

Chiron & the Goddesses

Ceres, Juno, Pallas, & Vesta

Astrology Report

For

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Virgo	22°Vi57'	08th	01 11°Cp21'
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Mercury	Virgo	05°Vi12'	08th	03 19°Ar15'
Venus	Libra	17°Li42'	08th	04 17°Ta02'
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Jupiter	Capricorn	03°Cp34'	12th	06 23°Ge19'
Saturn	Scorpio	12°Sc51'	09th	07 11°Ca21'
Uranus	Sagittarius	09°Sg53'	11th	08 04°Vi08'
Neptune	Sagittarius	28°Sg40'	12th	09 19°Li15'
Pluto	Scorpio	00°Sc33'	09th	10 17°Sc02'
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Ascendant	Capricorn	11°Cp21'		12 23°Sg19'
Chiron	Gemini	08°Ge33'	05th	
Ceres	Taurus	25°Ta16'	04th	
Pallas	Pisces	11°Pi34' R	02nd	
Juno	Virgo	03°Vi26'	07th	
Vesta	Virgo	04°Vi35'	08th	

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart

Chiron

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

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

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

Chiron in Gemini

With Chiron in Gemini, mentoring and the healing process are associated with the need to be heard and understood, and with learning how to share one's innermost thoughts and ideas. This applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. Lack of schooling, educational upheavals, learning disabilities, speech defects, or feelings of intellectual inferiority could lead you to feel wounded or inadequate in these areas of life. You may be very perceptive, but unable to communicate what you know, for the aforementioned reasons or because open honest communication was discouraged during your formative years, and you were made to feel dumb or to doubt your own perceptions due to lack of validation. At the other extreme, over-confidence in or over-emphasis on your intellectual capacities can upset the apple cart in painful ways that force you to adopt a more holistic, less mind-oriented approach to life. Traumatic sibling experiences may be a source of wounding; perhaps you seek a sister or brother figure as a mentor, or encounter helpful guidance from Big Sister/Big Brother organizations. Experiences such as these can evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

Chiron in 5th House

Chiron in the fifth house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with creative self-expression, spontaneity and play, children, sports, and romantic experiences (which often involve a spirit of child-like fun and exploration). You might experience some kind of wounding through children, perhaps through self-denial for the sake of your children, or perhaps through observing the struggles and woundedness of children. You may suffer from the lack of opportunity or ability to have a child of your own; or, like Chiron did, serve as a guide or mentor to the children of others. Your creative expression may deal with themes of wounding or healing, or you may encounter mentor figures who are very creative. Experiences such as the blocking or thwarting of your creativity can have a wounding effect, and any dysfunctional defense mechanisms you use to deal with the painful issue can cause you further difficulties. Eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

Mercury Square Chiron Orb: 03°21'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Mercury. The Centaur battles the wily Fox! You may experience speech or learning difficulties due to the inhibition caused by an educational system that tells the masses what and how to know, and expects all individuals to be ready to learn certain things (ie. reading and writing) at the same age. Or perhaps you are the "objective" one whose rational thought processes are offended or challenged by the perceptions, healing abilities, or holistic worldviews of others. You may have difficulty in being direct, or in verbally communicating your thoughts or perceptions, especially if your views do not adhere to the "informed thinking" or "latest

research" of the times. You may learn to doubt or mistrust your own intuitions and non-logical knowing because there is no "reason" for them. There may be an issue with subliminal mind control, whether through media, cult, political or educational brain washing. The challenge is to learn to see that there is a place for both the intuitive, holistic, non-rational zen mind as well as for straightforward communication and logical rational thought processes. Otherwise the Centaur and the Fox will be fighting until the cows come home.

