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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Element	Mode
Sun	Sagittarius	26°Sg50'	05th	Fire	Mutable
Moon	Leo	17°Le12'	12th	Fire	Fixed
Mercury	Sagittarius	06°Sg16'	04th	Fire	Mutable
Venus	Scorpio	14°Sc38'	04th	Water	Fixed
Mars	Capricorn	04°Cp50'	05th	Earth	Cardinal
Jupiter	Leo	08°Le11' R	12th	Fire	Fixed
Saturn	Virgo	13°Vi54'	01st	Earth	Mutable
Uranus	Scorpio	19°Sc04'	04th	Water	Fixed
Neptune	Sagittarius	18°Sg21'	04th	Fire	Mutable
Pluto	Libra	18°Li53'	03rd	Air	Cardinal
Midheaven	Taurus	14°Ta15'	10th	Earth	Fixed
Ascendant	Leo	22°Le19'	01st	Fire	Fixed

House	Cusp Position	Elemental Balance	Modal Balance
01st	22°Le19'	6 Fire	2 Cardinal
02nd	14°Vi15'	3 Earth	6 Fixed
03rd	11°Li22'	1 Air	4 Mutable
04th	14°Sc15'	2 Water	
05th	20°Sg05'		
06th	23°Cp32'		
07th	22°Aq19'		
08th	14°Pi15'		
09th	11°Ar22'		
10th	14°Ta15'		
11th	20°Ge05'		
12th	23°Ca32'		

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An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Katie Holmes

Your astrological chart provides an amazing guidepost to the most important aspect of your life: an understanding of yourself. As a woman today, you face the challenge of discovering yourself within the context of many life experiences. You wear a variety of faces and play many roles, experiences which can both enhance and complicate your feeling of satisfaction with yourself and your life. Your astrological chart provides indicators which help to define who you are, strengthening an understanding of your needs on every level. Each chart is different in its make-up, and the myriad combinations of influences help to underscore the importance of each person as an individual. One thing you must remember when working with astrology: it is through your free will that you make choices. Your chart does not "make" you do anything!

We are finally acknowledging and realizing within today's world, that men and women experience life differently. The workings of your psyche, symbolized by your astrological chart, are likely to be experienced quite differently through your filter as a woman than they would be if you were born male. This report is designed for you, a woman in a world of change, a woman seeking to become whole.

Your natal, or birth, chart is made up of several factors. Drawn upon a circular wheel, your natal chart shows the positions of the planets relative to your place, date and time of birth. Everything is indicated symbolically, with each symbol having specific meanings. The planets, Sun and Moon are placed around the circle, and each is placed within a particular degree of a sign of the zodiac. The planets, Sun and Moon are energy bodies, and the astrological signs indicate how these energies work. Just as you are a complex of feelings, needs, drives and desires - your natal chart maps these qualities. You will also notice that the planetary symbols fall within particular segments of the circle. These segments, called "Houses", indicate the specific environments and relationships which are part of your life. You may find, upon reading your report, that there are a few contradictions. For example, one factor may indicate independence, while another shows strong dependency. It is not unusual to experience contradictions within yourself, and that is just what your chart illustrates about you! But when you reflect upon these qualities within the context in which they are explained, you may discover some self-illuminating facts about yourself. Self-understanding has a marvelous way of emphasizing your personal power!

An Overall Glimpse at Your Astrological Chart

The astrological signs are defined by one of four elements: fire, earth, air or water. The fire and air elements have a yang (masculine polarity) quality, and tend to be more outgoing and assertive in their nature, whereas the earth and water elements have a yin (feminine polarity) quality, and are more receptive by nature. The elemental balance in your chart is determined by the amount of energy within each elemental sign. The factors added together to find this balance of energy include the Sun, Moon, planets and the angles of the Ascendant and Midheaven.

Your chart shows a strong predominance of fiery energy, adding a special intensity to your personality and a strong level of vitality. You may be more action oriented than some of your friends, and your adventurous enthusiasm may make you the topic of conversation among your friends. Your intuition and instincts are effective allies. Watch a tendency to push yourself too hard, since it's easy to burnout once you've gone beyond your limits. In relationships with others, you prefer to be around those who love the adventure of life and who appreciate your active inspirational nature. The elemental balance in your astrological chart indicates that air is a weak factor. With little or no air in your chart, you may have little use for the purely abstract. Your preference for things you can touch, taste or feel extends even to your choices in relationships and career, and long distance relationships can be difficult. Sometimes it can be difficult for you to adjust to new ideas or new people, and you may have trouble with objectivity. Even though you may be comfortable staying inside yourself for periods of time, you do need to connect and let others know what you think and feel. In fact, once a connection is made, you may even feel enlivened by sharing and opening up. But idle chatter can get on your nerves.

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. You have fixed energy strongest, which helps to account for your ability to stay with a project, relationship or idea until you are satisfied or until your responsibility is fulfilled. The downfall of this strength is not knowing when to let go, and you can be quite stubborn when facing the possibility of change or challenge. However, you also have adequate amounts of mutable energy, which is expressed through your ability to remain flexible when necessary. Your weakest link is in cardinality, which indicates that you sometimes feel reluctant to get started, especially in new situations.

When you view your chart as a whole, you'll notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the bottom half of your chart. This hemisphere emphasis signifies that you are most comfortable away from the glare of the public, and that you safeguard your privacy. Building stability and security are a strong focus in your life, and your career may be a means to an end in that regard. You can be uncomfortable in situations where you feel that you are put on display, and may need to cultivate your ability to speak or appear in front of groups, since this may not come easily for you.

You may also be concerned with the areas in your chart which appear to be empty. Never fear, these houses are not really vacant! You are just not placing as much emphasis in these relationships or environments, or you may be satisfying these needs through other dimensions of your life.

Projection of Your Real Self

Sometimes showing the world who you really are is not easy, and sometimes the world may not respond as you had hoped! It's helpful to take a look at the differences and similarities between the attitudes, impressions and images you project and the person who resides at the core of your being.

With your Sun in Sagittarius you are a woman who thrives on the grand adventure of life. You may feed this urge through travel or education, but you also fulfill it through your spiritual quests. Your enthusiasm is difficult to miss, and you can inspire others to reach beyond their limitations through the example of your own life. But you can also be difficult to follow, and may head into a new territory before you've even warmed your chair.

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Leo. This signifies that you project a definite presence, a factor you can use to your advantage when you want to make a spectacular entrance. It's easy to command the attention of others (who may talk about you even when you're not around!). You can be quite comfortable in situations which call for direction or leadership and can engender loyalty from those under your influence. You may take extra care with your hair style, hats or other head adornments, since you know that they say a lot about who you are.

The energy of the Sun is associated with your Ascendant, and with your Sun in Sagittarius you can exude a magnetic enthusiasm which inspires everyone around you. The only problem you may have is knowing when to pull back or when to stop tooting your own horn when you're overly excited.

The Moon is conjunct your Ascendant, adding a special emotional sensibility to your personality. Even your friends may call you "Mom," because they feel your support and care. Others are definitely likely to know how you feel, since you may wear your feelings in your expression and demeanor. In many situations, this can be a plus, particularly in creative self-expression. This emphasis can indicate increased moodiness and emotional sensitivity. You are especially sensitive to the cyclical nature of life on the physical plane, including your own physical cycles which manifest through your menstrual phases. By watching yourself and becoming more attentive to your natural cyclical rhythms, you can actually enhance your personal awareness and creativity. These cycles are, of course, much more than physical, and have dimensions which connect to your emotional, mental and spiritual sensibilities. You may also be seen by others as a nurturing type, and in your relationships you may take on the role of nurturer. Just be sure you remember that you need some tender loving care, too.

With your Sun in trine aspect to your Ascendant, you may easily win respect and cooperation from others. This can be quite helpful when you need to accomplish important tasks. Your sense of confidence may be very strong, and you have high hopes for yourself and your life. Although you may have to learn to take advantage of your personal strengths, ultimately you discover that you can accomplish the goals you set for yourself, both in a personal and professional sense.

With Venus in square aspect to your Ascendant you may continually underestimate your worth or value as a person. You may have fallen victim to the idea that your appearance is the only key to your beauty and, whether or not you think you are physically attractive, may never be quite satisfied with the way you look. On a deeper level, you may be dealing with a sense of inadequacy which may stem from a feeling that you are not lovable. Being lovable begins with the way you feel about yourself, and by becoming more accepting and loving toward yourself, you nurture the true essence of love - which resides at the core of your inner self. You may also struggle with the experience of putting yourself at risk or putting forth effort in order to achieve the realization of your desires. You may find that you actually appreciate something more if you attain it through your own efforts than if it were simply given to you.

With Uranus in square aspect to your Ascendant you can be quite rebellious and certainly have little interest in trying to be like everybody else. Granted there are times you may feel rather alone, but you'll take freedom any day before you'll join the herd. You may not like playing the traditional roles which have been set forth for women. However, you may have some conflict about this. You might like the idea of home or family, but just do not want to be tied to being the only caretaker. Other people can be a bit uncomfortable with some of your eccentricities (or what they perceive as such), simply because you challenge them to break out of their ruts. In order to satisfy your own internal conflict, you may need to develop an unusual occupation or work in fields which give you greater amounts of freedom. You may also be more comfortable living away from your roots.

Neptune's energy in trine aspect to your Ascendant adds an imaginative and mystical quality to your personality. Your artistic nature can be expressed in many ways, and you may become quite adept in developing your talents and sensibilities. Psychic abilities often accompany this placement. You may have a special sensitivity to your environment. You'll also find that you're more comfortable in surroundings which are serene, and may enjoy being surrounded by beautiful music.

With Pluto in sextile aspect to your Ascendant, your perceptual awareness and keen insights add a sense of command and power to your personality. If you follow a life path which involves healing or counseling work, you may realize your capacity for reaching into the depths of others and helping them reclaim their power. This role can also be carried out at home or in the work place in other capacities. Your ability to regenerate your own body and spirit is powerful, and even if you are ill, you may have energy reserves which allow you to heal more quickly than the norm. You can feel the power of being a woman, and are capable of projecting that power in a positive sense which does not intimate or threaten others. If others are threatened by you, it may be because they know you can sense their insecurity!

There are many different facets of the Moon in your chart. But when it comes to your identity, your Moon speaks volumes about who you are at the deepest level: the soul of your being. Your Leo Moon enhances your personal presence, and you can radiate an exceptional warmth and passion. You love a life filled with rich experiences, and seek out people and situations which stimulate an opening of your heart. Driven by the desire to be recognized, you may also need some time in the spotlight, and will fare best in relationships which allow you to have your moment in the sun. Your loyalty is a matter of pride for you, and it can be difficult for you to let go when faced with change.

Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self

Although the temptation is to think that just because you are a woman you are in touch with your inner feminine self, this is a much more complicated task than it appears to be! First of all, the model for the true power of femininity has been lost over recent history and is now becoming re-energized. Recovering this power is a personal task for each woman, and learning to use feminine power constructively on a collective level is another challenge for today's woman. This process is the cradle of self-healing, and provides the essence of your personal security.

The primary energies associated with your inner feminine self are the Moon and Venus, but Neptune and Pluto are also significant in your experience and expression of this part of your psyche. The Moon is the energy which filters through your subconscious self, and tells the story of your connection to the part of you which provides nurturing, support, care and comfort. The person who projects the model for your Moon energy is your mother, and you see her through the lens of your own emotional matrix, signified by the Moon. As you mature, you learn to send this energy into the world, but to be truly effective, you must first own this energy and know how to use it to care for yourself!

Your Leo Moon radiates the kind of warmth which imparts the glow of love to everyone around you. You are a powerful woman, capable of asserting your desires in such a manner that others may find it difficult to refuse your requests. Perfectly suited to the role of family matriarch, you take a strong interest in helping to guide and develop those under your care. Although you can be quite comfortable at home surrounded by those you love and adore, you may also crave greater recognition, and definitely need your time in the spotlight. Never lacking creativity, you have many options for self-expression and need to adopt a way of life which gives you ample opportunity to develop your talents.

The feeling that life is meant to be savored and enjoyed stimulates your desire to play, and you definitely need ample time for recreation. When entertaining, you pull out all the stops, and can be quite lavish with your generosity. Elaborate situations are not likely to intimidate you, but may, instead, be more like a challenge. You can be self-absorbed and self-indulgent, and need to have friends you can trust who will tell you the truth when you've gone too far. And you need to accept that truth, if it does come your way, as a sign of caring and concern. When you're hurt, your sulking can be just as dramatic as your joy when you're happy. During those times when your possessiveness raises its head, try to be aware of the part of yourself that feels threatened. Since letting go is never easy for you, you may simply be responding to a fear of losing something or someone you love. But forcing your will is not likely to make everything better. Surrendering to the love you feel might, however, make an exceptional difference!

With your Moon in a supportive trine aspect to your Sun, you may be quite capable of integrating the masculine and feminine elements of your psyche. This indicates that your experience of relationships between men and women has not been especially difficult. In fact, you may have a strong connection to both your mother and father. Your experience of life as a

woman is not likely to seem especially limited, since you may be quite comfortable dealing with the world on your own terms without feeling that you have to be in conflict on gender issues. Self-respect and sincerity radiate through your personality, and men and women alike may respond to your requests or leadership. But you may not feel particularly motivated to achieve high levels of success, since it might seem easier to take the easier road. This is fine as long as you're happy with your life. But if you feel you want or need more, you may simply need to get moving and set your sights on options which will allow continual growth on every level.

The energy of your Moon in square aspect to Venus stimulates a feeling of discontent. You feel internal conflict when you want what you cannot have, and can be caught in the throes of emotional turmoil when you are faced with letting go of one situation in order to move into something different. That old adage, "you can't have your cake and eat it too," applies to the type of dilemma you frequently face, especially in the realm of relationships. When faced with compromise, you feel depleted. Yet you may also fail to allow yourself to really go for the things you want, since the fear of losing something that valuable can be overwhelming. You are highly susceptible to emotional blackmail, and may be reluctant to admit it when you feel strongly for someone because you don't want to be vulnerable. All these attempts to keep yourself protected act like a barrier against your happiness. And until you address your fears of intimacy, you may never have a fully functional relationship.

You could gain exceptional benefit from studying human psychology and learning about human behavior. Working in a therapeutic group situation could also provide methods for you to understand the manner in which you relate to others and they relate to you. Then, you can ultimately risk developing a gradual intimacy. A female friendship provides a safe starting place, since part of your frustration arises from a lack of trust of yourself as a woman. Sharing your feelings and thoughts with a friend, and taking responsibility for becoming a good friend yourself, will help you overcome the barriers which may have been in place since you were a young girl. Jumping into an intimate relationship before you've learned to trust yourself and your feelings can leave you vulnerable, and may even expose your mate to your unresolved issues.

With your Moon conjunct Jupiter, you are a die-hard optimist, and your energy can inspire and encourage others, too. More likely to think about conquering the horizon ahead than staying in the present moment, you are also quite independent and don't like to think about setting personal limitations. Consequently, it's easy to overdo it. Whether you make promises which are later difficult to fulfill or indulge yourself too frequently, you can get in over your head before you know it. Try to stay in the present moment some of the time. You can be difficult to pin down, and your adventurous spirit may be more at home when you're on the move than when you're in the kitchen.

The tension produced through the square aspect between your Moon and Uranus creates an unpredictable quality and can lead to emotional instability. Your rebellious attitudes can have a positive effect in stimulating change, and you may be quite ingenious. Not only are you likely to resist falling into a rut, you may rebel strongly against any conditions that inhibit your personal freedom and autonomy. For this reason, marriage can be a difficult option, especially if you're trying to hold to the old traditions and play the role of dutiful housewife, or other roles which do not suit you. However, you can sustain a relationship if it is open, exciting and growth-oriented - and if your partner is as independent and experimental as you are! You can be

drawn to an alternative lifestyle, and may have attitudes which fly in the face of convention when it comes to love, relationships, children or career. In many ways, you are a trendsetter, but if you wish to be respected and to have your talents as a woman taken seriously, you must utilize your resources to their fullest and allow yourself to shine as the individual you are. Trying to shape yourself into something that you are not will destroy your soul.

Through the trine aspect between your Moon and Neptune, you are capable of developing an exceptional level of compassion. Your sensibilities are quite remarkable, and this awareness is likely to extend into the realm of strong psychic sensitivity. You may "feel" something long before you get the physical evidence! Your imagination and sense of artistry may be quite evident in your life, and your hypnotic qualities can be quite alluring. Since you may also be quite sensitive to the feelings of others, you may be continually drawn into situations where others pour out their hearts to you, and you have the ability to accept and support them in a special manner. Becoming aware of your emotional boundaries is important, and you may naturally do this by seeking out time alone, periods of meditation, or a comfortable quiet space to relax. You may be quite adept in caring for others, but also have developed a strong awareness of your inner self and needs. You may even find that using the changes in awareness associated with your menstrual cycle helps you enhance your strength, creativity and emotional resilience.

As a mother, you may be especially sensitive to the needs and emotions of your children, and can provide a heavenly sense of comfort. Because you innately know these things, you may also tend to do too much. You cherish relationships of all types - friends, family and lovers - and you may feel that your life is incomplete without an opportunity to share the deep compassion you have for the sanctity of life. You are definitely capable of expressing the true power and energy of the Goddess: the feminine aspect of All That Is. Anyone who looks carefully can see it reflected within your eyes.

With the easy flow of energy between the Moon and Pluto indicated by their sextile aspect to one another, you can be quite adept in your understanding of human emotion. In many ways, you are a natural psychologist, since your insights into the inner workings of the psyche can be quite powerful. But that insightfulness also works to your benefit in the world of business and within your personal relationships. Whether in work or in your personal relationships, you can be highly expressive of your opinions and feelings, and appreciate the same honesty and expressivity from others. There is a healing quality about you which may draw others into your life who are seeking support and understanding. As a mother you can be deeply connected to your children and may even find that their friends come to you for your sincere understanding and insight. In your intimate relationship with a partner, your passion can be immense, and you may experience a level of unity and bonding which completely transforms your life. Since you're not likely to do anything halfway, you usually take the time to be discriminating in your choices. Leaving yourself vulnerable is simply not your style.

Your Moon is in the Disseminating Moon Phase of the Lunation Cycle. The idea behind this lunar phase is that of broadcasting seeds, and although there is a masculine quality implied, this phase is definitely one which requires yin, or feminine, levels of continuity. You may feel driven to teach others, to share what you know, and are quite comfortable in the role of mentor. In fact, your mentoring flows so naturally that others may not realize that you're passing on to them a truly powerful depth of knowledge and understanding. Your own understanding of yourself and life experience can be enhanced when you open yourself and release your power,

creativity and understanding into the world.

The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of "The Companion," the essence of equality, trust and sharing. It is crucial that you maintain a strong connection with the core of your being, so that you remain aware and awake, instead of allowing your own direction to be shaped by beliefs, ideals or attitudes which seem more powerful than your personal focus. Instead of being driven by these beliefs and ideals, you grow more fully into yourself when you add your ingredients to the soup and alter the outcome. Your crusade can be quite exciting.

Through the energy of Venus you express your feminine wiles, and also locate the part of yourself that needs to be emotionally expressive. Your sense of inner beauty and feelings of personal worth are also functions of Venus. Venusian energy is part of your connection to other women, and the placement of Venus in your chart can tell you a lot about your openness and acceptance of your own femininity. Although your Moon may indicate your basic emotional nature, the manner by which you express your feelings is frequently through Venusian energy.

Through the energy of Venus in Scorpio your open expression of love and passion may be quite limited in comparison to the depth of your feelings. Only when you've learned to trust another will you open your heart, and even then you may hold back a little just to protect your vulnerabilities. You approach love with passion, and have a profound sense of what lies beneath the surface. You may be an expert in human behavior, since you can "feel" where someone is despite what they may say. Because you sense these feelings, you may begin to respond accordingly but can be caught in this awareness, since some people will not allow themselves to act on their deeper feelings. You, of all women, should understand that, since you may hold back if you fear you might be hurt.

The beauty of the opening of the heart is unmatched for you, and when you can unleash your own longings, and express your own sense of beauty, you can be exceptionally charismatic. In fact, you can be positively enticing, and you know it. Your ability to use your sexuality as a plus is almost magical. You look great in intense colors: deep reds, purples, burgundy, indigo, black; and when you're feeling a little low might be able to pull your spirits out of the dumps by getting into your favorite sexy attire. When you love, you love completely, and forever. When you're hurt, you can be unceasing in your vengeance. Nothing is halfway for you. It's all or nothing.

Your expectations of yourself are quite powerful. Stimulated by the square between Venus and Jupiter, you may be rather flamboyant in your manner and may not know when you've had too much of a good thing. Setting limits is difficult and frustrating, since in your heart you may believe that anything is possible. If you see yourself in unrealistic proportions, or if you expect impossible things from life, you may feel continually disappointed. You might even try to make up for the deficiencies by overindulging yourself or overspending. There's nothing wrong with optimism, but there is a difference between optimism and unrealistic expectation. Learning that lesson is one of your challenges, and if you are to have the faith in yourself that you deserve, you'll have to face it. Believing that having enough money or status will make up for a lack of personal worth can get you started on the wrong foot. Try again. You are a creative, witty and visionary woman with a lot to offer. Now, that's a good beginning.

With Venus and Saturn in sextile aspect, you possess a well-defined sense of taste and personal style. You are capable of applying your creativity and artistry to a number of situations, including those in the working world, and may be quite adept in making the best choices when it comes to business decisions. Your reasonable judgment in matters of the heart allows you to deal with relationship issues without throwing your life into a tailspin. Emotional maturity has always been one of your strong points. You know that some things take time to reach their best levels, and have the patience to wait when you know it will be worthwhile.

