spiritual path includes the task of acknowledging your desire on the material level, identifying your spiritual aspirations, and exerting your will to find a balance between the two. You will not be able to give up physical desires as long as you are in the body. They are part and parcel of what it means to be alive. Your inner voice will not let you ignore your spiritual aspirations, as they are every bit as much a part of you. Strength of will determines your progress. The willful desire of a child to hold on to every toy can be transmuted into spiritual will that both holds on to what is valuable from the past and sets aside things that no longer serve your spiritual aspirations.

Neptune is in the 7th House. You are idealistic about partnership and love. Through strong relationships you are able to pursue your spiritual path. Weak relationships can lead to serious disappointment. Therefore you will want to use your head as well as your heart when you enter into what you expect to be a long-term union.

### **Neptune Aspects**

Your spiritual sensitivity can create problems, as you are open to both creative and destructive psychic influences. Being open is not the problem. What you must develop is discrimination between helpful and harmful energies. Your imagination takes you into wondrous realms of the subconscious, and this can cause a lack of clarity at key transitional points in your life. You have sympathy for others, as you feel their distress directly. Weakness of physical or spiritual strength early in your life tends to push you toward the lessons you need. Indeed, you get help at the right moments to carry you

forward on the spiritual path. As you gain experience, you take on the planning of your path as a conscious effort. As you move along the spiritual path, your compassion is guided more and more by wisdom born from past creative efforts. Change provides treacherous ground for your spiritual development. You need to stick to the straight and narrow path of spiritual evolution, and avoid drugs, obsessions and fraudulent activities. Generally you are not a strong team player. You doubt the value of cooperative effort and expect more of others than they are likely to give. Thus your efforts are better directed to self-discipline. This apparent limitation can be overcome by focusing on the stronger areas of your personality.

### **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 Libra on the Twelfth House cusp. You are likely to have many dreams that provide balance to your waking life. You try to provide harmonious social situations for yourself and others, and your dreams may provide contrast in the form of arguments or even violence. You want to develop conscious level of assertiveness that allows you to continue your social role, and that accommodates the inner voice too. Contemplative practice provides the opportunity to cultivate calmness of mind and heart. Then you are able to perceive the minds and hearts of others directly.

### **Planets in the Twelfth House**

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

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

#### **Jupiter in 12th House:**

Traditionally you would have taken contemplative vows and sought the seclusion of monastic life. In that setting you would have had daily tasks to perform, but you would also have had many hours to focus on spirit. In the modern world you may not have the luxury of time, so you need to address your spiritual needs carefully and create a suitable space for your meditation or other spiritual pursuits. Because you are open and receptive, you may want to structure your private space so that it attracts the highest spiritual energy

possible. Traditional religious or ethnic objects may help you to maintain an environment conducive to contemplation.

### **Twelfth House Aspects**

Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. You probably have more creative ideas than you know what to do with. Learn to identify the ideas that will carry you toward your spiritual goal, and let the others go. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. As you move along the spiritual path, your compassion is guided more and more by wisdom born from past creative efforts.

### **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 Gemini, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Thinking function. Language becomes your medium for dealing with transitions. You think through the feelings in the moment, and can benefit from sharing your thoughts with others. You also are able to find the right things to say in a crisis, helping others think through the change process. You are able to gather disparate threads of information together into a meaningful pattern. Often when changes seem random or illogical, you find links that provide the comfort and security you need. You can speak intelligently concerning the deeper meaning of transitions because you place each event against a larger backdrop of history and culture.

You have a powerful intellect at your disposal, and you can solve some of the big problems in your profession. When you apply this intellect to spiritual questions, you can make great strides.

