

Your Spiritual Path

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
Sun	Virgo	23°Vi06'	10th	01 00°Sg51'
Moon	Capricorn	12°Cp43'	02nd	02 02°Cp47'
Mercury	Virgo	20°Vi35'	10th	03 10°Aq45'
Venus	Virgo	06°Vi15'	09th	04 17°Pi57'
Mars	Taurus	18°Ta21'	06th	05 18°Ar06'
Jupiter	Aquarius	18°Aq32'	03rd	06 11°Ta30'
Saturn	Scorpio	21°Sc42'	12th	07 00°Ge51'
Uranus	Pisces	27°Pi38' R	04th	08 02°Ca47'
Neptune	Leo	25°Le35'	09th	09 10°Le45'
Pluto	Cancer	15°Ca45'	08th	10 17°Vi57'
Midheaven	Virgo	17°Vi57'	10th	11 18°Li06'
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Your Spiritual Path

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

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

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

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

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

Your Creative Process

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

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

With the Sun in Virgo, 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 nit-pick (when I could analyze things in a useful manner). I will find fault (where I could just as well find something to praise). I will be skeptical (when I could accept something on faith). I will follow mindlessly (when I could engage intellect to serve wisely). I will be nervous (where caution is enough) .

Your Sun is in the 10th house. You may use your knees for purely physical activity, or you may climb the metaphorical corporate ladder. Energy focuses here, and you may find physical change in the knees accompanies spiritual shifts. You are consciously aware of the connection between practical realities and the imagination or intellect when it

comes to effective action. You are able to find the best way to accomplish complex tasks. Effective spiritual action depends on the same kind of assessment. You seek a system that supports your daily work and personal activities, while at the same time providing a container for your spirit and its progress.

Aspects of the Sun

Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You are closely aligned with your own self-awareness. You may feel that your very being is tied up in the activities that shape your life and career. Whenever you begin a new venture, you can take time to ponder the thought that you are not the new venture, but only its guiding force.

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 Capricorn, your secondary mental style is primarily the Sensation type. There is a practical side to your nature that comes from deep within. On the surface you are not focused on the material side of life, but your inner voice is always presenting some grounded argument that guides your actions. Thus, no matter what you are involved in, there is a considered quality to your actions that generally brings solid results. Your psychic senses run to the physical. You may be able to dowse for lost objects or water,

for example. Or you may find that you sense oncoming illness in yourself and others. To develop this capacity further, you may want to record your psychic sensations and track them. Anytime you have communication with your less conscious side, it is important to acknowledge it in some way - to show respect for its power. You don't have to act in every instance, but you can acknowledge that you have received the information. If you don't the signal may become more distressing, or the voice may sink into silence.

You aspire to more ambitious goals than many of your family members. This includes the spiritual path. You apply a very practical measurement to beliefs. If they work, don't change them; if they don't work, replace them. Now.

Aspects of the Moon

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to respect your opinions. The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. The spirit within you desires material expression, and you search fearlessly for the way to show how you feel to others. People find they can depend on your devotion to your principles. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. Relationships with women are a huge factor in your spiritual life. You sense the deep well of values within each person you meet, and seek to understand it. Pay attention to how others express their values, and be selective about which ones you adopt as your own. 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.

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 Pisces on the Fourth House cusp. Being an empathetic person at the core of your being, you respond to the core beliefs of the people around you all the time. However, you need not be a vessel that can only be filled in this way. You are able to draw on your inner instinctual nature and develop your intuition. In the process of this development, you may start out being a psychic medium, subject to the currents of psychic energy around you. Later you develop your intellectual capacity and can then regulate, measure and evaluate those same psychic currents. When this happens, you become a mediator of the energy instead of being its servant.

You find that you are able to consider multiple beliefs, and you often find the common thread among people's apparently different ideas. You thus are capable of

mediating between different thoughts and feelings very well. As a child the expressed beliefs of your family may have been contradicted by the psychic expressions of the individuals. You had to learn to evaluate those differences early on, weighing what was said against what you could feel. In your adult life you can use this skill to become a mediator. Further, you are able to discern core beliefs in yourself and others that do not align with each other, and you are able to adjust those beliefs so they are part of a consistent set of values.