With Venus and Uranus in conjunction aspect, you are attracted to the unusual and may be somewhat experimental in your sense of style. This includes your style in relationships, which is definitely centered around a need to break some of those old outmoded ways of loving and being loved. Taking on subservient roles or giving up your independence could be impossible for you. You may also prefer to dress in a manner which flies in the face of convention, and it probably looks good on you. After all, you are doing this to attract what you want. The only problem is figuring out exactly what (or whom) that might be - since your feelings could change tomorrow.

Although the planets Neptune and Pluto move very slowly and are generational in nature, they do have an influence upon your psyche. These energies define much about the collective experience which shapes your inner self. You're experiencing Neptunian energy when you're in the midst of reverie, when you're deep in dreams and when you're feeling compassionate. Neptune drives your imagination, the realm of illusion and your psychic sensibilities. Because Neptune is difficult to grasp on a physical level, there is a lot about this energy that can be problematic, and when you are caught in the negative grasp of Neptune, you can give in to addictive behaviors, escapism and deception manifesting. But you do have a way of channeling this energy. It is through Neptune that you find the heart of compassionate love and understanding. This is the doorway to your inner self.

With Neptune in Sagittarius, you are part of the generation of women born from 1970 to 1984 who are just coming into your maturity. Your influence in the realms of education, government and politics will be immense, and as an individual member of this generation, it is imperative that you discover and employ the things you are learning about truth. You have been born at a time when media has had a profound influence upon society, and you will find ways to use the technologies which are developing to shape the lives of people on the earth. You may grapple with the differences between "truth" and "facts" and can either fall victim to false belief systems or create better ones. Women of your generation may rise above the limitations of their mothers and grandmothers because of their educational opportunities, but also because you and they will not accept the same limitations.

Pluto represents the primordial essence. It is from this level that all transformation occurs: birth, death, illness and healing. It is also here that the powerful kundalini force continually regenerates itself. This is the space of all creation and all power. It is the space of origin: the Great Mother.

You are part of a generation of women born from 1972 through 1984 who have Pluto in Libra and are challenged to break down the barriers within society which inhibit growth and free expression of the human spirit. You may also find that you must tear down old structures which have determined the nature of human relationships in order to heal some of the problems

existing among human beings. This can reach from marriage contracts to international relations between governments.

Owning Your Inner Masculine Self

For centuries, women were not allowed to assert themselves in the world, and carefully learned the role of supporter of their "men." Those who failed to respond in this manner were frequently shunned or punished, although there have always been women who defied convention! During this century particularly, women have broken out of their strictly "conventional" roles, and have been making their way in the world. Because of this, women have been successful at fulfilling more of their needs, and owning their own power more readily. As a result, a woman's relationship with the men in her life has also changed. Despite women's collective knowledge about the need to be whole persons, it is still sometimes easier to allow men (fathers, brothers, lovers and husbands) to "own" certain qualities. (They, in turn, prefer that women own certain qualities - like emotions!) But to become truly whole and functional, it is necessary to find and incorporate your inner masculine self into your sense of wholeness, instead of projecting that part of yourself onto others (most usually men) in your life.

Through the process of becoming at home with your ego, you gain a true sense of personal strength and power. To own this power, you must learn to acknowledge that it is okay to be recognized for who and what you are. Your Sun energy is the primary factor in the expression of ego needs. As a young girl, you may have seen your father through the filter of your Sun. His power of getting out into the world, and the manner by which he did it, have shaped your own sense of personal identity. And today, the Sun in your chart may symbolize significant men. But this energy is, in itself, the core of your spirit.

Since you've always wondered about everything, a certain level of personal assertiveness has always been part of your personality. Your Sagittarius Sun energy is a powerful driver, stimulating your sense of adventure and endless questioning and giving you an air of excitement. You're the woman who has been comfortable venturing out on your own, particularly if you have a strong interest driving you. As a young girl your experience of your father may have been especially connected to his interest in learning or his philosophical or religious teachings may have been a stronghold in your life. But you may also have a desire to develop these elements of your life in your own way, and in searching for the truth of yourself are likely to discover some differences from your upbringing. Developing your individual identity may be easier said than done because you may always have a tendency toward extreme reverence for your teachers and may take the teachings too literally. Task one: separating the teacher from the teaching will allow you to gain confidence in your individual ability to develop a connection to divine truth. Then, as you explore the vast nature of spirituality, you may discover a path which is uniquely your own. This in turn influences your sense of who you are, not just as a woman, but as a human being on a quest for the ultimate.

Adding to your need for recognition is a drive to accomplish the things you want to do. The combined energies of the Sun and Mars in your chart function like a supercharged turbo engine. That sounds a little masculine, doesn't it? More power !! Well, how do you handle the need to compete, on your own terms, without igniting too many fights? First of all, give up the idea that everything must be peaceful all the time. Accept the fact that you are somewhat crisis-oriented, and that you need situations which allow you to drive yourself. Avoid getting yourself into circumstances where you are ruled or controlled by others. If you give in, you might turn that energy inward and undermine your physical vitality. Look for challenges, and have some fun with them. Find a man who is strong enough to stand the heat of your passion. Just agree on the rules before you start playing any games!

You are a dreamer, and your ability to visualize yourself and the world as you wish them to be is exceptional. Through the influence of your Sun in conjunction to Neptune you can also create a special connection between your inner self and your experience of the world. This is a tricky aspect to handle because it's tempting to hide from yourself or to simply play roles instead of finding the part of yourself that is real and expressing that to its fullest capacity. Your "sensitive" side may try to be a martyr some of the time, but you'll quickly learn that this path will only cost you time, energy and creative vitality. You must also learn to avoid the trap of over idealizing men, including your father. When you're taking this view, you are more likely to be projecting your sense of identity onto the men in your life instead of working toward establishing your own. Once you can see the men in your life as they are, in the truest sense of themselves, you will also be free to express the essence of yourself more fully.

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not "feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!

If you've been accused of being too controlling, it was probably true! With Mars in Capricorn, you may be at your best when you're in charge of something. But trying to take charge of someone else's life will only get you into trouble! This is NOT the positive expression of your masculine psyche asserting itself. You can be a wonderful teacher and guide and will find that you prefer a life filled with people who are learning or who know how to take care of themselves. Taking control of your life is a result of accepting and fulfilling your personal responsibilities. It is this fulfillment which helps to strengthen your assertive self in the most positive manner.

The energies of Mars and Uranus are in semisquare aspect, illustrating one dimension of your rebellious personality. You may wait until you've had it to the brim before you act, which can be quite disruptive to your own life and to the lives of those around you. Learning to express your discontent or frustrations when they arise can help you vent your anger more effectively and may even confer a more positive sense of self-direction. If you're around angry males, you may feel a lack of control or direction because of their disruptive actions and attitudes. Once you begin to exercise your needs for autonomy and independence, you'll see your relationships changing. Taking a stand can be very empowering, and initiating change will free your spirit.

Developing Your Mind

Education and learning are lifelong processes. Your approach to developing your intellect is multifaceted, but there are special indicators in your astrological chart which help you understand the best ways to develop your mentality. Improving and strengthening communication skills is also part of developing your mind, since connecting to others is certainly improved if you can effectively illustrate your point of view!

Although the energy of Mercury is traditionally considered to be the main indicator of your mentality, there are also other qualities which are part of your mental and intellectual self. First, let's look at Mercury, which is the energy through which you link your thoughts and ideas with others. With Mercury in Sagittarius, you will always be interested in learning. You're not likely to be satisfied until you've opened many doors to knowledge. The grand adventure of life challenges your mind, and your philosophical outlook may allow you to investigate some subject that others find off limits. When it comes to ideas, you think in terms of possibilities, not limitations. You learn best when given the freedom to explore at your own pace, but you can become distracted from your mental focus. Remember that you do need a few breaks to operate at your top mental proficiency, so incorporate them into your schedule to avoid mental burnout.

Your interest in learning, exploring the adventure of life and increasing your understanding is stimulated by Mercury in trine aspect to Jupiter. You may always be on a quest for greater knowledge, and seek out inspiring people and experiences. Your acceptance of different viewpoints and tolerance are enhanced through this quality.

Your tendency to take things too seriously can result from the influence of Mercury in square aspect to Saturn. You may have a mistrust of your own intellectual abilities, fearing the outcome of wrong answers or poor judgment. This can lead to an inhibition in your self-expression, and may also result in your appearing to be too critical or judgmental of others. However, you may also be driven to learn, which can be a good thing if you are in an environment which gives you an opportunity to truly develop your mind.

With Mercury in semi-square aspect to Pluto you can become obsessive in your thinking. You may fret over details which make very little difference and miss information which is critical, especially if you've closed your mind or become distracted by your emotions. Sometimes, this aspect indicates difficulty processing information, although it also indicates that you are capable of adapting through training yourself to approach things differently.

The energy of your Moon also has a mental component. The Moon is the realm of thought, the process of subconscious thinking, and plays a strong role in intuitive thinking. You're drawn to learn about the things and people you enjoy, but can be stubbornly resistant to ideas which are foreign to you with the Moon in Leo. Your preferences are quite strong, which is okay, but can get in your way when you need to make adjustments or embrace new information or

experiences. You learn best in an environment which affords you a little attention, since praise and recognition for your efforts will stimulate you to go further.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! Your philosophical approach to life and learning involves experiencing the true essence self-expression with Jupiter in Leo. You may take great pride in your educational accomplishments, and may like to be noticed. Your generous spirit extends into all areas of your life, and you may feel that giving of yourself by sharing your talents and abilities is important to your personal development. You can be very attached to your beliefs and ideals, and may not appreciate others who find fault or who disagree with them. It's not likely that you will change your idealistic viewpoints unless you are personally motivated to do so.

There are no major aspects to Jupiter in your chart. To a large extent, this indicates that the energy of Jupiter is empowered, because it operates without undue influence from others energies in your chart. Your personal philosophies, ideals and beliefs form a major cornerstone of your identity. The qualities of this energy may be an outstanding force in your life, and this is the energy which people frequently associate with your identity.

The purpose of Saturn is to provide clarity, structure, form and discipline - elements which are certainly important to learning. Saturn functions primarily as your inner teacher. Mothers are the most influential Saturnian models in western society. They provide the structure, guidance and support for their children in the realms of learning, socialization or personal growth. Once you enter society as a child, teachers play the Saturnian role. But the role of mothers and teachers in relationship to Saturn is to help you define the structure upon which you will build your life. Then, you "own" your Saturn, and know how to discipline and focus your own energy.