Uranus Opposite Chiron Orb: 01°20'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The wounded healer clashes with the forward thinking rebel who is a proponent of change. You may experience wounding that has to do with issues of the devastation wrought by modern technology or with illnesses that effect the nervous system, meridians, or subtle electro-magnetic energy fields of the human body. Iridology, reiki, acupuncture, and cranio-sacral therapy are some examples of the kinds of subtle-energy healing techniques that may be part of your wounding/healing journey. There may be a wound having to do with an extreme sensitivity to the collective unconscious of humanity and the ideals or thought forms that affect it. This can cause you to be swept away by the tides of social, political, or esoteric movements that promise freedom from certain types of restrictions but often just usher in a new form of enslavement. There may be an attitude of indiscriminate rebellion that leads to a perception of all forms of authority as a threat to freedom. This results in a resistance to the voice of one's own inner authority, and mistaking its promptings towards inner change and growth (which could be painful) for demands for conformity. If this inner voice is betrayed, then you ironically do end up selling out and joining the ranks of the order of the day, new and exciting as they may be. Through dealing with the pain caused by these experiences, you come to learn on a profound level that the only change that leads to freedom is a deep internal change involving one's own thought patterns, for they are the root of the behavioral and emotional habits that unnecessarily limit you. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for healing and the need for freedom exist within you, and that not only are they not mutually exclusive, the one need cannot be met without fulfilling the other! It's up to you to resolve this paradox. Your ability to do this may enable you to serve as a healer/mentor to others who struggle with similar issues.

Ceres

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

The myth of Demeter (da mater or "earth mother") and the sudden abduction of her dearly loved daughter Persephone by the lord of the underworld contains the same universal symbolism as other Earth Goddess myths. These myths may appear, at first, to

be early explanations for the changing of the seasons. They are actually wise, rich, symbolic teachings on such profound themes as loss and renewal, death and rebirth, and the endless transformation that constitutes the very laws of creation to which this universe and everything in it adheres.

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

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

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

Ceres in Taurus

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

Ceres in 4th House

Ceres in the fourth house indicates a capacity for emotional empathy and caring that calls to mind the unity between a mother and her unborn infant. Nurturance is associated with an emotional communication so connected that words are almost unnecessary and "cutting the cord" feels like a threat to life itself. Perhaps the birth experience or some

other parent-child separation at a young age was a traumatic experience that introduced grief into childhood. At any rate, you have an incredible capacity to provide emotional nurturance and, with the home possibly serving as a base of operations, you like to nurture others by providing food, child care, or emotional healing through any method that addresses the wounds of childhood.

Moon Conjunct Ceres Orb: 03°56'

Your Ceres is conjunct the Moon. Your experience of mother-child bonding themes blends with your emotional and instinctive responses. Your natural way of responding to any event, person, or stimulus is strongly colored by your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties, especially your experience (or lack of experience) of maternal bonding. Any such experience will foster in you a sensitivity towards others who struggle with themes of loss and return; you instinctively comfort the orphans of the world. Perhaps you count yourself as one of them. You are emotionally aware of the dark undercurrents that issue from the underworld, the world of the taboo, and that underlie intensely close relationships. Your emotional acceptance and grasp of these realities is nurturing to others. You are an embodiment of the instinctive aspect of the Feminine.

Sun Trine Ceres Orb: 02°20'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. The qualities of nurturance and emotional bonding combine with the sense of self-essence or self-identity in a natural, easy manner. You like to care for others, and your grace in dealing with life's losses and difficult rites of passage makes you a comfort to others grappling with these issues. You may have a green thumb, for you have a knack for getting things to flourish.

Pallas

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

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

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

Pallas in Pisces

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

Pallas in 2nd House

Pallas Athena in the second house indicates that your sense of self-worth is associated with "the wise warrior." The acquisition of wisdom, the creative use of intellect or healing ability, and the need for courage and fighting spirit all feed your sense of inner worth. Defending a cause or succoring others could also have this effect. The healing of conflict between the Masculine and Feminine can have a great impact on your self-esteem as well. You like to see some practical benefit arise from the recovery of inner worth and the self-confidence you feel. Indeed, you may put all this practical wisdom to use in earning your livelihood, perhaps helping others to retrieve a sense of self-worth. Reconciliatory and healing skills may be used for deriving income as well. Trouble with self-esteem can be rooted in a lack of a healthy relationship to the feminine (body/emotions) and an over-identification with a developed and assertive intellect that disregards and overrides cues from the body, intuition, or environment. Difficulty can also arise if Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as a crusade for wealth and material security.

