

Your Spiritual Path

Astrology Report

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Mercury	Taurus	18°Ta33'	07th	03 27°Sg53'
Venus	Taurus	14°Ta51'	07th	04 05°Aq39'
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Uranus	Pisces	05°Pi28'	04th	08 24°Ta25'
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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 Taurus, you are primarily the Sensation type. Sensation types are primarily interested in practical considerations of the world. They will look at the actualities - facts first. They depend on their five normal senses for perception. They wish to have the experience, not hear about it from others. Sensation types learn by doing, so the learning process may be slower. To be satisfied, they need to go over things carefully. They are not less intelligent because they go slower - they are more careful. When given the time to assimilate information, the sensation type may remember it longer and understand the practical uses in more detail. Studying the theory of engineering may be difficult for the sensation type, but the application is their forte. You demand satisfaction all along the way, and will not select occupations that are without positive feedback. You are a healthy consumer, loving life and what it has to offer on the material level and you are best in careers involving real "stuff". You would be a good real estate person, interior decorator, or chef. You enjoy working with your hands and can make this part of the vocation or at least an avocation. You would be a good doctor or health care professional. Any career that requires attention to and intimate understanding of the details is suited to the sensation type. You generally focus on practical considerations first, and you rely on your five normal senses for perception. You first seek to have an experience, not hear about it from others. You learn by doing, and thus may be a bit slower than some people, but once you know something, you know it forever. You may need to go over things carefully. Once learned, you can apply information to the tasks you set for yourself. The sensation type's approach to the spiritual side of life is no different. You seek the facts. You want a practical application of whatever you are learning. When contact with the spirit world feel ungrounded, you will find a way to re-establish a level of comfort in the work. You also will not be satisfied with your spiritual work until you can express it concretely in the world in some way.

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 be persistent (even after I can see that there is not good reason to proceed further). I will be generous (even when I give away things I truly need). I will be devoted (beyond any logic). I will be possessive (when sharing would gain me a loyal friend). I will persist (even to the edge of doom, or when it is unnecessary).

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you must become the shaman. But you don't have to die to gather the necessary wisdom. Rather, you need to die to the desire to use your power only for yourself, and learn to share it with others. If you cannot share, then you must at least use your power wisely so that you hurt no one in your personal quest. Sexual energy is a profound source of pain and pleasure for you. Physical contact with a partner is often necessary for your well-being and health. When you deepen a connection with another person, you transcend your normal perceptions and enter a space where life is illuminated by more than physical 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

Spirit and soul are expressed together in your daily life. You tend to a single-minded spiritual purpose, and may not experience the full richness of life on the physical plane. It is important for you to achieve a balance of physical and spiritual demands. A deep relationship with a partner is a profound spiritual path for you. 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 perceive the structure of your life as restrictive unless you can infuse spiritual values into all your activities. Early on you resent the authority of the church or teacher, but later you come to appreciate the ritual patterns of prayer, yogic practices, circle work, focused meditation - all life experience in fact. 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 join your self and your public persona in all your activities. You are trusted as a source of spiritual stability.

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 Gemini, your secondary mental style is primarily the Thinking type. Your inner voice is logical - perhaps too logical - and it can have an aloof, cold quality. You may find yourself critiquing your actions in a logical way when your emotional or other response was perfectly suited to the situation. The inner voice can be used to analyze your actions, but you will want to avoid becoming obsessive about every detail of your life. Internal logic is useful in school and other learning situations, as it serves to gather and organize large quantities of material quickly and neatly. A very real advantage of this inner thinking style is that you may reach a conclusion intuitively or on the basis of feelings, and then examine its logical basis at your leisure. The ability to apply reason to your life - cognitive skills - can help you to be socially graceful while also serving your personal desires. You also develop a capacity for delayed gratification of sensual impulses that would not serve your best interests. If an impulse is evaluated and the logic holds up, then you can take action, knowing that you are not violating your internal intellectual.

Communication is one of the surest ways to test or evaluate your beliefs. People in your peer group help you to determine which core beliefs are truly yours - they identify patterns that suit your family in general, but don't suit you in particular.

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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.

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

Uranus in 4th House:

You learn about intuition from family and household members. The ebb and flow of your intuitive sense may be hard to understand at first, but later you learn to wait for it patiently. Your household may include people who are outrageous or just plain crazy. You learn a lot from these people about how to adhere to your own core beliefs.