### **Pluto Aspects**

Your powerful spiritual values can be the source of your best and worst behavior. Arrogance is the least attractive of your powerful qualities. You must first rule your own desires. Then you can move forward without creating dangerous conditions for yourself. Your powers of suggestion allow you to take others along with you for whatever spiritual ride you are on. Yet your argumentative nature can spoil your studies, as you begin to argue before you have all the facts. At some point in your life you may feel that the gods or goddesses step in to impose changes on you. What you make of these moments determines your spiritual future. Generally, whatever effort you make will be well worth your time. Your natural revolutionary zeal can conflict with steady spiritual developmental process. You can become the founder of a new order, or burn yourself out with excessive effort in the moment. Change provides treacherous ground for your spiritual development. You need to stick to the straight and narrow path of spiritual evolution, and avoid drugs, obsessions and fraudulent activities.

### **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 Gemini on the Eighth House cusp. Whenever you are at a point where change needs to occur, you find that cosmic energy pours into your heart and body and mind. You are filled with the capacity to move ahead to something new, and you may inadvertently leave others in your wake. You learn to bring them along with you, or reconnect later. You use your thinking capacity to mediate among the opportunities that come to you. You use it to mediate between other people when they disagree. It is through careful thought that you make progress, and it is your ability to think through a situation that provides the greatest potential for spiritual transformation.

## **Planets in the Eighth House**

### **Moon in 8th House:**

You are capable of wild emotional swings, and you tend to throw yourself into all of life's activities with all the emotional power you can muster. Other people may tire long before you do. Learn to identify the pace that others can maintain, and slow down sometimes so that they can accompany you on life's journey. You love the truth - maybe a little too much. You don't have to say every true thing that you know. You can't put the words back in your mouth. The spiritual challenge for you is to feel profoundly, think deeply, and then speak. Your core beliefs are founded in other people's resources. You may depend on others to make your decisions and you believe that they care enough to do so. As an adult you will be challenged to reconsider some of those ideas. You will then be able to use the resources of others instead of being controlled by them.

### **Eighth House Aspects**

Your emotional intensity can cause the ending of a relationship before you have learned all the lessons. When you are able to work through conflicts with others instead of avoiding the pain by walking away, you find profound spiritual support. Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. Your strong intuition provides a rich source of information in your relationships with others. You may eventually be capable of seeing into the future quite clearly. Meetings with unconventional people can provide the spiritual contacts you need to make further progress. You can be a radical without being irresponsible. Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions.

## **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 Libra, 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 often able to perceive the end result of a line of thought or action well ahead of time. Your life has an orderly quality that results from advance information - intuition.

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 strong intuition provides a rich source of information in your relationships with others. You may eventually be capable of seeing into the future quite clearly. Meetings with unconventional people can provide the spiritual contacts you need to make further progress. You can be a radical without being irresponsible. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. Intuition comes to you and you are able to express its meaning to others. The flow between ordinary words and intuitive content is smooth and natural. You tend to fall in love instantly, and you need to discriminate between passing sexual fancy and something that can last "forever." As your intuition develops, you will be able to identify the difference more clearly. When you "fall," that is a good time to marshal all your respect for yourself and your partner, and to take things one day at a time until you have forged a deep connection. Your natural revolutionary zeal can conflict with steady spiritual developmental process. You can become the founder of a new order, or burn yourself out with excessive effort in the moment.

### **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 Leo, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Intuitive function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to formalize all interactions in your life into patterns, you find the rich capacity to create rituals that satisfy deep personal and social needs. You learn first from family, and later from teachers, friends, employers and others, about the subtle relationships and movement that reflect ritual response. You see the differences between individual energy and group energy, and learn to modify your own behavior to suit different situations. This goes beyond simply wearing the "right" clothes and exhibiting the "right" manners. It becomes an intuitive awareness of proper action and knowledge of future results of your present actions.

You move from being a simple practitioner of good manners to a capable manager of social interactions. You recognize the craving people have for proper ritual, and their intense interest in the past. Historically societies wove ritual patterns into all-important interactions, with people, animals, gods, and the earth. You are able to identify the ritual processes that are missing from certain situations, incorporating them into your own behavior, filling a deeply felt gap and healing situations.