Mercury Opposite Pallas Orb: 06°22'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Mercury. The need for creative expression and cultural/political involvement may clash with communications, perceptions, or trends of thought. You may experience learning difficulties or frustration of your creativity in an uncomfortable educational system. You may feel mentally challenged by the beliefs, creative abilities, or intellectual capacities of others, particularly if they revolve around non-traditional gender, cultural, or political activities. You may want to support a minority or other worthy cause, but find the oppressed group's reactionary rage too unreasonable to endure. There may be difficulty in verbally communicating your thoughts on political or minority rights issues, especially if your views do not adhere to the "politically correct" view of the times. You are being challenged to learn that both the need for cultural/creative expression and the need for communication and objectivity can co-exist. It is important, for the sake of your own well being, to find ways to ensure that they do. You'll need to search within yourself to ascertain whether you might not be unconsciously denying one of these needs and projecting it out onto others.

Mars Square Pallas Orb: 05°23'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Your male assertive energies collide head-on with issues of culture, the arts, or social activism. You may feel, or be made to feel, that it is unmanly for men to express themselves in creative or artistic endeavors. Or perhaps you struggle with lack of confidence or fear of confrontation when it comes to expressing your creative mind or political views. The pursuit of more traditionally male activities may put you into conflict with sensitive issues of socio-cultural concern. Or perhaps your socio-political views leave you feeling uncomfortable about your more masculine characteristics, like anger or aggressive behavior. Either way, there may be some issue over the expression of one's masculine

qualities. It is important for you to understand that both the need for cultural/creative expression achievement and the need for a healthy masculine assertiveness are legitimate. If either need is denied or suppressed, it will tend to pop up in negative forms that continue to irritate you until you find ways to make room for both in your life.

Saturn Trine Pallas Orb: 01°16'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Saturn. Your interest in artistic or political cultural expression and your urge to manifest concrete practical goals can nourish each other, if you care to apply them to the task. You are able to take a balanced approach towards the integration of career/breadwinner activities with issues of creative expression and socio-cultural involvement. Your organizational ability and your sense of duty and responsibility can be put to use in the support of some favorite cause.

Uranus Square Pallas Orb: 01°41'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The cultural protectress-patroness of the arts meets the freedom fighter, and lines are drawn in the sand! The need for creative or cultural expression conflicts with the urge for freedom and change. Humanitarian activities or collective enterprises may conflict with one's involvement in mental or artistic pursuits. Revolutionary ideals and rebellious tendencies could be a little over-zealous, with a contempt for creative or cultural concerns which are viewed as the province of the privileged. Or, conversely, socially or culturally "correct" attitudes could be suffocating, though trendy, and create trouble for the individualist who sees things differently. Identification with unconventional gender roles could create chaotic stress or confusion. The nervous system can suffer from excessive mental activity or from the stress of conflicts like those listed here. The answer lies in accepting both the need for artistic/cultural expression and the need for change and individual freedom. This will alleviate the tendency to unconsciously deny one of these needs and then "see the enemy out there."

Juno

Juno (whose Greek name is Hera) is an ancient Queen of Heaven Goddess dating from that matriarchal period when the sovereign Deity was female and reigned alone, presiding over the mysteries of birth, motherhood, and the various phases of reproduction. Mythology relates how she was seduced by Zeus, married him out of a sense of honor, endured a marriage characterized by power struggles over issues of fidelity and bearing a line of descent, as well as how she went into retreat occasionally in order to renew and center herself. Her myth parallels the history of social upheaval in the lands where she was worshipped. Northern invaders struggled to impose traditions of patrilineal descent and the worship of their chief god, Zeus, upon the indigenous matriarchal cultures of Mycenaean Greece and Crete. Over a period of hundreds of years

of cultural conflict, the two divinities were forced to share the altar. Thus, in addition to her authority over matters pertaining to childbirth and motherhood, Juno has come to be associated with issues of socially acknowledged relationship, legal marriage, marital fulfillment through commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

