

The Asteroid Report

Chiron and the Asteroids

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Sagittarius	26°Sg54'	10th	01 26°Aq22'
Moon	Taurus	14°Ta44'	02nd	02 14°Ar03'
Mercury	Sagittarius	19°Sg45'	10th	03 17°Ta17'
Venus	Sagittarius	00°Sg29'	09th	04 11°Ge18'
Mars	Capricorn	20°Cp25'	11th	05 02°Ca17'
Jupiter	Libra	08°Li18'	07th	06 24°Ca55'
Saturn	Libra	08°Li56'	07th	07 26°Le22'
Uranus	Scorpio	27°Sc42'	09th	08 14°Li03'
Neptune	Sagittarius	22°Sg33'	10th	09 17°Sc17'
Pluto	Libra	23°Li54'	08th	10 11°Sg18'
Midheaven	Sagittarius	11°Sg18'		11 02°Cp17'
Ascendant	Aquarius	26°Aq22'		12 24°Cp55'
Chiron	Taurus	14°Ta01' R	02nd	
Ceres	Cancer	25°Ca28' R	06th	
Pallas	Aries	16°Ar28'	02nd	
Juno	Libra	27°Li05'	08th	
Vesta	Virgo	08°Vi54'	07th	

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Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart

Chiron

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

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

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

Chiron in Taurus

When Chiron is in Taurus, mentoring and the healing process are associated with learning how to care for one's body and one's physical and material needs, and with learning how to live in and care for the physical world. This applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. You may encounter mentor figures who are earthy types, engaged in such activities as organic gardening and ecological movements. Unhealthy attitudes towards the body or sensuality, or lack of physical

nurturing or material security and stability at an early age could lead you to feel wounded or inadequate in these areas of life. Experiences such as the loss of material possessions or physical health can evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

Chiron in 2nd House

Chiron in the second house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with the effort to build up a sense of self-worth. This often occurs through the accumulation of material wealth, property, or possessions which are regarded as a measurement of one's worth or one's stability.) With this placement, there may be difficulty accepting the established value system of the society one finds oneself in, or an aversion to ownership and a fear of being enslaved by one's possessions. Fears and control issues regarding wealth and resources, as well as regarding instinctual and sexual needs are likely to arise from a deep sense of wounding regarding these issues, and can cause you further difficulties when they operate as dysfunctional defense mechanisms. Eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

Moon Conjunct Chiron Orb: 00°44'

Chiron is conjunct the Moon. The Chiron archetype constellates your emotional and instinctive responses, and vice versa. You mother others (and seek mothering for yourself) via avenues that have to do with mentoring, counseling and the healing arts. Your natural way of responding to any happening is strongly colored by your own healing journey and your own experience of wounding. You are extremely sensitive to the suffering of humanity, and this instinctual response to the wounded animal in others will be best expressed and of most benefit to others after you have come to terms with your own story of wounding and have taken up your own healing journey. This may involve painful issues having to do with your relationship to your mother or other anima figures. You are then able to help others deal with their own emotional wounding around the Feminine.

Mars Trine Chiron Orb: 06°24'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Mars. The centaur and the warrior pool their resources! The ability to address the wounds to your own self-assertiveness and self-confidence eventually earns you much wisdom in handling the martial energies of yourself and others. You are, as a result, quite able to mentor others and assist them in their own process of healing the inner masculine and the wounds of aggression and the destructive use of forcefulness. You may have a healing influence on others through your fighting spirit, courageous action, or your ability to confront challenges.

Ceres

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

The myth of Demeter (da mater or "earth mother") and the sudden abduction of her dearly loved daughter Persephone by the lord of the underworld contains the same universal symbolism as other Earth Goddess myths. These myths may appear, at first, to be early explanations for the changing of the seasons. They are actually wise, rich, symbolic teachings on such profound themes as loss and renewal, death and rebirth, and the endless transformation that constitutes the very laws of creation to which this universe and everything in it adheres.

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

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

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

Ceres in Cancer

With Ceres in Cancer, you may feel at times like the "Cosmic Mother" - mother to all, rather like the old woman who lived in a shoe. When others are around you, they experience the kind of love they longed for as a child, and they feel renewed and healed by this. You associate nurturance with emotional bonding, caring, empathy, and feeding. Lack of this kind of nurturance at an early age can result in emotional insecurity, dependency, and clingy behavior. This lack could be a source of grief, through which you learn how to provide emotional support for yourself and, thus, for others. Separation from or loss of the home, family security, mother, nurturing parent, or other anima figures could be a source of grief, and could serve as transformative experiences for you, ones that initiate you into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 6th House

Ceres in the sixth house indicates that the work place is the arena in which you express your nurturing qualities. Perhaps your co-workers or employees find something comforting or reassuring in you. You may help them in a loving way to improve their work performance, acquire new skills, or advance their careers. The integration of parenting and the daily work environment can be a major concern for you, and you're all for such policies as company day-care. Conflicting demands between parenting and work (or the acquisition of work skills) could lead you to make sacrifices in one area on behalf of the other.