Fourth House Aspects

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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 Taurus, your communication style is primarily the Sensation type. Spiritual healing begins on the material plane. Obvious conflicts occur in the arenas of livelihood and physical desire. One of our greatest social problems arises out of the consumption of foods and drugs that do little to engender healthy bodies. You have the capacity to identify and heal illness by directing your intelligence toward proper diagnosis and quality nutrition. You also have the ability to mediate between adversaries and achieve peaceful resolution of problems.

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.

To develop your intuition, you need to overcome your tendency to one-sided views. You have the patience to do this if you work at it. One approach is to always ask what the logical opposite is, and then understand how the two positions are actually part of a continuum, like opposite ends of a seesaw are part of one system.

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 are able to express spiritual values in relationships, and you are able to make graceful entrances and exits. Your light-hearted exterior belies a depth of sensitivity. You tend not to push forward along the spiritual path, but instead wander a bit. You take an intellectual approach to relationships, and thus you learn spiritual values through listening and study. Develop your ability to speak clearly so that you can learn even more. Contemplative practice may help you to focus your thoughts and become less absent-minded. You find that your spiritual life moves forward in social and business settings. Thus it is imperative that you find a career and work associates who share your values, and support your life path.

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 Taurus, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Sensation function. You love comfort. And you find you are most comfortable when your somewhat scientific perspective matches your inner sense of propriety. You seek love in

your life, not just to satisfy physical urges, but also to create a space in which you can express your intelligence.

You desire to establish a steady course on the path of life, and this includes your approach to serious relationships of all kinds. You recognize the comfort and companionship, and you seek steadfast partners. You are faithful, and are therefore conservative in your choice of partners.

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

You are able to express spiritual values in relationships, and you are able to make graceful entrances and exits. Your light-hearted exterior belies a depth of sensitivity. You tend not to push forward along the spiritual path, but instead wander a bit. Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. 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 tend to fall in love in some way with each person you meet, seeing the spiritual light within them and acknowledging it directly. You can surround yourself with people who share your artistic and romantic sensibilities, and also learn to adapt your capacity for love to the necessities of each situation.

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 10th House. Even in crowds you can tune your psychic abilities. At first there is a clutter of input that is at best confusing. However, over time you refine your directional awareness and can track individuals through the busiest markets, or identify the one person who needs the emotional support you have to offer. You may be a skillful manager, as you understand the way to motivate others.

Neptune Aspects

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out of spiritual debates without too much friction. You tend to be rather idealistic about your spiritual choices, and can be disappointed in individuals who don't live up to your high standards. Ending such a relationship may be felt as a profound loss. 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. You feel as though you don't have a clue about what is happening around you. This is not the case. You actually have many psychic clues. Work on sorting them out so that you can see the path before you.

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.

Mars in 12th House:

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues hidden deep in the Collective Unconscious. You experience the upwelling of images that have affected people throughout history, and you seek to fit them into your spiritual perspective. Deeply introspective, you are able to listen to your inner voice and follow its urging. To the extent that you cultivate self-examination, you come to see the world as a container for your life, and not as an enemy to be fought against.

Twelfth House Aspects

You are a fighter, even in the area of spirituality. You are strongly attracted to success, and can become aggressive in your spiritual quest.

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

You have the self-discipline of a sorcerer or shaman. You find the smallest positive within the worst situations. You deny your own desires in order to grow mentally and spiritually. 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 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 Taurus on the Eighth House cusp. If you stubbornly resist change in your life, you will constantly find yourself against the wall with nowhere to go. More than for most people, transformation is of the essence of your life, because you have the capacity to be up against the wall, hugging it for dear life, before you discover the doorway right in front of you into the next phase of your life. You simply need to release the latch and walk through.

Once you get past your stubborn attachment to having the path be exactly as you have planned it, you find that your intelligence leads you to express love for other beings and for yourself. When this happens, you act on the soul level and you no longer need to hold on to an idea, a material possession, or an emotion. Then each transition becomes an opportunity instead of an obstacle.

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.

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the path of awareness. You join your self and your public persona in all your activities. You are trusted as a source of spiritual stability.