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

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

Since marriage proved to be this goddess' testing ground, Juno in the horoscope also indicates the qualities associated with one's marriage partner and the ways in which one handles intimacy/freedom needs as well as the jealousy and insecurity that often accompany this balancing act. Juno's position describes the nature of any control issues, the ways in which such power struggles get enacted, and the type of sacred cows that need to be relinquished so that the path to marital fulfillment can unfold. Juno's placement in your chart can refer not only to your mate (or the way that you perceive your mate), but to the relationship and to your own behavior in a committed relationship as well.

Juno in Virgo

With Juno in Virgo, you seek a partner who is able, efficient, modest, and interested in self-improvement. Someone who shares your ideal of constantly "working on the relationship" so that it is not only kept in squeaky-clean working order, but approaches the ideal of perfection itself. You appreciate a partner with practical skills, such as the use of herbs, nutritional know-how, or the ability to fix anything. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy or powerlessness when it comes to such matters, or that your partner is doing all the expressing in this regard (or

vice versa). This could be a source of difficulty when it comes to intimate relations. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled with plenty of ongoing self-analysis and practical adjustment, otherwise perfectionist attitudes can result with attendant harping and criticizing.

Juno in 7th House

Juno in the seventh house indicates that, once committed, your relationship is more important than anything else. Either you or your partner will put a lot of energy into making the relationship work, and the desire that this be a shared concern may be of utmost importance. If not married, you may be very committed to other forms of responsible relationships in which cooperation is a concern (a business partnership, for example, or therapeutic work). The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

Mercury Conjunct Juno Orb: 01°46'

Your Juno is conjunct Mercury. Mental urges hook up with the urge to relate intimately and on equal terms. Perhaps you are attracted to intellectual, social, or witty partners. You certainly think it is important to be able to share your thoughts, ideas, and belief systems with your partner. Your words, writings, and thoughts may revolve around issues of equality and autonomy in intimate relationships. You may associate partnership with the cultivation of the mental faculty, or with understanding and being understood. One partner may be a teacher to the other.

Jupiter Trine Juno Orb: 00°08'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Jupiter. Your enthusiasm for Life and your search for meaning in it enhance and are enhanced by the whole issue of committed relationships. One partner may bring out the philosopher in the other, or encourage the other in their quests and explorations, and in faith and optimism in life's journey. Your intimate relationships may benefit from higher education, traveling, or cultural exchanges. Your own philosophical attitude about the balance of power in relationships may be supportive to your partner (or vice versa).

Uranus Square Juno Orb: 06°27'

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

find ways to meet both. Then your relationships and your sense of freedom and excitement can enliven and enrich each other.

Neptune Trine Juno Orb: 04°46'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your longing for a relationship that is intimate and egalitarian is supported by your sensitivity and your mystical longings. One partner may be inspired by or affirm the other's spiritual nature, or encourage their sensitive ability as expressed through artistic, healing, compassionate or psychic capacities. You may be attracted to partners who exhibit these abilities. Such activities and interests can serve as a focus that can enrich your intimate relationships.

Pluto Sextile Juno Orb: 02°53'

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

Vesta

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

In early matriarchal societies, priestesses honoring Hestia maintained a connection to this spiritual essence (represented by a sacred flame that they tended night and day). They offered themselves in sacred sexual union in order to teach the divine aspect of sexuality and the need to remain aware of the sacred while engaged in physical life. The priestesses

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

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

Vesta in Virgo

Vesta in Virgo indicates that neatness, efficiency, and attention to detail are the things that help you focus and center yourself. You use them to both go inward and get in touch with yourself, and to then move outward and commit your focused energies with dedication, zeal, and even sacrifice (described further by Vesta's house position, below). You may see sex as a sacred duty to your partner and through this come to experience the more profound aspects of sexuality and the perpetuation of life. Or perhaps religious concerns cause you to restrict your sexuality. Service and duty can be sacred to you. It is possible that, through one-pointedness, you focus so much on these pursuits that the means becomes an end in itself and you lose sight of the goal they are meant to serve. If this happens, perfectionist, critical or workaholic tendencies can take over and leave you feeling off-center and out of touch with yourself. Practices like karma yoga (in which work and actions are performed with spiritual mindfulness) can help restore the balance between your dedication to work and your dedication to Spirit.