Sun Quincunx Ceres Orb: 01°26'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with the Sun. The qualities of nurturance and emotional bonding combine with the sense of self-essence or self-identity in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. Emotional dependency can thwart one's own individuation and lead to trouble in relationships of a parent-child nature. You may feel that the need to nurture or care for others or to deal with intense relationships of a parent-child nature causes you to forsake your true self. Conversely you may feel that your self-image or identity precludes any close emotional bonding of a nurturant nature; or that in order to be true to yourself you must forgo binding emotional ties. The challenge is to learn to see both the need to do one's own thing and the need for nurturing ties as valid, and to find ways to meet both these needs, rather than repressing or projecting one of them out onto others.

Venus Trine Ceres Orb: 05°02'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Venus. The mother-daughter (parent-child) story complements and is complemented by the pleasure principle (beauty, harmony, and the world of the senses). You associate nurturance with the cultivation of a sense of self-worth through affirmative touch and the affirmation of one's attractiveness. You nurture others (and look to nurturance yourself) through a loving acceptance of the sensual, the artistic and the creative. Your sexual expression may be very caring and tender. Love, relationships, and sexuality all benefit from your experience in handling the formation and severance of strong emotional ties.

Mars Opposite Ceres Orb: 05°03'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Mother/daughter meets the masculine god of war! Your need for or experience of parent-child bonding seem to be at odds with your fighting spirit and warrior skills. Perhaps your own assertiveness or aggressive tendencies were thwarted by an overly forceful parent, or not given encouragement. Or perhaps you feel that nurturance and caring are not consistent with or undermine the masculine qualities of risk-taking, competitiveness, and confrontation. Such types of conflict may have their roots in your past parent-child experiences or in your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties with maternal or warrior figures. The lesson here is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for assertive, forceful action belong to one and the same person. Both need to be met consciously; this corrects the natural tendency to unconsciously project one of them out onto others, which can result in difficulties with aggression or anger.

Uranus Trine Ceres Orb: 02°14'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Uranus. There's a story here involving the nurturer and the freedom-fighter. These two sides of yourself generally get along quite well together so that your need for nurturing emotional ties and your need to march to the tune of a different drummer can accommodate one another. You associate nurturance with support for individual expression, no matter how unique or bizarre, and with the encouragement of one's striving for freedom and independence. Other people may find comfort in your revolutionary, futuristic ideas. You can be a source of inspiration to others who are struggling with issues of loss or parent-child attachments. Your all-embracing universalism is nurturing to others.

Pluto Square Ceres Orb: 01°34'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Pluto. The Demeter-Persephone asteroid encounters the Lord-of-the-Underworld planet, and this lends the whole Ceres myth an extra impact on your chart. You may feel that close emotional ties conflict with your struggle for self-empowerment, or that if you take your power you will distance loved ones. You may feel like Persephone, torn between a powerful mother and a powerful partner who both seem to want to possess you; innocence, loyalties, and empowerment concerns are asking for reconciliation within you. Issues of control may play havoc with nurturing relationships. These conflicts may be rooted in strong experiences of mother or power-wielding figures. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for transformation and self-empowerment can and do co-exist within oneself. You'll need to find ways to meet them both, otherwise chances are you'll project the denied need out onto others and, eventually, fight with it out there.

Pallas

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

Later myth also portrays Athena as bringing about the destruction of both Pallas and Medusa in what appears to be sociological evidence of the attempt to destroy goddess worship. (Pallas, Athena, and Medusa were the three faces of the Libyan version of the triple goddess.) In one of these myths Zeus tricks Athena into killing her Amazonian sister Pallas during a

friendly competition. Another myth relates how Athena helped King Perseus to cut off Medusa's head by giving him a mirror to use so he could avoid her deadly gaze. Yet, as much as these myths might have been used as evidence of the wise Athena's denunciation of the Feminine, they also contain symbolism that indicates how Athena preserved the goddess trinity. For, upon the death of Pallas, the grieving Athena placed her sister's name before her own. As for her attitude towards Medusa, she bore Medusa's image upon her breastplate and distributed her blood to healers as a regenerative medicine. The symbolic importance of the mirror in the Perseus-Medusa conflict also hints at Athena's wisdom and gift as a mediator in teaching how to reconcile opposites by seeing in oneself the disowned qualities that are projected onto opponents.