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 Pisces, your intuition works best through the Feeling function. Your intuition flows more smoothly in a calm environment. Ritual preparation is very helpful in cultivating this kind of insight. Contemplative practice also helps, and it doesn't have to be sitting on a cushion to meditate. You may find that walking, swimming, or other exercise provides a gateway to expanded intuition.

Your empathetic side can see into future feelings, both for yourself and for others. You can master the feelings by sharing what you are sensing. You are often prepared in advance for difficult moments in your life.

Your Uranus is in the 4th House. You learn about intuition from family and household members. The ebb and flow of your intuitive sense may be hard to understand at first, but later you learn to wait for it patiently. Your household may include people who are outrageous or just plain crazy. You learn a lot from these people about how to adhere to your own core beliefs.

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. 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. 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. 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. Intuition guides your creative activities, showing you possible outcomes. Use this information to make clear choices.

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

Your less conscious mental style suits what you know about yourself. You are more comfortable than most people with the paradox of being conscious while operating from a less conscious base of spiritual strength. You tend to be optimistic and content. You attain success and spiritual growth through self-awareness. You seek to portray yourself as a kind, compassionate being. Intuition guides your creative activities, showing you possible outcomes. Use this information to make clear choices. You feel as though you don't have a clue about what is happening around you. This is not the case. You actually have many psychic clues. Work on sorting them out so that you can see the path before you.

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 Virgo, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Sensation function. Intelligent activity is guided by practical considerations. Your perception of things through sight, touch and other ordinary senses is your first and strongest avenue to working with the world. You are able to root out the facts from the body of writing about the past. This uncanny ability may disregard the ephemeral trends of a period and focus instead on the details of the material situation of the time. You are also able to mobilize a massive quantity of data, and to organize it to suit your purposes. You sift through data to find the gems that point directly to your point. Sometimes you have to discover the way to make your conclusions more meaningful to others who are less adept. Finally, you use information to guide your intelligence where future plans and goals are involved. You rarely make long-term decisions based on emotion. It's not that you have no feelings, because you do. It's that you know feelings will change far more easily than the material foundation on which they rest.

You can be a nag with your attention to details. Yet you feel the responsibility to run down loose ends so that they don't trip you up later. Other people may misunderstand

your actions and see you as critical or obsessive.

Your Saturn is in the 10th House. Your strong will furthers your career and supports your social position. You believe that steady work serves you well on the material level, and it works well in terms of spirit too. Your tendency to follow a narrow line of thinking provides strong focus, but may cause you to miss the richness of possibilities that surround you. The plus side is that this same focus helps you to get right to the heart of the subject at hand.

Saturn Aspects

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You perceive the structure of your life as restrictive unless you can infuse spiritual values into all your activities. Early on you resent the authority of the church or teacher, but later you come to appreciate the ritual patterns of prayer, yogic practices, circle work, focused meditation - all life experience in fact. 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 self-discipline of a sorcerer or shaman. You find the smallest positive within the worst situations. You deny your own desires in order to grow mentally and spiritually.

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 Leo, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Intuitive function. You feel more optimistic and more successful when your daily activities incorporate intuition in a meaningful way. Whatever your natural direction, based on your Sun and Moon elements, you can develop intuition as a spiritual guidance mechanism. You may find that you become physically sensitive in the heart area-you may feel heat in the skin on your chest or back, for example. This change in temperature can serve as an intuitive barometer. When your human energies are spiritually directed, you approach the moment when you are no longer subject to the

ordinary limitations of the physical world. Your mind and heart foresee the karmic effects of your actions and you can make intelligent choices. Then you are no longer limited by the wheel of birth and rebirth, and can fully experience the life for which you are intended.

Self-confidence makes you a strong leader, and you gain popularity in direct proportion to your personal ethical input. Contemplative practice that focuses on the inner space of your heart and mind will serve to align your spiritual aspirations with your activities in the world at large.

Aspects of the Jupiter

You take an intellectual approach to relationships, and thus you learn spiritual values through listening and study. Develop your ability to speak clearly so that you can learn even more. Contemplative practice may help you to focus your thoughts and become less absent-minded. Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. Your speculative mind takes you into and out of spiritual debates without too much friction. You tend to be rather idealistic about your spiritual choices, and can be disappointed in individuals who don't live up to your high standards. Ending such a relationship may be felt as a profound loss. Generally you find your associations with others to be advantageous. As your spiritual awareness grows, this becomes a more consistent element of your life, until you are able to avoid or manage all contacts by evoking tact and harmony, even in one who would be your opponent. You tend to be optimistic and content. You attain success and spiritual growth through self-awareness. You seek to portray yourself as a kind, compassionate being.