Your approach to education and work are very much alike: keep everything in order and on track. With Saturn in Virgo, you function best when you have a plan. You can be overly critical of yourself and others, especially if you're taking life too seriously and cannot see the humor in the midst of your challenges. You may actually enjoy attending to the details and learning the facts about different things, but can become too caught up in the minutia. Remember the old adage: can't see the forest for the trees....

The areas of your chart which are connected most strongly to mental and intellectual development are the 3rd, 9th and 11th Houses. The 3rd House of your chart deals with communication and the development of concepts.

You learn best in situations which are peaceful and non-confrontational with Libra ruling your 3rd House. You may enjoy experiencing beautiful music, fine literature, browsing museums and galleries, exploring anything which appeals to your sense of refinement and grace. In school, pleasing your teachers may have been important, and in life, you prefer to think that others are happy in your presence. Although you can be strong-minded, you may not like to argue since it throws you off-balance. With Venus ruling your 3rd House you may enjoy the company of others, and can be quite at home in social situations. School and work may be most enjoyable because you like to be around others and share your ideas.

Looking beneath the surface and searching for what lies beyond the facade is stimulated by the energy of Pluto in your 3rd House. You can be an avid researcher or scientific thinker and

may be quite adept at understanding many of the mysteries of life. Your interest in subjects which are somewhat taboo, like sexuality, birth and death, adds a special dimension to your personality. Your ability to concentrate can be quite good, although you can be quite obsessive in your thinking. Since you may not realize the extent of your own mental intensity, you may wonder why some people have difficulty being around you. They may be uncomfortable with your penetrating insight (especially if they have something to hide), but may also feel that you know more than you do. You rarely let on about everything you know or think, and can be quite secretive about anything which is important to you.

Your 9th House shows your approach to higher learning, which is usually accomplished through a college or professional degree program. Subjects like philosophy, religion, political science, cultural pursuits and the like are strongly associated with this facet of your development.

You pride yourself on your original ideas, and may be quite successful in your educational endeavors because you are willing to take a chance and express yourself! With Aries on the cusp of your 9th House you may thoroughly enjoy learning through your life experiences, but school can also be a worthwhile endeavor. Your curiosity about the laws of life may lead you to forge into the study of metaphysics and philosophy with great passion. The influence of Mars as ruler of this house adds strong courage of your convictions, and a powerful faith in yourself and your ideals. You can be an ardent defender of the law, and may also be quite adept at standing up for yourself and your beliefs.

There are no planets in your 9th House, indicating that extended education in a formal setting may not be your highest priority. Although you may be quite philosophical or approach life itself as a learning experience, you may have interruptions in formal education or may find that you learn in different ways than those found in more academic settings. To further understand your approach to education study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of the 9th House explained above, and reflect on the energy of Jupiter and its sign and house placement as indicators of the development of your higher mind.

Through the 11th House you learn from peers, and connect with your community. The 11th House involves your special interests, too. This is very much the school of life, because this is also the area which relates to developing your goals.

You're probably surrounded by friends who share your interests, and those interests usually involve enjoying life. With Gemini on the 11th House, maintaining contact is important, and you may feel that you need a lot of gadgets, like telephones, computers, cars or other devices which help you stay in touch. Your goals may include accumulating these things, but your larger goal is staying connected! With Mercury ruling this house, you may think of a lot of goals you would like to follow, but may not stay focused upon them. You may understand that what you think you become. As you have matured, are realizing the importance of focusing your thoughts more clearly in order to create a life which reflects your true values and needs.

There are no planets in your 11th House, indicating that you may not find it necessary or important to develop a strict set of goals, and that you may not seek out confirmation and support from others in order to reach a sense of fulfillment. To further understand your special interests look to the sign on the cusp of this house explained in the section above, and study the placement of Uranus in your chart to determine where you find your best allies.

Your Special Edge

It's true. Women are definitely the intuitive sex. The process of intuitive awareness may be more developed for you as a woman because you are more cyclically aware, thanks to your anatomy and hormonal changes. But there is something more. As a woman, your natural affinity with the energy of the Moon increases your receptivity, an important ingredient in opening to the intuitive process. Intuitive awareness is multifaceted. You can use it when you're dealing with emotional and psychological issues, you can apply it to your creative expression, and you can take advantage of your intuition in your work as part of your decision-making. Developing your intuitive process is like developing any other sensibility - you have to concentrate some time, effort and energy in order to finely hone this element of your psyche. Although some quality of intuition may be there innately, to make the most of it, you must learn to trust, listen and incorporate it into your life.

The parts of your chart which are most strongly associated with intuitive sensibility are the water houses: the 4th House, the 8th House and the 12th House. The 4th House is connected to your soul history. It is here that you seek a sense of home, a connection to your family, and a feeling of safety and comfort. It is here that your soul remembers your past, even if your conscious mind cannot fit the pieces together.

Your soul is dealing with the quest to achieve harmony through conflict with Scorpio on the cusp of your 4th House. This influence may draw you into several crisis periods over the course of your life, and you may have to cope with experiences of loss or feelings of abandonment which can leave a very deep wound in your psyche. What you are experiencing may not even seem to be that big or important, but your soul remembers power struggles which have gone on for centuries. During this life you need to know true healing, which begins with your release of old pain. The energy of Pluto influences this house, adding a high level of intensity to your quest to understand the deeper meanings of life and to discover the mystery of your soul.

Mercury's position in your 4th House can stimulate a tendency to become overly concerned with family matters or to worry too much about what's happening at home. Freeing your mind from your emotional fears or anxieties can be accomplished by allowing yourself to achieve a sense of mental rest: something soothing, like bathing your consciousness in true quiet and clarity. This can be achieved through meditation, and you may discover that everyday acts like washing dishes or preparing dinner provide an excellent opportunity to be active yet contemplative.

With Venus in your 4th House, you may love the comfort of being at home. Your inner home, that place where you feel serene and one with yourself, is a place of beauty, and your soul adores basking in that experience. You may also experience a deep sense of satisfaction from the pleasure of being around those you love. Caring for your soul involves creating a space which allows love to grow in your life, and that space reflects your values and personal artistry.

You have a very restless soul with Uranus in your 4th House. Many of the unexpected changes you've experience have resulted from factors beyond your control, but you've probably been quite capable of dealing with them. In actuality, you need change. Breaking away from your early influences can seem quite natural, since you may have felt a little like an alien as a child! Your intuitive connection can be quite powerful, and your ability to readily shift your focus is the result of your soul-level need to experience true freedom. Although some of your changes may surprise other people, you are aware of breaking free for a longer period: your intuitive self prepares you quite nicely. Too bad it's harder to prepare everybody else!

Your soul may yearn to escape the frustrations of the physical plane. With Neptune in your 4th House you're more comfortable when you've moved beyond ordinary reality - when you're in the middle of your favorite creative pastime, listening to beautiful music, watching an enthralling movie - you need to experience transcendence. Unfortunately this is also quite close to negative forms of withdrawal, and you may push yourself away from the rest of the world in your quest to tone down the cacophony of life. Setting your personal boundaries and creating a strong, yet resilient, emotional filter is crucial if you are to develop a sense of wholeness.

The 8th House brings you into your deepest emotional attachments, and is the space where you are alchemically transformed. This is the seat of your magical power: your ability to change yourself in order to become whole. Here is the heart of healing, but here you also hide your greatest vulnerabilities. Most people shy away from dealing with 8th House issues like sex, death and taxes. After all, there can be problems with any of them, and they are not easy to explore out in the open. But there is more. For your intuitive development, this area represents the part of you which holds your power, and you must learn to accept and embrace this side of yourself to feel truly satisfied with your life.

Your awareness that life exists on many levels is related to the influence of Pisces on the cusp of your 8th House. You can flow with the inevitable changes wrought by life, from birth to death and in between. Transcending your fears or anxieties and allowing yourself to flow into the ultimate source of transformational change may lead you to uncover the mysteries of human sexuality, psychology and healing. You can be highly intuitive, and may gain impressions from people and situations which allow you to penetrate what is hidden beneath the surface. The influence of Neptune as the ruler of this house adds a powerful sensibility to the mysteries of life and allows you to deal with birth, death, sexuality and healing from a spiritual level.

Since you do not have any planets in your 8th House you may not feel very strongly driven to probe into the mysteries of life. Perhaps you do not have issues in this regard, but there may also be other factors in your chart which drive you in this capacity, and do not need the additional focus in this particular area. To further understand your 8th House study the sign associated with it explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

The 12th House is the space of your dreams. Here, you surrender your conscious self and float into the beyond. This is also the place in your psyche which contains your past, and where you are one with all humanity. Your super conscious self rests in this part of your psyche: the part of yourself that transcends your everyday reality.

You are quite sensitive with Cancer on the cusp of your 12th House. Although you may protect your sensitivities with an aura of confidence, you feel everything around you. It is important that you have a comfortable and safe environment for your sleeping and resting periods, otherwise, you may not rest at all. Your dreams can be quite vivid and full of emotion, filled with images of days gone by and people from your past. But your super-conscious self

may also take you into dream states which are somewhat prophetic. Your Moon is also tied to this house, adding a need to become clear about your subconscious motivations and deeper feelings. When using visualization techniques, it is important to allow your emotions to work for you to attain your desires. If you try to repress your feelings about your desires, you will only experience frustration.

With the energy of your Moon in the 12th House your emotional sensibilities play a powerful role in your intuitive awareness. Your ability to feel the energy around you at a vibrational level is intensified, and you may have difficulty separating your own feelings from those of the people around you. Although this quality can be quite helpful in situations which involve counseling or other therapeutic services, it may add to your emotional fatigue unless you've learned how to create an emotional filter. Clearing your energy through conscious focus, allowing you to release any emotional energy you've absorbed from dealing with others, can make a big difference in your sense of vitality and emotional resilience.

When you are uplifted through your faith in truth and justice, your intuitive flow is enhanced. Jupiter's energy in your 12th House adds an important dimension to your spirituality, and encourages you to adopt a philosophy which includes compassion, forgiveness and tolerance. Directing your generosity toward efforts which benefit the collective may seem natural for you. You may also feel a powerful connection to a spiritual level of protection, such as your guardian angels, knowing that even when you're in difficult circumstances, you are out of harm's way.

The energy of your Moon plays an important role in your intuitive development. Since your Moon is related to your subconscious mind, it should not surprise you that this is the part of you that contains all knowledge about yourself and your life. Occasionally it's a good idea to purge from your psyche the things you no longer need - much like an internal house cleaning. Your hormonal cycles provide an excellent opportunity to do just that, and by using this natural rhythm to release, you can feel much more open to clearer transmission of intuitive thinking!

Your intuitive function operates most powerfully when you're in the midst of doing something creative. Since your need for creativity is strong with your Moon in Leo, you may spend a great deal of time pursuing and developing your talents. And while you are in the process of fine-tuning your craft - whether you're becoming a more accomplished singer, actress, educator or business leader-- your intuitive insights about when and how to do certain things will give you an added sheen. This is part of your ingenuity and adds a glow which shines from your heart and originates in the heart of divine love.