You may feel that you are following a path of return to values that have somehow been lost or ignored. Your core beliefs, when you get to the actual core, are probably shared with millions of individuals. If you are willing to spend time stripping away beliefs that have been imposed on you without any systematic method, you can begin with a solid base and assemble a more meaningful set of feelings and ideas around them. As this process unfolds you discover your unique position among the multitude of voices.

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

You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation. Profound awareness of the world around you on the psychic level is paired with intuition concerning the future. Together they make for a highly creative package. You are quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm.

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 Virgo, 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.

Your digestive system acts as a barometer for your intuition. You feel changes in the material, emotional and spiritual weather well ahead of time. Instead of simply treating the upset tummy with medicines, use this information to formulate plans and think through strategies.

Your Mercury is in the 10th House. Your grasp of practical factors in any situation comes out in your choice of utilitarian spiritual practice. For example, yoga serves both to center and calm the mind and to strengthen and tone the body. Meditation focused on an object is very helpful.

Mercury Aspects

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to respect your opinions. 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 become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. Philosophical ideas and discussions help you to form your creative plans - such conversations expand the boundaries of your own thinking. You will come to appreciate the fact that you mediate between the discipline of the spiritual path and the realities of material existence. You are able to enjoy life while communicating your spiritual values. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe. Powerful will stands behind your words, whether they focus on spiritual matters or mundane circumstances. You tend to see harmony as something that can be obtained only after conflict. Certainly conflict can be resolved harmoniously. You may also want to look within yourself for areas where there has been no conflict to resolve. Here you will find a useful spiritual tool. You may change careers in pursuit of spiritual growth.

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 Virgo, 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.

Your moral boundaries sometimes make it difficult to get close enough to another person to have a strong love relationship. Or you may make practical decisions that fail to give adequate consideration to your partner. The spiritual challenge is to be somewhat practical in an arena that is known for its lack of logic.

Your Venus is in the 9th House. You anchor your higher values in concrete facts. Your life includes many significant events in the social sphere where you are able to gather information concerning whatever is truly important to you. You may have learned certain manners from your family and teachers, but it is through interaction with others that you learn how to be both a considerate companion and a responsible individual. At first you may be indulgent, doing whatever the "crowd" suggests, or flirtatious regardless of the risk involved. You may vacillate, letting others lead you into activities that are not in your own best interests. As you move through your life, you attend to your own values early in any relationship. There is less friction in your interaction with others, and you find that others appreciate your ability to define and adhere to your principles. Knowledge comes from many sources, and you must study closely to gain the value from the experience of others. You may travel the world to gather information, or you may stay closer to home and read about far-reaching ideas.

Venus Aspects

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. You have to work hard to create an environment that suites your spiritual values.

<p style="text-align: center;">Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability</p>

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 9th House. Single-minded purpose is necessary for you as you seek transcendent values. On the physical level you are all too sensitive to the influences around you. This sensitivity can become a mystical tool for understanding the true nature of duality. You need a heart connection to your spiritual work - you have to get past the mental work and get to the intense connection that many people find in their gurus. You

may find that refining your mental processes is essential to assure focused attention to your chosen path.

Neptune Aspects

You are all too aware of your own weaknesses and need to develop a sure sense of your own spiritual motivation. Then relationships with others form on established ground of inspiration and compassion. As you overcome the urge to indulge in momentary physical pleasures, you build the capacity for spiritual ecstasy. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You are often fully aware of the suffering of others, and tend to take it into yourself. This can make you rather moody, or it can serve to strengthen your spiritual resolve. It is important for you to sort out your own neurotic behavior before you take on the problems of others. Profound awareness of the world around you on the psychic level is paired with intuition concerning the future. Together they make for a highly creative package. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words.