The Ninth House

You have Gemini on the Ninth House cusp. The first value you have to understand is perceived duality in the physical world. Because all perceptions are a function of this perception, you will need to sharpen your powers of observation, and learn to perceive things without judgment. A second value lies in the understanding of change. You have the capacity to understand the processes of change on every level. As you gain this understanding you come to see the consistency of change within the whole of

being. The third value is abstract mental power. You learn the ability to exert your intelligence, free of attachment to the material world, gaining "concrete" knowledge on the spiritual plane. Then you can understand the true causes behind all manifestations.

Planets in the Ninth House

Pluto in 9th House:

As you pursue your transcendent values, you will find that death has no hold on you. You take the shaman's path by going through the darkness. You may feel that you have succumbed to sexual seduction in the past, but don't beat yourself up over that. Sexual energy is a source of powerful devotion and motivation. As you gain understanding of the values that matter most to you, you will find that ecstasy, while beginning in a sexual

expression, actually reaches spiritual heights that erase the barriers of the body. As a shaman you are able to lift others out of their physical death experiences into the healing light you understand as Spirit. You sense the power of transcendence in yourself and others. You move from learning about transformation within yourself to healing and helping others who must experience rapid, dramatic changes.

Ninth House Aspects

You have the self-discipline of a sorcerer or shaman. You find the smallest positive within the worst situations. You deny your own desires in order to grow mentally and spiritually. 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.

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 Libra, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Thinking function. You are able to take an idea and wind it into an imaginative, yet logical picture, filled with colorful images and connections. Your spiritual discipline is likely to reflect this strong use of intellect. You find causes to which you devote time and energy, and you are best placed in jobs or activities that draw upon your mental capacity. Today's focus on the Internet and telecommunications suits your energy very well, as you are able to picture systems and to devise strategies for the future.

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: Cooperation, Honesty, Impartiality. 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 12th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues hidden deep in the Collective Unconscious. You experience the upwelling of images that have affected people throughout history, and you seek to fit them into your spiritual perspective. Deeply introspective, you are able to listen to your inner voice and follow its urging. To the extent that you cultivate self-examination, you come to see the world as a container for your life, and not as an enemy to be fought against.

Mars Aspects

You are a fighter, even in the area of spirituality. You are strongly attracted to success, and can become aggressive in your spiritual quest.

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)

In some ways your persona is the balance of an object at rest. Metaphysically you appreciate the space between activities, so your persona reflects that kind of calm. This contemplative expression indicates that you can achieve a balance between your physical life and your soul life. As you learn to work with duality in a conscious way, your persona becomes calmer and you are able to effect change in the world without stirring up the energy more than necessary.

The tendency to balance and calm is part of what makes you a welcome guest. You can be counted on to enrich conversation both by listening actively and participating with clear questions, ideas, and an occasional opinion. You cultivate harmony among the people around you, and thus make a strong team member who can be counted on to keep

the goal in mind in the midst of discussion.

As your spiritual path unfolds, you find that your sexual and other material desires change. You are still a physical beings with needs and desires, but your motivations take on the quality of spiritual aspiration. Instead of engaging in sex for the sake of sex, you seek partners who share a spiritual affinity that allows you both to experience ecstasy through your relationship. Sometimes this even means engaging in activities that transcend the physical realm without using physical contact as the avenue of approach.

Sometimes we see an older couple hanging out together. They don't seem to talk very much, but we can see that they are attuned to each other. They investigate whatever catches the eye, pointing out things to each other. They are calm, not rushing their activity but following its natural pace. The outer appearance reflects an inner spiritual attunement that is the hallmark of the Libra Ascendant.

Libra Ascendants are vulnerable to any excess that throws the physical body out of harmony. This can result in a variety of ailments involving the kidneys, bladder and sexual organs. You can enjoy life best by exercising a degree of moderation. In this way you demonstrate respect for yourself and your partner on the physical and spiritual level.

Ascendant Aspects

You join your self and your public persona in all your activities. You are trusted as a source of spiritual stability. You are a fighter, even in the area of spirituality. You are strongly attracted to success, and can become aggressive in your spiritual quest.

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.