There are other points related to the Moon which you'll find in your chart. They are called the Moon's Nodes, and are not planets, but points in space. The influence of the Moon's Nodes is felt on an inner level. From the South Node, you learn about your past and the natural inclinations which may influence many of your subconscious choices. In some ways, the South Node suggests old habits. The North Node of the Moon suggests a spiritual and emotional challenge, and represents the directions you may feel compelled to follow in your evolutionary path.

Your challenge with the North Node in Virgo is to develop a clear sense of discrimination and pure thinking. You may discover that teaching or guiding others provides an excellent avenue for personal service, and when you look back over your life, may recall many incidents of others seeking your judgment, support or guidance. When you've allowed yourself to

surrender to truly serving the needs of the situation at hand, you've found new abilities and strengths. With your South Node in Pisces your old tendencies to escape the burden of responsibility or to live in a world of fantasy will accomplish very little in the realm of personal growth. You are learning to employ your imagination and sensibilities toward the service of humanity.

Uranian intuition is the flash of insight. Sometimes that flash is so brilliant that you change your entire life to follow its glow. This is also the part of you which defies restraint, and certainly your intuitive mind can celebrate that possibility!

The influence of Uranus in your 4th House has been explored elsewhere in this section of your report.

Neptune's energy takes you into the world of the etheric - the place beyond the physical which is filled with mystical wonder. You surrender to this part of yourself when you meditate, when you give in to your creative muse, and when you give of yourself to others. In developing your intuitive and psychic sensibilities, Neptune provides a primary ingredient: letting go. Through this energy you surrender yourself to the greater truth. But be careful: you can also surrender your will to the power of deception and abuse through another of Neptune's doorways!

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Pluto's insight is on the deeper psychic level. Through Plutonian energy you can read between the lines. You see the twitch of an eye that tells the truth, you read the movement of hands, the tone of voice that betrays what words fail to say. Developing your Plutonian energy requires that you reach into the very depths of yourself and become familiar with your entire being. Yes, that includes your shadow self, your darker side - and it also encompasses your passion, your strength of survival and your ability to heal.

You may have a very penetrating mind with Pluto in the 3rd and can be a psychically gifted. Your ability to use words to create change can be amazing, and you may also be quite gifted using your voice as a tool for healing and transformation. You may be capable of probing into mysteries and finding information long after others have given up on finding anything.

Nurturing and Creating a Home

Nurturing. Mothering. These experiences are associated with womanliness, but are not the sole definers of your womanhood. Although women are the only ones who can become mothers, it is not necessary to be a mother to become an exceptional nurturer! Nurturing is a natural expression for women - but the manner in which it is done is very individualized. Whether with children, lovers, partners, friends - or even with your own parents - you have

ample opportunities to nurture others. The person who needs your nurturing most, however, is YOU. Although caring for others can fill a special place in your soul, the way you care for yourself is especially important. You may derive nourishment from developing your talents and skills, or through your work. Study or travel can be nourishing. And something as simple as a long soak in the tub can refill your spirit. Part of nourishing yourself is physical, part emotional and part is definitely environmental: what you create in a home. In exploring these factors together, you can begin to see the link between these different levels of personal fulfillment.

Yet another facet of your Moon beyond what you've already explored, is what your Moon shows about your deepest needs. You can only feel whole when these needs are answered and fulfilled. Although it is tempting to look outside, your wisdom tells you that a great part of the responsibility for nourishment comes from within yourself.

You love to be entertained, and when you need to reaffirm that life is worthwhile, it helps if you're doing something that fills your heart. With the Moon in Leo you hunger most for love, and need ample opportunities to create and experience the many facets of love. To some extent, this may come through your own creative expression, and when you're deeply involved in something, you do put your heart and soul into it. On a broad level, then, it's important that you make some choices which allow you to participate in a career or relationship which feels good. When nurturing others, you provide the generosity and support which encourages them to realize their own potential. As a mother, you are also quite protective and will not take it lightly if anyone or anything threatens your child. At home, you need a favorite chair and a place that is yours where you can stop and relish the pleasures of life. Getting outdoors in the sun and feeling that warm glow around you can be nourishing, too, and you may have your favorite outdoor pastimes which add a special dimension to your life. Take time to attend concerts, go to the movies, or get involved in your community theater group and get on stage yourself! You know what they say about all work and no play? Well it applies to you double-time!

Saturn also plays a positive role in nurturance. Despite the bad rap Saturn sometimes receives, this energy is necessary to your stability and growth. Through Saturn, you learn to take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Saturn also seems to be the repository of your fears, and it's important to understand and deal with these emotions in order to be whole. Trying to repress such feelings blocks your ability to feel the positive, supportive energy that life has to offer. In many respects, the energy of Saturn is played out in your life by your experience with authority figures. Your mother and father, extended family and teachers were your primary Saturnian influences when you were a young girl, and their direction and guidance still whisper in the way you approach establishing your personal security. As an adult woman, you express Saturn through the manner in which you take responsibility for yourself and your needs for stability and security.

It's quite clear that you have preferences, and you may even be a bit fanatical about setting up a plan of action or organizing your life. With Saturn in Virgo, you have a very critical eye, and may see the problems before you find the strengths. In expressing your nurturant side, this influence supports your desire and ability to teach and guide others. But you must always remember to tolerate the differences between individuals and to allow them to grow at their own pace. The pattern of your life may be the beginning for others who will ultimately go their own way with greater confidence gained through your example.

Your 4th House illuminates what you need in a home environment, where you will feel most comfortable and how you like to live. It is here that you create a feeling of safety, where you can let your hair down and be yourself.

The influence of Scorpio on this part of your chart adds a need for privacy in your home environment. You love being surrounded by things which appeal to your senses - soft fabrics, lush carpets, a fabulous bed - and may feel best around rich, deep colors. You have a natural sense of the energy of the places in which you live and may enjoy working with concepts such as Feng Shui to help harmonize and strengthen the energy of your home. Pluto's influence of your 4th House stimulates a need for healing within your personal space, and you may enjoy using some of the features of your home to help you maintain your physical vitality. A spa, hot tub or sauna would be excellent additions to your home, and you might also enjoy having your own massage table. However, you may have to import the masseur, unless you've gotten a lucky break and discovered a man who just loves to share sensual massage. But that's another story....

Mercury's energy in your 4th House adds a liveliness to your home space. There may always seem to be ample communication happening at your house, with either friends or family sharing ideas or someone on the telephone. This placement also stimulates a need to express your feelings, and in your personal relationships, you can be quite animated in showing your emotions. When you're upset, you can even be a little high-strung. This energy is unsettling in the home environment and sometimes brings frequent moves. Your tendency to worry about family and home matters is also amplified, and if you're fretting over possibilities, may miss the opportunity to experience what is actually happening. At home, you need a place for reflection where you can write letters, make entries in your personal journal or read quietly.

The energy of Venus in your 4th House generates a quality of beauty in your personal space. You love being surrounded by beautiful things, music and colors which make you feel alive. You may also demonstrate your own artistic sensibilities in the way you decorate your home and may use your home as a base for creating and producing your own works of art. Your love of family can also be exceptional, and establishing your own family may be one of your most rewarding experiences. Having people around you who appreciate and care for you is just as important as having people near who need your support and tenderness.

Your need for the unusual extends into your personal environment with Uranus' energy in your 4th House. Playing the traditional domestic roles is not your style, and you may openly rebel against anyone who tries to demand that you do. But you may actually enjoy the experience of family and home if they allow you the freedom to be yourself and to experiment with new models. Your own relationship with your mother may have been somewhat unsettling and could be the motivator for your insistence that you are different. Although you may move several times over the course of your life, you can enjoy creating a home and may be excited about the prospects or the experience of designing your own home. A restlessness which prompts you to change residence may arise from your feeling of boredom with the same old thing or a feeling that you just don't fit in. If you can find a community which provides ample options for your self-expression and allows you to indulge your unique lifestyle, then you may actually settle in quite nicely.

Neptune's energy in your 4th House adds a need for a home space which is almost otherworldly. Your home needs to be an escape from the everyday, a place where you can exercise your fantasies and open to your dreams. As a little girl your home life may have been

unsettling, particularly if there was illness or some type of family scandal. Uncovering family secrets may, in fact, be the key to freeing your soul of some of those feelings of inadequacy or insecurity. In the process you must also learn true forgiveness while avoiding tendencies to martyr or sacrifice yourself for the good of protecting the family illusion. By opening to your inner self through meditation, creative expression and spiritual development, you can finally achieve the connection to a spiritual home which has called to you since your childhood.

Meeting the World on Your Terms

Career and financial arenas were for many years primarily part of the "man's world." Women stayed at home, cared for children, and took care of the social needs of the family. Now that so many women are in the work place, and with the advent of more open relationships where both partners are likely to share paying bills and making financial decisions, the world is changing. You can define your identity in the world in many ways today, including developing a career. Meeting the world on your own terms involves uncovering the manner in which you might shine most effectively and the way you use your resources, and creating a pathway which allows you to realize your goals.

The Midheaven, which is usually near the top of your astrological chart, is signified by an astrological sign. This point in your chart represents your vocation, your calling in life, and the sign at the Midheaven gives you several clues about your path in the outside world. Just as importantly, the Midheaven signifies your blossoming into wholeness and the manner by which you might best accomplish this experience. Your 10th House also provides information about your career path.

With Taurus on your Midheaven, your life path challenges you to establish yourself. Your career aims may be driven by your desire to build a stable platform upon which you can develop and express your creativity and artistry. You need a career which allows ample room for growth and which will sustain you throughout your life. You may not be comfortable with the idea of changing your career, and if faced with such a challenge, will perform better when you can exercise some autonomy in the process. The energy of Venus has a powerful influence in your vocation, adding a need to be involved in work which is self-expressive. You may enjoy a career in music or the arts, and you have an excellent head for business and a good sense of value.

With Venus in Scorpio you may be an adept and expressive artist, writer or musician, or may have a deep appreciation for these areas which can lead you to a career promoting or preserving them. You may also be drawn to the healing professions.

The process of work itself is usually seen through the 6th House in your chart. Through this facet of yourself, you express your approach and attitudes about working, and your ability to cooperate with others is also indicated here. This house is related to your physical health, and it's no surprise that you might hear the complaint (or feel it yourself), "I'm sick of my job."

Instead of feeling thrown off balance by the tasks required to get through life, there are ways to use this part of your time and energy to strengthen your life.

One of the reasons you make such a powerful impression on people is because you usually go into situations prepared. Capricorn's influence on your 6th House indicates that you do not mind hard work when it will get you somewhere. You may demand a great deal from yourself, and if you're in positions of management, can also demand a lot from others, too. You may look for ways to take advantage of the talents of others and may be the mistress of utilizing resources, like technology, to make your job easier. Saturn's rulership of this house adds the energy of responsibility to your work ethic, and shows that in order to achieve the success you desire you will have to put forth the necessary discipline. You might work well in hierarchical situations but will prefer to be near the top of the ladder.