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 Scorpio on the Twelfth House cusp. Your dreams provide intense emotional images. Sometimes they parallel your experience of the day before, and sometimes they seem almost alien to you. Examine the symbols within your dreams, as they often indicate the direction the collective mind is taking. You are open to psychic influence from others. You may be able to receive messages from great distances, and even from people who have passed on. Every shaman undergoes initiation through a metaphorical death experience, and you are no exception.

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.

Saturn in 12th House:

Your karmic history is available for exploration in the quiet moments of privacy we all need. Examine your past behavior, but only for the purpose of seeking more effective action in the future.

Twelfth House Aspects

You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. You will come to appreciate the fact that you mediate between the discipline of the spiritual path and the realities of material existence. You are able to enjoy life while communicating your spiritual values. Your involvement with other people often focuses on the harshest side of human experience. You become aware of destructive energies around you and learn to overcome these difficulties. Your spiritual life can become the source of nearly inexhaustible energy. You face tests through death or separation. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation. You are often fully aware of the suffering of others, and tend to take it into yourself. This can make you rather moody, or it can serve to strengthen your spiritual resolve. It is important for you to sort out your own neurotic behavior before you take on the problems of others. 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. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

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

- * They are signposts to indicate progress.
- * They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.

- * They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- * They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- * They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

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

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

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

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

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

Pluto Aspects

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. Powerful will stands behind your words, whether they focus on spiritual matters or mundane circumstances. You are capable of applying tremendous effort to anything you attempt. The spiritual lesson is to learn moderation. Moderation often means acting like one of the pack instead of always being the leader. Expand your own creative horizons. Avoid narrowing your vision to include only forceful control over the creativity of others. 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. You share your destiny with other people, and this includes the major beginnings and endings of your life. Karmic associations govern your relationships to a large degree. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not by trying to own it.

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 Cancer on the Eighth House cusp. More than most people you connect to larger change processes. You may even be able to feel the earth's rotation when you lie on the ground and watch the stars. Yet your most skillful interactions occur in small groups or in one-on-one situations in which you use your nurturing abilities to smooth the path for transformation.

You are able to see the light within other people and to nurture it. This spiritual capacity also works in your own life to transform your mundane ideas into spiritual aspirations. Because you are able to stimulate the spiritual motives of other people, you make a strong leader, but you are not likely to be the most public figure. Rather, you quietly guide others and share in their successes without stealing their glory. You see yourself as part of the whole process that leads to success.

Planets in the Eighth House

Pluto in 8th House:

One change begets another in your life. You see transformation as a way of life, not an isolated event. Often you feel changes coming long before any outward signs are visible. You dwell in the underworld of the mind. Without training you are susceptible to the energies of people around you, and you fall under their spells easily. With training you can cast your own spells, and certainly you can use your power to protect yourself. You have tremendous endurance - your ability to keep going means that you can chart a spiritual path and make definite progress. You tend to be around when traumatic events happen to other people, and you may have your own share of difficulties. These experiences place you in the ideal spot to help others, as you know how they feel and you know just how to lift their spirits.

Eighth House Aspects

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. Powerful will stands behind your words, whether they focus on spiritual matters or mundane circumstances. You are capable of applying tremendous effort to anything you attempt. The spiritual lesson is to learn moderation. Moderation often means acting like one of the pack instead of always being the leader.

Expand your own creative horizons. Avoid narrowing your vision to include only forceful control over the creativity of others. 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. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not be trying to own it.

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

You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You have the capacity for telepathic communication. One way to work with it is to listen to messages, even if you can't associate them with anything practical in the beginning. By

listening, and by sharing these experiences with others, you facilitate the flow of information to you from the larger universe. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation. Profound awareness of the world around you on the psychic level is paired with intuition concerning the future. Together they make for a highly creative package. You are quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm.

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 Virgo, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Sensation function.

You have a deeply rooted psychic capacity. You can, if you open yourself to the world around you, feel the emotional emanations of people, animals and objects. Even if you aren't conscious of this ability, you use it to steer a course of safety through interpersonal relationships. You just "know" the right thing to do or say in many situations. You know how to make others feel comfortable, and you choose your words wisely to achieve your own purpose.