### **Midheaven Aspects**

## **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 Cancer, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Feeling function. Intelligent activity, for you, is inspired by the feeling component of your mind. You can make a plan using any of the mental strategies, but you evaluate and judge its efficacy through the feeling function. In looking back on your own past, into past lives, or even ancient human history, you judge people's actions by the results they

achieved, and you also consider whether those results were worth the effort. Even if the outcome was what people wanted and needed, you evaluate the effectiveness of the action. You are able to learn from the past and to exercise good judgment in almost everything you do. You may tend toward caution in your planning, and you gather information at every step of the process. Because of sensitive positioning, you are able to make adjustments to suit the needs of the moment. You like to have the time to project your plan into the future to think through the possible outcomes. When you feel rushed into implementing a plan, you may be reluctant if you cannot see a positive outcome. For this reason, it may be difficult to have faith in someone else's plan.

Your karmic progress depends not only on how you become aware of and deal with karmic issues. Effective action also includes nurturing yourself and others skillfully. Study both methods and values.

Your Saturn is in the 9th House. Events that focus your attention on transcendent values involve time, authority and responsibility. You tend to be harder on yourself than anyone else is because you expect perfection in yourself. When disagreements arise with others, you may take them to heart, worrying about what you could have done differently, even if there was no other possible outcome. Qualities that Saturn helps you to develop include patience, compassion, and humility. You know very well that your skills are gifts from a higher source, and you learn to apply them to tasks in your life without feeling spiritual pride in your own actions. As you experience the death of loved ones and the weakening of your own physical powers, you come to understand the cyclical nature of physical life and the immortality of spirit.

### **Saturn Aspects**

You are reserved. You don't jump into a spiritual practice any more than you jump into a love relationship. You may do best with a spiritual teacher who is much older or younger than yourself. You accept endings as a necessary part of life. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing.

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

You have a strong sense of justice, and are well able to work for the public good. You may tend to depend on cooperation from others more than you need to. Contemplative practice develops the capacity to depend on your inner resources first.

### **Aspects of the Jupiter**

Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. You probably have more creative ideas than you know what to do with. Learn to identify the ideas that will carry you toward your spiritual goal, and let the others go. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. As you move along the spiritual path, your compassion is guided more and more by wisdom born from past creative efforts.

### **The Ninth House**

You have Cancer on the Ninth House cusp. The first transcendent value for you is instinctual awareness. Because instinct is often thought to be a primitive function, you may question this value, but it is, nonetheless, a first principle for you. If you cannot depend on your instincts, you have no firm ground from which to proceed. The second value is mass consciousness. As you gain an understanding of your instincts, you begin to appreciate how they work in group situations. Your relationships with others are both the source of, and the resolution of personal karma. The third value is devotion. You come to understand how instincts are related to self-preservation and the fulfillment of needs. You also understand the expression of devotion when a crowd of people follows one man or woman, seemingly instinctually. Finally you experience the power of devotion to a spiritual goal, supported by all your instincts and experience.

## **Planets in the Ninth House**

### **Venus in 9th House:**

You anchor your higher values in concrete facts. Your life includes many significant events in the social sphere where you are able to gather information concerning whatever is truly important to you. You may have learned certain manners from your family and teachers, but it is through interaction with others that you learn how to be both a considerate companion and a responsible individual. At first you may be indulgent, doing whatever the "crowd" suggests, or flirtatious regardless of the risk involved. You may vacillate, letting others lead you into activities that are not in your own best interests. As you move through your life, you attend to your own values early in any relationship. There is less friction in your interaction with others, and you find that others appreciate your ability to define and adhere to your principles. Knowledge comes from many sources, and you must study closely to gain the value from the experience of others. You may travel the world to gather information, or you may stay closer to home and read about far-reaching ideas.