You have no planets in your 6th House, but still need to do something productive with your life. This may be an indicator that you do not feel a need to focus all your attention on working. Look to the influences suggested by the sign on this house and to the planet ruling this house for more information about how to best approach fulfilling your needs for productivity and duty.

As a woman, you are innately creative. Although you may not consider yourself an artist, your creative spirit and drive are the mechanisms through which you shape your own life. Creative self-expression is seen strongly in the 5th House of your chart, and by incorporating these elements into your career, you will gain greater satisfaction from your work. If you have the time to concentrate on more recreational forms of creativity, this is the part of your chart which indicates what brings you pleasure. Life itself can certainly be a pleasurable experience - all the time, not just on holidays!

Sagittarius' influence on your 5th House adds a need for adventure in your approach to play, creativity and recreation. When you have time to travel, explore the world, interact with people from different backgrounds, attend workshops or classes or read, your creativity is inspired. You may love getting into nature, and may find that adding a dimension of reaching into unexplored territory is an excellent source for personal regeneration. A little competition can also spur you to reach into your own creative soul and express dimensions of yourself you might otherwise leave unattended. With Jupiter ruling your 5th House you may feel most inspired by situations which open all the fences and allow you to explore freely and independently.

The Sun's energy in your 5th House brings a powerful emphasis to your creative self-expression, and to your need for play. You may have a lot invested in your personal artistry, and even if you don't think of yourself as an artist, when you think about it, you are creating your own life. Now, that's a work of art! You may have a special affinity for children, and can be quite influential in arenas which support the creativity of children. This position also adds a flair for the dramatic, and you may be known for your sense of style. Your abilities to direct and inspire others is also strengthened.

The driving force of Mars in your 5th House adds a powerful dimension to your creative self-expression. Creative avenues which utilize your physical energy can be rewarding - from dancing to athletics. In the arts, you may be more drawn to working with metals or sculpting. You may be somewhat competitive in your creativity and may find that some type of challenge really gets your energy going and heightens your creative output.

One of the most powerful creative drives in your chart is your Sun. Since this is the energy which can drive you to be noticed, learning to cultivate this aspect of yourself in a positive

manner can amplify your success in life.

You're probably pretty intelligent, like learning, and have an adventurous drive with your Sagittarius Sun. But you may be afraid of success. It's that unknown question about where to aim. If you aim for your high ideals, you could possibly fall short, so you might compromise for something else, just because it's quickly reachable. Then what's that yearning in your heart? Could it be the desire for something more!? There is your drive to success, and it's the adventure itself which gives you the feeling that makes the light in your eyes. After all, when you do reach that pinnacle, you'll just aim for something new!

Your individuality is expressed through many different energies in your chart, but the energy which is most closely associated with the unique and individualistic part of yourself is Uranus. Through Uranian energy, you display your ingenuity and make the breakthroughs which allow you to move into new experiences. Uranus also prompts your rebellious nature, and the placement of this energy in your chart shows you where you are staging your own personal revolution.

You have Uranus in Scorpio, bringing about a revolution in your consciousness in regard to matters of healing, psychology, birth, death and human sexuality. Along with other women born from 1974 to 1981, you will be responsible for awakened attitudes in regard to these matters within society. If your career choices center around the health care profession or scientific fields, your methods and approaches can bring a new understanding in these areas. Along with others born with Uranus in Scorpio, you will be part of the revolution concerning women's choices in health matters, including birth and abortion. You may also confront society's needs to allow for greater privacy in decisions regarding birth and death. In your personal life it is crucial that you allow your intuitive self to guide you when facing health related issues, and that you try a wide variety of approaches to achieving optimal health. The areas in your life where you break ground in regard to your deeply held convictions concerning freedom of expression are shown by the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

Uranus in your 4th House brings a strong undercurrent of revolutionary energy into your life. You may actually change career paths more than once in your attempts to uncover your special calling, but the key element which is most attractive is the opportunity to break ground and establish new trends. Just try to remember that change for its own sake can be costly, although sometimes the only way to move into the new territory of personal development is to do something completely different!

The energy of Chiron is also a powerful factor for your outreach into the world. Through Chiron, you discover both strength and vulnerability. The vulnerability represented by Chiron is, in many ways, like a doorway which allows you to penetrate a deeper level of personal mastery. This is the process of initiation not unlike that which a Shaman must endure in order to learn how to travel between the worlds. Through Chiron, you learn how to travel between the world of your inner self and the world outside to achieve a sense of true purpose and wisdom.

You have Chiron in Taurus, signifying a need to discover the profound importance and effects of love. Your life purpose is centered around your needs for creating a world where you feel stable, and where your efforts create a haven of comfort. Consistency and resourcefulness can be your keys to achieving your personal aims. You may also feel that it is crucial to life to be in harmony with the earth, and will be much more satisfied with yourself and your life if you are making the best use of all your resources and not wasting or abusing them.

With Chiron in your 9th House you're searching for answers to all the ultimate questions as part of your quest to discover your life purpose. You may feel a strong urge to travel, desire to learn and yearning to find the teacher whose wisdom will inspire you to find truth. In essence, all these things are inside you, and the travel and learning you may need most to experience will happen on the inner planes. Doing it physically is okay too. It's good practice.

Opening Your Heart

Ah, Love.... Songs, poems, novels, fairy-tales, movies all extol the power and pleasure of love - and for good reason: love is the food of life! There are many opportunities to love, in fact, a love affair with life is not a bad idea. But you also may need to "grow" love by sharing it, and therein is the seed of all relationships.

The planetary energies which are most usually associated with love are Venus and Neptune. Venusian energy radiates directly from your heart, from the center of yourself, where love resides deep within. Loving is an inner experience. The more you open to the love you hold within yourself, the more it grows. Your feelings of worthiness are represented by Venus, and as you grow to understand and appreciate your own value as a woman, it becomes easier to let this love energy flow through your life. Neptunian energy is Divine compassionate love - the love which does not judge and readily forgives. Neptune is the realm of romance, mysticism and heavenly perfection. Truly transcendent Neptunian love arises when you have healthy boundaries of your own, otherwise, you can become a victim of your own illusions!

Love is a total experience for you with Venus in Scorpio. You need to know the absolute depths of loving, and your life will prosper on every level when you feel fully immersed in the experience of true love. You do not easily give your heart, and once you do surrender it, you may never change your feelings. That does not mean that you can love only once, but you may believe that's the case when you're deeply in love. You can become addicted to love! There are many forms of love, which you know, and that real bond - the magical alchemy of connecting to someone through heart and soul - is what you seek from romantic love. You can weave a magical spell and may be quite sensual and charismatic in your approach to loving. For excitement in love you enjoy a bit of mystery and intrigue, and may play a few power games just to get your energy going. (That does not equal abuse, by the way.) If a relationship changes, you may have to change in order to keep the love alive, since trying to hang onto to things staying the same all the time can lead to extreme stagnation. And if you're hurt by loving, you may close your heart away just to avoid feeling that kind of pain again. You have to ask yourself if it's worthwhile to keep those doors so firmly shut. After all, you may be closing yourself out, too.

You may wonder why you always seem to have to give more than you receive in love relationships with your Moon in square aspect to Venus. This frustration probably has its roots

in your soul's history, and until you can allow love to just flow openly from your heart you may always feel that the books are not balanced. Disappointments in love may have wounded you in the past, so you may have a little sensitivity as a result. Your initial reaction when you feel your heart opening may be to guard yourself, since you don't want to repeat the pain of disappointment. The only way to change this is to learn how to fill your own heart with joy and love through the pure experience of love itself. Love without expectation. Love just to love. And begin by loving yourself and knowing that you deserve the kind of love which brings mutual tenderness, respect and comfort.

You can be a bit frustrated by your love experiences with your Sun in semi-square aspect to Venus. Part of the problem resides in your impatience. When you have a strong attraction to someone, you may want resolution about the outcome immediately. If you can work toward maintaining a bit more objectivity when your heart begins to open to a loving relationship, you'll be more satisfied with the end results.

Not that you are only interested in a man for his money, but it's definitely a consideration since you have Venus square Jupiter. But just looking for Mr. Right who has the bucks is never quite enough, and you know it. So, you love wonderful things and have expensive tastes, but if money becomes the real drive, you may have all the stuff and little of the real satisfaction. However, if you fail to take finances into account when making a commitment in your relationships, you'll do yourself a disservice. Just knowing where to put money on the priority list is the problem! Being honest with yourself is where you start, and taking that honesty into your relationship is the next step.

When you love, you love deeply and with commitment. The energies of Venus and Saturn in sextile to one another stimulate a need to experience continuity and growth through love. You may even discover that sometimes you have to sacrifice something you want in order to fulfill a higher need, and that when you do, love grows even more fully. You are willing to pay the price for a love that lasts, since you know how precious it is. The beauty you feel within your heart through sustaining love radiates through every part of your life.

Your independent nature strongly influences the way you open to love with Venus in conjunction to Uranus. Philosophically you may agree that unconditional love is your goal, but your experience tells you that you have a few conditions. One of them is to have a love which can withstand change. Life itself provides many of those changes, and you've already learned about the disruptions which can occur when the unexpected arrives on your doorstep. For you, relationships are only part of the picture of love. As a result, you may feel quite close to your lover for a while, but when you're involved in something else, may seem to drift away. A relationship which allows room for individual autonomy is also necessary (and that means you may have to give the same thing to him). If you feel that you tend to attract flaky guys or men who are unattainable, turn around a look in the mirror. Exactly how emotionally available are you? Maybe you really don't want a single relationship to be the primary focus in your life. If that's the truth, then accept it and be honest about it. If not, then surrender to your need to be close, at least in the here and now. You may discover that you like it and that you're really not giving up your freedom after all!

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Sagittarius, you may be intimately involved in reshaping the definition of marriage. Laws which reflect the true nature of loving and making commitments may be difficult to initiate, but are important parts of your task as a collective during this lifetime. On a personal level you may find that your primary drive in

relationships involves finding a partner who shares your quest for truth and understanding. To open your heart to real compassion, you need to feel a sense of trust which originates from your common ideals and values. Once your vision is focused with that of your partner, you can create amazing changes which will form the basis of the teachings you pass on to your children and future generations.

With your Moon and Neptune in trine aspect, you may find it easy to trust your feelings when you're opening to love. Your sixth sense about other people is usually quite clear, and when you've found the right partner for your needs, you know. You may still have to watch a tendency to be too emotionally sensitive, but it's not usually a difficult problem.

With your Sun and Neptune conjunct you need to be aware of a tendency to attract men who are perfect for your projections. You may see only what you wish to see, and can be especially dazzled by a man who seems to embody your ideals. Before you make a commitment, take time to discover the person behind the mask you've projected onto him. Once you learn to accept your own needs for individual expression, you may not need a man to express the power side of your personality. You will appreciate, instead, a man who understands and honors your sensitive tenderness and supports your autonomy.