Vesta in 8th House

Vesta in the eighth house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense focus are centered around the in-depth and transformational aspects of life - such intense experiences as birth, death, and sexual or mystical union. The longing to become renewed or transformed through the union with the energies of the "not-self," or others, includes the material resources of others as well, so that the sharing or inheritance of the wealth of others can also be issues in which you tend to experience sacrifice or dedication. This sense of sacrifice could be expressed either as denying yourself these things for the sake of some other goal (which may be spiritual or religious in nature), or as an intense one-pointed focus on these very things themselves. Sexual passion can be sublimated into mystical passion. At any rate, your focus is passionately intense, and if at times this proves a little much for others, such difficulties will help you learn to engage positively in powerful interactions with others. Careful consideration of these activities or issues will help you understand how to best manage your sense of commitment and remain centered in your self.

Mercury Conjunct Vesta Orb: 00°37'

Your Vesta is conjunct Mercury. You have a great ability to focus and discipline the mind. You may feel called or inspired to teach, disseminate information, or communicate your thoughts and views to others through your writings. You may dedicate yourself to the development of the mind, either through study or through techniques, such as meditation, that help you focus and direct your mental energies. There may be sacrifices made for the sake of the research and learning, or perhaps it is the learning itself that is sacrificed for the sake of some other (perhaps religious) goal.

Jupiter Trine Vesta Orb: 01°01'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Jupiter. Your sense of faith and optimism bolsters your capacity for commitment to a cherished goal. Your quest for knowledge and understanding, and your interest in travel and foreign culture serve to deepen and enrich your spiritual/sexual expression. You are able to balance your capacity for sacrifice and intense dedication with your need for adventure, growth, and exploration. Your philosophy, teaching, and cultural or legal activity can be supportive of those who seek healing from the trauma of spiritual or sexual desecration.

Uranus Square Vesta Orb: 05°18'

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The whole idea of dedication and sacrifice clashes with the urge for freedom, experimentation, and change. An overemphasis on the need for constant change and excitement may thwart the urge for dedication and commitment. On the other hand, the capacity for passionate commitment may inhibit your need for freedom and change. Revolutionary ideals and rebellious tendencies may tend toward fanaticism and end up oppressing the need for spiritual or sexual self-empowerment. Abstract idealism may lead to a denigration of the physical world, and a "good-bad" split between the spiritual and the physical-sexual aspects of

self. Identification with unconventional sexual mores may create stress or nervous tension. You'll probably need to accept the fact that you have two different needs: your Vesta needs and your need for change and freedom. And although one of these may seem to be a thorn in your side at the moment, the irritation is a signal that's trying to call attention to this one-sided stance you have unconsciously adopted in favor of one need over the other.

Neptune Trine Vesta Orb: 05°55'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. The Neptunian transcendental urges enhance Vesta's perception of the sacred unity of spirituality and the physical/sexual aspects of life. You are able to balance your need for passionate focus and dedication to work with your need for transcendental experience. You can integrate spiritual and sexual needs without creating a split between the two. Your capacity to concentrate and focus your energies may be used in support of the healing arts, or artistic or spiritual pursuits.

Pluto Sextile Vesta Orb: 04°02'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Pluto. Your capacity for self-sacrifice and your sense of sacredness complements your urge for powerful and transformative experience. Your psychological depth and sense of self-empowerment can benefit your spiritual/sexual life or the activities to which you are committed and into which you pour your focused life-energies. You may channel some of your capacity for dedication and intense commitment towards supporting those who are experiencing or recovering from abuse of some kind. You are able to balance your need for spiritual/sexual expression with the inner need for regenerative healing, self-transformation and self-empowerment.

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

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