With practice you can pinpoint the source of feelings coming at you more precisely, thereby using your ability to formulate conscious plans of action. You can also use your imagination to develop a story-telling ability, then use stories to illustrate your feelings or to influence the decisions of others. Story telling may even become a significant element in your career. People love good stories and respond to them with action appropriate to their content. You learn to capitalize on this human quality.

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 are closely aligned with your own self-awareness. You may feel that your very being is tied up in the activities that shape your life and career. Whenever you begin a new venture, you can take time to ponder the thought that you are not the new venture, but only its guiding force. You tend to see harmony as something that can be obtained only after conflict. Certainly conflict can be resolved harmoniously. You may also want to look within yourself for areas where there has been no conflict to resolve. Here you will find a useful spiritual tool. You may change careers in pursuit of spiritual growth. You tend to act from your own spiritual center, to the extent that you understand that center. Therefore it is worth your effort to examine your career, relationships, and personal motives in every area. Each creative activity allows you to expand your self-awareness in some way. You are fortunate to have the ability to see the continuity of your efforts clearly. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not be trying to own it.

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

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

Your intense focus on the metaphysical realm can distract you from the demands of physical relationships. Sexual energy can be inhibited unless you can see the path to ecstasy includes all levels of consciousness. You see the spiritual value in all life, and understand birth and death as necessary transitions.

Your Saturn is in the 12th House. Your karmic history is available for exploration in the quiet moments of privacy we all need. Examine your past behavior, but only for the purpose of seeking more effective action in the future.

Saturn Aspects

You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. You will come to appreciate the fact that you mediate between the discipline of the spiritual path and the realities of material existence. You are able to enjoy life while communicating your spiritual values. Your involvement with other people often focuses on the harshest side of human experience. You become aware of destructive energies around you and learn to overcome these difficulties. Your spiritual life can become the source of nearly inexhaustible energy. You face tests through death or separation. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation. You are often fully aware of the suffering of others, and tend to take it into yourself. This can make you rather moody, or it can serve to strengthen your spiritual resolve. It is important for you to sort out your own neurotic behavior before you take on the problems of others. 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. You work in isolation, and therefore need to develop strong meditation practices that cultivate the capacity to work with others who are much older or younger than yourself. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work.

Transcendent Values

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

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

You may confuse social justice with spiritual values. They are not the same. Contemplative practice helps you to understand your inner nature, to distinguish it from your awareness of other people, and to direct your spiritual path according to your personal needs and aspirations.

Aspects of the Jupiter

Philosophical ideas and discussions help you to form your creative plans - such conversations expand the boundaries of your own thinking. Your spiritual interaction with other people is generally quite fortunate in nature. You gain an understanding of a wide range of spiritual teachings through direct contact with others, and you develop the ability to resolve conflicts on all levels of business and personal life in this way. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. Expand your own creative horizons. Avoid narrowing your vision to include only forceful control over the creativity of others.

Each creative activity allows you to expand your self-awareness in some way. You are fortunate to have the ability to see the continuity of your efforts clearly.

The Ninth House

You have Leo on the Ninth House cusp. At first you may not feel that self-consciousness is a particularly transcendent value, but it is the cornerstone for effective action in the world. You must understand yourself as an individual before you can take even a single step along the evolutionary path. The second value, physical nature, is a primary aid to self-consciousness. Until you understand yourself as a physical being in the material world, you will only struggle with concepts of unity. By pursuing self-awareness in the depths of physical, mental and emotional experience, you can discover a sense of personal unity, and through this means, a sense of universal oneness. If you seek to lead others, you must first gain a clear understanding of your own being, and the evolutionary path that you are pursuing.

Planets in the Ninth House

Venus in 9th House:

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

Neptune in 9th House:

Single-minded purpose is necessary for you as you seek transcendent values. On the physical level you are all too sensitive to the influences around you. This sensitivity can become a mystical tool for understanding the true nature of duality. You need a heart connection to your spiritual work - you have to get past the mental work and get to the intense connection that many people find in their gurus. You may find that refining your mental processes is essential to assure focused attention to your chosen path.