With Saturn in a tense square aspect to Neptune in your chart you may feel frustrated by the stark contrast between your fantasies and the realities of your life. In essence you know that there does not have to be a gap, but when you've run into trouble, you've probably gone too far to one side of the pendulum. These extremes are the result of your fears and anxieties which block your ability to surrender when you want to let go and flow with the currents of life. If you jump into situations which are not good for you, you may feel that you'll be forever stuck. What you need is perspective, and you can develop that by giving yourself a mechanism which provides some objectivity. Meditation, psychological counseling, and even therapeutic artistic expression can all help you see your life from a different viewpoint. Then, your faith in yourself is more readily restored.

The semisextile aspect between Uranus and Neptune happens about once each century and influences a generation. The steps your generation takes to blend religious or philosophical ideals with scientific or technological developments can have a strong impact upon your lifestyle and upon future generations. It's important that you know how to use compassion while moving forward into new frontiers.

The houses in your chart which amplify love relationships are the 5th, 7th, and 11th Houses. Through the 5th House, you experience giving love. It is through this facet of yourself that you have love affairs, playful and recreational relationships and where you produce the offspring of loving. The offspring can range from artistic endeavors to children. But when dealing with relationships, this is the space which is usually occupied by loving another in an intimate sense.

The feeling of opening your heart to love brings pure joy with Sagittarius influencing your 5th House. You've experienced the transformative power of joy more than once in your life, and know that when you reach out and give of yourself to others, the energy you receive in return can be sweet indeed. You may attract a wide variety of relationships over the course of your life, and may be especially interested in relationships with men whose backgrounds are different from your own. There's more adventure that way! You love to travel, and will probably enjoy sharing travel with your sweetheart (although sometimes, traveling alone makes your heart sing, too). When you fall in love, you really go for it; sometimes you may act too quickly, before you've had a chance to think about what you're doing. Just because the guy is

gorgeous and knocks your socks off, that does not necessarily mean it's safe to change your life for him! Jupiter's influence here adds a confidence and enthusiasm to your approach to loving; sometimes it adds too much enthusiasm, so remember to take a deep breath and try to think before you leap from the cliffs of the heart.

With your Sun energizing your 5th House, you may invest a great deal of energy in doing what you love. Life needs to be pleasurable and fun, and part of that is the fun of giving love to others. The manner in which you approach giving love through love affairs and in relationships with your children is important, since if you are only self-serving, your actions and energy may usurp another's needs in favor of your own desires. But when you are attentive to the give and take of love relationships, you can experience exceptional joy through loving. The choice is yours.

You may really enjoy the game of love with Mars in the 5th. This energy stimulates your tendency to initiate relationships, since you're the one who may take action to get things moving. Although you may enjoy taking the lead, you also like the feeling of being pursued, and can have the knack of keeping that energy of the chase going in your relationships. Keeping the passion alive is an important part of allowing your heart to remain open. You can be a bit selfish in your relationships since you really do like to do things your way. Let him drive some of the time.

The 7th House of your chart illustrates what you're seeking from a partner. More importantly, this part of your chart also tells a story about the kind of partner you really want to become. This is also the realm of social contact, and provides information about your approach to socialization. Although marriage agreements are shown through the 7th House, planets here (or a lack of planets here) do not "promise" marriage or its lack. But if your 7th House is highly activated, you may be more motivated to find a partner.

With the qualities of Aquarius filtered through your 7th House you are likely to attract a partner whose needs for independence and autonomy are as strong as your own. It is imperative that you connect with a mate or husband whom you respect and who will respect you. This will occur most readily once you have developed your own self-respect and when you know how to avoid too much self-absorption. Although you may think you want complete autonomy, you really do love the idea of attentive support from a partner. With the energy of Uranus driving your approach to partnerships, you will be most successful when you develop the experience of unconditional acceptance and learn to project that toward the person who shares your life.

The lack of planetary energy in your 7th House does NOT indicate that you will be without a partner, or that marriage is not suitable. There are millions of married women with no planets in their 7th Houses! To better understand how you approach finding a partner and the type of partner you wish to be, study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house and the planet associated with that sign, noted above.

It is through the 11th House that you learn about unconditional relationships, and where you open to receiving love and support from others. Here you find your friends, your supportive professional allies, and your community. Through this facet of yourself you develop your special interests. And here you set your goals for the future. It's wonderful the way friends can support your aims, provide feedback when you need objectivity, and comfort you when you're facing challenges. Your approach to friendship is also seen through this part of your chart.

You have Gemini influencing your 11th House, signifying that your friendships are forged through a meeting of the minds. When you get together with your girlfriends, you always have a lot to talk about. You probably have friends from a variety of backgrounds and with myriad interests. With your closest friends you are drawn together because you think alike. Sometimes it may seem that you part and greet one another in mid-conversation, but that's okay. The mental link you have to one another probably keeps the connection strong enough that you don't ever really lose anything in your understanding. Mercury's energy influences your friendships by forging a bridge of understanding, and it is through developing your mental connection that you unlock the doors to your heart. You feel most supported when you know you have somebody who will listen. This is one of the best ways to allow love to flow into your life.

The lack of planetary energy in your 11th House can be indicative of your ability to accomplish many of your aims on your own. There is, however, no particular meaning which is related to a lack of friends or inability to create friendships. Look to the planet which rules this house to understand the qualities you will seek in your friends and the kinds of activities you might prefer to share with them.

Power Issues: Sex, Money and Control

Personal power is an individual expression, and has different meanings for each person. As a woman in the world today, your opportunity to experience and express your personal power is largely dependent upon the manner in which you develop it. Particularly in the Western World, as times have changed and the power base has gradually evolved beyond the patriarchal control of the last centuries, women are seeking to define their place in the world: collectively and individually. Gaining influence in the world through career and financial development, you begin to understand the different levels of power. Within the family, your roles are also evolving. You are also more free to express your sexual needs and desires, and demand that you are respected as a person and not sexually abused. But everything stems from your ability to identify, embrace and assimilate the true nature of your power as an individual woman.

On a personal level, you can begin to identify much about your own power by looking deeply into the meaning of your 1st House: Your Personality Self. Early in your report you read about what you project about yourself as identified by your Ascendant. Your first House further defines that projection of the Self, and is an area where you carve out much about the way you show yourself to the world on your own terms.

Through your Leo Ascendant you can demonstrate a strong sense of presence. You may feel that you are only powerful when your presence is acknowledged by others and can even be demanding in your desire for attention when you're feeling insecure. The more demanding you become, the less powerful you are. The respect and admiration you desire arises when others show their loyalty from love, not from fear. Although you may think you always operate from a pure heart, take a careful look. Have you, in your need to establish yourself, been too self-absorbed? Self-awareness and self-absorption are very different. In the instance of self

awareness, you are also sensitive to the needs and desires of others as individuals. This can be especially trying in relationship to your children. You can be such a marvelous light in their lives, and the path you've forged in the world can provide inspiration to them. If you try to force your will too strongly without honestly assessing what they may need or want for themselves, you may lose their deep trust. You demonstrate your greatest power when your actions, words and attitudes radiate from the heart of love. Then, your self-assurance is genuine and shines brilliantly through a regal personality.

Saturn's energy in your 1st House can be empowering when you learn how to deal with control issues. Taking responsibility for yourself is the most empowering thing you can do. That's different from taking care of everything and everyone, Superwoman, so remember that! You may be a little shy, especially if you feel insecure about yourself, the way you look, or your capabilities. For this reason it's important that you carve an image which feels safe, secure and strong. Your education and experience can be stabilizing, and if you need to get that degree before you venture out into the world, then do it! Whatever you need to accomplish that will fortify your stability is very necessary for you. But you can also become a real sourpuss if you cling to the negative energy of Saturn, and need to let your sense of humor and self-acceptance grow if you are to avoid showing this negativity. You may tell yourself that you're only being realistic when you see the glass as half-empty, but if you use that negative evaluation to alter your confidence, then you're just being self-defeating. If you tend to feel depressed on a regular basis, talk over your feelings and concerns with your physician to determine if you need to address the physical side of depression. You may just be tired from taking on too many responsibilities, but you may also need to give yourself some biochemical support!

Another power space on your chart is your Midheaven. This point, which is usually at the top of your chart and marks the cusp of the 10th House, is like the crown and torch of the Statue of Liberty. Here too, are the indicators of the types of people you most admire, and the clues to what you need to develop within yourself to attain unshakable self-respect.

Through your Taurus Midheaven you seek power through establishing a solid and reliable base. This may include financial success, but should not be limited to material things alone, since you also feel more powerful when you know that your efforts, reputation and position will endure the test of time. You appreciate and admire those who know how to use their talents to create success and who know how to use and build upon their resources.

You may feel frustrated with your role in the world with your Moon in square aspect to your Midheaven. This is particularly true if you seem to be doing too much caretaking and accomplish little self-fulfillment. Listening to your inner needs and working to eliminate your old self-defeating subconscious messages is very important to you. If you try to ignore these subconscious motivations, you may find that you're caught up in situations which simply do not feel right.

With Venus in opposition to your Midheaven, you may feel most comfortable at home, out of the spotlight, doing the things you do best. Exposing your talents or artistry to the world can seem threatening. You may simply not feel very motivated to reach out into the world. If you're afraid, there may be other factors at work which you need to address. You can actually accomplish a great deal, and may even do your best work behind the scenes. But first you have to establish a powerful base of self-esteem, and that means incorporating things into your life which are truly meaningful to you as a person and allowing yourself to feel good about your choices.

Sometimes, your expectations concerning your ambitions or profession are unrealistic. Jupiter's energy in square aspect to your Midheaven stimulates you to push the limits, and sometimes you simply go too far too quickly. Setting a pace within a reasonable frame of reference is not really your style, but it can help if you've run into some problems along the way toward achieving your ambitions. The gift of this aspect is a continual feeling of optimism, even when times are hard. And it is that very optimism which may help you get there while you work through all the rough places along the way.

Saturn's energy in trine aspect to your Midheaven helps you focus your aims and choose ambitions which will provide a real sense of personal accomplishment. You may be very well suited for a professional career and do not mind working to achieve your goals. A structured approach to success, such as a well-defined educational path, may be easier for you, and you are likely to appreciate the guidance and support of an excellent mentor or teacher. You may also feel empowered when you have the opportunity to teach or guide others.

With Uranus in opposition to your Midheaven, you may feel strongly about creating a life path which allows you to experience independence on as many levels as possible. Alternative lifestyles, unusual career options, innovative approaches to success all describe the ultimate possibilities. Your own rebellion can disrupt your opportunities, especially if your actions or attitudes fly in the face of convention to such an extent that you seem to be a threat. Building a bridge between your viewpoints and those of the more traditional thinkers may give you a little latitude.