### **Saturn in 9th House:**

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## **Ninth House Aspects**

Your emotional intensity can cause the ending of a relationship before you have learned all the lessons. When you are able to work through conflicts with others instead of avoiding the pain by walking away, you find profound spiritual support. You are reserved. You don't jump into a spiritual practice any more than you jump into a love relationship. You may do best with a spiritual teacher who is much older or younger than yourself. You accept endings as a necessary part of life. You tend to fall in love instantly, and you need to discriminate between passing sexual fancy and something that can last "forever." As your intuition develops, you will be able to identify the difference more clearly. When you "fall," that is a good time to marshal all your respect for yourself and your partner, and to take things one day at a time until you have forged a deep connection. Your generally affectionate nature attracts both good and bad influences. You have to sort them out for yourself. You are reserved. You don't jump into a spiritual practice any more than you jump into a love relationship. You may do best with a spiritual teacher who is much older or younger than yourself. You accept endings as a necessary part of life. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for

patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing.

## **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 Taurus, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Sensation function. You are generally practical in your activities. If it has no hope of reaping actual, measurable results, then you just won't do it. This practical streak carries over into the spiritual realm as a desire to develop a regular practice that deepens your sense of devotion to a teacher or to a body of understanding about your true purpose. On the material level your actions are designed to help you acquire whatever you need, but also to acquire those material things that enhance your feeling of comfort and richness. On the spiritual level your devotional practice-prayer, meditation, good works-also focus on a goal. Many teachers suggest that meditation has no goal, but in our culture you are almost certainly seeking something from whatever you do, including the spiritual direction you take.

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: Persistence, Generosity, Patience. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

### **House Placement of Mars**

Your Mars is in the 7th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of partnership. From childhood you have placed high value on close relationships. You

demand a lot from an intimate partner, and you throw your energy into returning the favor. The partner is a mirror for your spiritual values, your feelings, and your expression. Your devotion to one special partner provides a path to service. Any contact with the general public is seen as a spiritual opportunity.

### **Mars Aspects**

You devote yourself to each of life's experiences. If you can't do something wholeheartedly, then you may decide not to do it at all. You make spiritual progress through your own efforts, and may reach extraordinary heights. You use your powerful mind to help you through difficult transitions in your life. Rash actions can cause arguments and break-ups. You take to the path of devotion with determination. You probably have more creative ideas than you know what to do with. Learn to identify the ideas that will carry you toward your spiritual goal, and let the others go. Weakness of physical or spiritual strength early in your life tends to push you toward the lessons you need. Indeed, you get help at the right moments to carry you forward on the spiritual path. As you gain experience, you take on the planning of your path as a conscious effort. At some point in your life you may feel that the gods or goddesses step in to impose changes on you. What you make of these moments determines your spiritual future. Generally, whatever effort you make will be well worth your time. You may have many relationships that never get beyond the surface physical attraction. As you learn to cooperate on the mundane issues, your astral relationships will take on emotional intensity. Collaboration then occurs on many levels of consciousness.

## **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)**

You have already taken a few steps on the spiritual path, and you have dedicated your life to your spiritual nature to some degree. The intense desire nature within you continues, however, to pull you toward the physical expression. You constantly find yourself at a turning point between pursuing a material desire and following a more spiritual inclination.

You have the capacity for major changes in your life. Others may find your decisions remarkable, as you can take a 180 degree turn with relative ease. Each of these major shifts brings you closer to understanding the unfolding plan of your spiritual life. At this time you may appear to be motivated only by material desires, but each turning takes you further on the spiritual path. If you look back, you can see that your decisions have all blended into one direction. You see the logical unfolding of spirit woven into seemingly disjointed actions and decisions.

First you test your physical appetites with food, sexual desire and physical comfort. These may become rather boring. Ambition and the desire for power increase the emotional thrill and the momentary pay-off. At the third stage you tackle mental challenges of spiritual pride. If you can transcend all three levels, you then function from a more spiritual base. You cease to seek physical emotional and mental thrills for their own sake, and use your personal power to transform your own life and to help others.

You face a tall order if you are to make spiritual progress. You need to remember your own beginnings as you seek success in any of your endeavors, spiritual or otherwise.

### **Ascendant Aspects**

Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions. Your generally affectionate nature attracts both good and bad influences. You have to sort them out for yourself.

## **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.