Ninth House Aspects

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. You have to work hard to create an environment that suits your spiritual values. You are all too aware of your own weaknesses and need to develop a sure sense of your own spiritual motivation. Then relationships with others form on established ground of inspiration and

compassion. As you overcome the urge to indulge in momentary physical pleasures, you build the capacity for spiritual ecstasy. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You are often fully aware of the suffering of others, and tend to take it into yourself. This can make you rather moody, or it can serve to strengthen your spiritual resolve. It is important for you to sort out your own neurotic behavior before you take on the problems of others. Profound awareness of the world around you on the psychic level is paired with intuition concerning the future. Together they make for a highly creative package. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words.

Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

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

The Element of Mars

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

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

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Persistence,

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

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 6th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues in the work environment. Wherever you find yourself, you seek the opportunity to provide spiritual sustenance to others, and to work out your own spiritual issues. You take a holistic view of your spirituality. No part of your life is separate from it (this is true for everyone). However, for you the focus is on making your whole life into a consistent spiritual package. You then seek to help others achieve the same consistency.

Mars Aspects

The spirit within you desires material expression, and you search fearlessly for the way to show how you feel to others. People find they can depend on your devotion to your principles. You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. You become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. Your spiritual interaction with other people is generally quite fortunate in nature. You gain an understanding of a wide range of spiritual teachings through direct contact with others, and you develop the ability to resolve conflicts on all levels of business and personal life in this way. Your involvement with other people often focuses on the harshest side of human experience. You become aware of destructive energies around you and learn to overcome these difficulties. Your spiritual life can become the source of nearly inexhaustible energy. You face tests through death or separation. You are all too aware of your own weaknesses and need to develop a sure sense of your own spiritual motivation. Then relationships with others form on established ground of inspiration and compassion. As you overcome the urge to indulge in momentary physical pleasures, you build the capacity for spiritual ecstasy. You are capable of applying tremendous effort to anything you attempt. The spiritual lesson is to learn moderation. Moderation often means acting like one of the pack instead of always being the leader. It is important for you to maintain a consistent rhythm, including the physical, astral and spiritual in your daily meditation. Working with others lifts you spiritually. You tend to act from your own spiritual center, to the extent that you understand that center. Therefore it is worth your effort to examine your career, relationships, and personal motives in every area.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

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

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

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

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

You are driven by especially human motivations as you pursue your spiritual life. Your rising sign, Sagittarius, governs the hips and thighs. It is the arrangement of these parts of the body that allows humans to stand upright and walk. Translate this metaphorically to your spiritual life - upright thinking and attention to your spiritual path are a reflection of your capacity to maximize human potential on the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual levels.

In addition to the above capabilities, you have the capacity to use intuition in your life. You can envision the future better than most people. When you match your intuitive sensibility to your spiritual aspiration, you find that your path becomes easy to identify and to follow. The more you use your intuition, the more useful it becomes. Your intuitive ability rests in your intellectual development, so it is important to educate yourself well. In your studies you are often able to leap to the answer. It is important for you to fill in the blanks, even if it means going back, so that you learn how to solve more and more difficult problems.

You experience your soul's calling early in life. Other people may put down your budding ideas, but you gather these thoughts to yourself and nurture them. You trust that these ideas have come to you for some reason. You are able to recall them in moments of crisis, and you find you can communicate profound sentiments with few words. You have material ambitions, yes, but you also have spiritual aspirations. You will find that right spiritual aspiration often brings suitable material satisfaction in its wake.

Because your rising sign is connected to the hips and thighs, you may find that walking meditation, Tai Ch'I, or other contemplative movement suits your spiritual development. Sitting may not help you to focus, while walking meditation may allow your thoughts to settle and your intuition to arise.

Ascendant Aspects

You have to work hard to create an environment that suites your spiritual values. You are quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words.

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.