Someone once said that money makes the world go around, and from all evidence, it certainly seems to be a powerful force. Money, in fact, symbolizes power. With money, you can have what you want. With more money, you can have more of what you want. Without money, you may want what you cannot have. Your relationship with money is an extremely intimate and seductive force. The way you use your resources - money, time, energy - says a lot about how you perceive your own power and personal worth. This facet of yourself is expressed through the 2nd House of your chart. Here, you express your value systems. The important special link between finances and self-esteem cannot be understated, and is especially important for you as a woman. In order to extract the real value of your talents and services from others in the world (such as what you are paid from your job), you must first value yourself.

The qualities of Virgo radiate through your 2nd House, adding discrimination to the manner in which you use your resources. Whether you're expending time, money or energy, you like to know where it's going and what effect it will have. You may be quite adept at handling money, and are not likely to waste your resources on something of poor quality or questionable value. You're the woman who'll take the time to read about your purchases or to investigate the feasibility of a projected budget. Mercury's energy influences this house, stimulating your need to gain an understanding of the best ways to handle your finances. But you are also learning about the power of your mind in attracting the kind of resources you need. Your self esteem can be strengthened by maintaining a keen awareness of the manner in which you use your available resources. Getting the best use out of what you have makes a lot of sense to you.

Just because your 2nd House is empty do not think that you'll be without money. This can, in fact, be a strong indicator that money matters will not be a primary drive in your life. Self-esteem issues may not be extremely powerful for you either, although you can strengthen your sense of self-worth by embracing the qualities associated with the sign which is on the cusp of this house.

Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart. Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which seems more like what you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

Here you also find your compulsions. It's no wonder that you don't display this part of yourself to just anybody. You have to feel safe to open this facet of yourself, and you realize that this vulnerability can be used against you in power plays. But what you may not always remember is that this is also where you have the power! In true tantric traditions, it is through the vessel of a woman's sexual energy that a couple can ride the wave of sexual ecstasy. This also extends to the other power aspects of any relationship. If your transformational and magical qualities are blocked, the whole of the relationship will suffer.

The influence of Pisces on your 8th House adds a need for drama and romance as key ingredients in your intimate relationships. You may think this is the way everyone approaches intimacy, but it's not true! To unlock your deeper yearnings, you might enjoy role playing or sharing your fantasies. You may also be very drawn to a partner who shares similar spiritual aspirations. It's important to learn the difference between spiritual bonding and fanciful romance, and it may take some time before you've clarified them. Within the union you desire, both partners surrender to the experience of love and allow the flow of love itself to change them. You may be attracted to men who are wounded in some way, and may feel that loving can heal them. This may be true, but if you sacrifice yourself in the process, you'll only be left with feelings of disappointment. The same is true in matters of joint finances, because you can go too far trusting your partner financially. Even if he manages the money, you need to sit down on a regular basis to discuss where you are so you are not shocked into disbelief if problems arise. But you need to also avoid making your partner the scapegoat for your financial problems.

Since you have no planets in the 8th House you may not be obsessed with too many problems or hassles with the issues of this area in your life. But you may not get off free on this one, either. Study the sign on the cusp of this house and read everything noted about the planet associated with that sign, because this is the energy tied up with your emotional attachments!

Mars energy is about getting what you want by going after it. Mars is drive. Mars is courage. Mars is desire. Mars is unabashed sexuality. Mars is the fuel for personal power. Men do Mars quite effectively, right down to fighting and war. But you also have a warrior spirit, an Amazon Self. This is your Mars. If you fail to own and utilize your own Martian force, you lose power.

Your earthy sensuality radiates through your Mars in Capricorn. Even though you may think you have yourself under control, you have an amazing sensual appetite. That's okay because when you indulge those needs within a safe and trusting relationship, you may actually feel better about yourself. It's when you try to repress your needs that you get yourself into

trouble. Playful sexual activity may not be easy for you, especially if you're worried about whether or not you're doing everything in the proper way. Well, that's a matter of what you need at the moment, not some test of your abilities. You may actually find that sexual play which involves some type of restraints is quite appealing for you, whether you're the restrainer or restrained! You strengthen your sense of power in the world by working hard to achieve your goals, and can be strongly self-reliant. You'll probably resist outside restraints, and will always perform better when you can do things your way. Establishing the difference between self-control and excessive controlling behavior and attitudes are among your primary lessons in life.

Saturn plays the role of the big controller in your life. Sometimes that control seems to come from outside. You know - all the rules and regulations, the authority figures, the intimidating people who tell you what to do - this is the Saturn of the outside world. But you have the same traffic cop in the back of your own mind, telling you what is right and wrong, chiding you when you make a mistake, holding you back when you're about to do something stupid. Saturn control can be a good thing. This is your energy for self-discipline, clarity and focus. You need Saturn. But you need Saturn in its most productive sense. You do not need the guilt, intimidation and self-limitation that keep you from having what you require from life.

It's hard to say if you actually like hard work or if you just attract it with Saturn in Virgo. Applying your energy and efforts toward the task of accomplishing something does enhance your sense of power. But you may not know how to ask for the support of others, and may feel that you are somehow inadequate, imperfect or undeserving. It is these feelings which block your feelings of empowerment. When you do gain recognition, the manner in which you handle it will tell you if you're over that hump or not. If you can say, "Thank you, " and know inside that you deserve it, you've arrived! Learning to positively critique others and creating a method of offering support and guidance which will empower others is the other part of your equation for power.

It's easy to allow negative thinking to sap your power with Mercury square Saturn. Your attitudes about work and education are important parts of your life foundation, and if you fail to bring forth the mental discipline necessary to accomplish your aims, you will be disappointed in the results.

Developing your ability to love is a source of great power in your life. With Venus in sextile aspect to Saturn, you experience the reward of enduring love which stems from a true appreciation of yourself and others. You know that through love you can accomplish anything, and it is this force which can carry you through when everything else around you fails. Your ability to use good judgment in money matters is a direct result of your discrimination and strong self worth. This strengthens your power base on multiple levels.

Saturn's square to Neptune can have a real dampening effect upon your dreams. Yet it can also provide a good contrast between illusion and possibility. Through developing your link to your spiritual self and integrating that spirituality into your everyday life, much of the frustration of this aspect will dissipate. Just believing in something because that's what you were taught can actually drain your spiritual power. You need to find that link between your beliefs and the reality of your life. You may always be a little skeptical, but you don't have to let it ruin your life. Go ahead, get on the haunted house ride at the fair, anyway. You might have a wonderful time!

Saturn's energy in trine aspect to your Midheaven helps you focus your aims and choose ambitions which will provide a real sense of personal accomplishment. You may be very well suited for a professional career and do not mind working to achieve your goals. A structured approach to success, such as a well-defined educational path, may be easier for you, and you are likely to appreciate the guidance and support of an excellent mentor or teacher. You may also feel empowered when you have the opportunity to teach or guide others.

Plutonian control is sometimes difficult to grasp, but it's definitely there. When you feel this control from outside yourself, it is undermining and extremely intimidating. The force of Pluto is buried deep within your psyche. It is unleashed and grows in a manner like the process of mitosis in a fertilized cell, which is altered, splits off, combines with other cells and ultimately becomes an organism. Through Pluto, you experience the power of life, birth, healing, and the ultimate change of death. If you are trapped in a mire of shame, guilt and self-destructiveness, you may have undergone a Plutonian transformation as a result of trauma earlier in your life. But it is this same force which plants the seeds of change that eventually can lead to the creation of a new self.

The power of your thoughts determines your experience of life. Pluto's energy in your 3rd House prompts you to transform your thinking. You must learn to trust your own intelligence, and to develop your mind in such a way that will allow you to experience an understanding of life at core levels. You ask questions, although many are never verbalized. They just drive you, like a relentless taskmaster, to look beneath the surface. You can be overcome by compulsive thought patterns, and when you do, you can find it difficult to release yourself from them. These compulsions can be a power drain, especially if they reach the obsessive level. Take the time to listen to your own thoughts. Do they offer self-confirming messages or destructive mutterings? Once you find a way to use your mind to heal your life, you will know the power you've been seeking.

You were born with Uranus and Pluto in semisextile to one another, an aspect which occurs only rarely (usually about once or twice in a century), and which has a generational influence. Alongside others in society you may have exceptional opportunities to bring new ideologies and unusual social changes into operation during your lifetime, but you may also take steps on your own to alter the status quo.

With Uranus in opposition to your Midheaven, you may feel strongly about creating a life path which allows you to experience independence on as many levels as possible. Alternative lifestyles, unusual career options, innovative approaches to success all describe the ultimate possibilities. Your own rebellion can disrupt your opportunities, especially if your actions or attitudes fly in the face of convention to such an extent that you seem to be a threat. Building a bridge between your viewpoints and those of the more traditional thinkers may give you a little latitude.

Embracing Your Divine Self

In western society today it's okay to admit that women are Goddesses. This, in itself, implies that the power of The Source may not be solely masculine. In essence, this power contains All That Is, but as a woman, you express it through your Goddess Self. This part of yourself is always there when you feel abandoned or alone to give you comfort. Your Goddess Self is standing firmly beside you when you face a major challenge, sharing her strength and support. Your Goddess Self opens the doors to Truth and Understanding. She is the essence of all that is Love. Look in the mirror. Stare deeply into your own eyes and you will see her reflected back at you.

When you need to get in touch with your inner being, an exercise in guided imagery can help you make the transition from your everyday thinking to heightened awareness. Take a few minutes to make this journey. Before you begin, find time to be alone. Sit or lie down in a comfortable position in a place that feels safe to you. Take three deep breaths. With each breath, release the tension from your body as you exhale. As you inhale, fill yourself with energy, light and inner calm. Then, close your eyes, and take one more relaxing breath.

Imagine that you are a young priestess, preparing yourself to enter the sacred rites of purification which will give you courage and vision for the challenges ahead of you. You know that the experiences of life will require you to stand up for yourself and your ideals. In preparation for your ritual, feel yourself being cleansed. You are dressed in beautiful robes and a necklace of platinum and rubies is placed around your neck. You hear the music for the ritual dance playing in the background, and as you emerge from your dwelling, lead the line of others who will join you in the dance. You begin the motion around the circle. As the energy builds, you dance into the center of the circle. Feel yourself being transported into another realm. As you rise above the earth, your vision is clear and your heart is strong. When you arrive into the new dimension, you see

a regal woman, dressed in golden robes and fine jewels. She takes your hands and invites you to dance with her. At first you do not hear music, but then there is light all around you and music playing which seems to come from the heart of this creature. As she dances about, the light and music seem to flow around her. You playfully dance with her, and realize that somehow she seems familiar. She smiles and laughs and then says to you, "Is it not wonderful to be such a magical creature?!" And then you know. She is your alter ego. Your experience with her reminds you that you carry the light and magic everywhere you are.