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

Pallas in Aries

Pallas Athena in Aries denotes perceptive insight or intuitional skill when it comes to taking dynamic action, and the use of your basic drive in initiating projects or causes. You may have a knack for sports, competition, or the expression of forcefulness or anger (difficulty may arise if anger is expressed as passive-aggressive behavior), and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. Your fighting spirit and boundless energy may be employed in the defense of some social, political, or minority group (see Pallas Athena's house position, below), indeed you can be quite a warrior for your cause. Masculinity may be softened by a sophisticated or androgynous quality. Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in a creative ability to work with vital energy, chi, or life force (as in various forms of oriental medicine and martial exercise), or with such issues as aggression and wounded masculinity.

Pallas in 2nd House

Pallas Athena in the second house indicates that your sense of self-worth is associated with "the wise warrior." The acquisition of wisdom, the creative use of intellect or healing ability, and the need for courage and fighting spirit all feed your sense of inner worth. Defending a cause or succoring others could also have this effect. The healing of conflict between the Masculine and Feminine can have a great impact on your self-esteem as well. You like to see some practical benefit arise from the recovery of inner worth and the self-confidence you feel. Indeed, you may put all this practical wisdom to use in earning your livelihood, perhaps helping others to retrieve a sense of self-worth. Reconciliatory and healing skills may be used for

deriving income as well. Trouble with self-esteem can be rooted in a lack of a healthy relationship to the feminine (body/emotions) and an over-identification with a developed and assertive intellect that disregards and overrides cues from the body, intuition, or environment. Difficulty can also arise if Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as a crusade for wealth and material security.

Mercury Trine Pallas Orb: 03°17'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Your intellectual-communicative abilities and your cultural and socio-political urges mutually enhance each other. You appreciate fine or thought-provoking literature and intellectual discussions, especially when the topic revolves around issues of the arts or non-traditional gender, cultural, or political issues. You may enjoy networking with community projects that support these issues, perhaps supporting them through your writing or communicative skills.

Mars Square Pallas Orb: 03°57'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Your male assertive energies collide head-on with issues of culture, the arts, or social activism. You may feel, or be made to feel, that it is unmanly for men to express themselves in creative or artistic endeavors. Or perhaps you struggle with lack of confidence or fear of confrontation when it comes to expressing your creative mind or political views. The pursuit of more traditionally male activities may put you into conflict with sensitive issues of socio-cultural concern. Or perhaps your socio-political views leave you feeling uncomfortable about your more masculine characteristics, like anger or aggressive behavior. Either way, there may be some issue over the expression of one's masculine qualities. It is important for you to understand that both the need for cultural/creative expression achievement and the need for a healthy masculine assertiveness are legitimate. If either need is denied or suppressed, it will tend to pop up in negative forms that continue to irritate you until you find ways to make room for both in your life.

Neptune Trine Pallas Orb: 06°05'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. You are able to balance your need for internal spiritual, transcendent experience with your need for outward expression of your mental/creative skills and socio-political interests. You may be quite gifted artistically or musically, or perhaps your wisdom and skill gets expressed through your ability in the healing arts. You have a high degree of compassion. You may possess finely developed psychic abilities or a profoundly experienced spirituality. You may support causes that are spiritual in nature, or those that focus on health or recovery from addictions.

Juno

Juno (whose Greek name is Hera) is an ancient Queen of Heaven Goddess dating from that matriarchal period when the sovereign Deity was female and reigned alone, presiding over the mysteries of birth, motherhood, and the various phases of reproduction. Mythology relates how she was seduced by Zeus, married him out of a sense of honor, endured a marriage

characterized by power struggles over issues of fidelity and bearing a line of descent, as well as how she went into retreat occasionally in order to renew and center herself. Her myth parallels the history of social upheaval in the lands where she was worshipped. Northern invaders struggled to impose traditions of patrilineal descent and the worship of their chief god, Zeus, upon the indigenous matriarchal cultures of Mycenaean Greece and Crete. Over a period of hundreds of years of cultural conflict, the two divinities were forced to share the altar. Thus, in addition to her authority over matters pertaining to childbirth and motherhood, Juno has come to be associated with issues of socially acknowledged relationship, legal marriage, marital fulfillment through commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

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

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

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

Juno in Libra

With Juno in Libra, the qualities you seek in a committed relationship are harmony, equality, and a mutual awareness of the other person's needs. You appreciate a partner with artistic or musical skills, and a sense of good taste - a true lady or gentleman. Someone idealistic, who understands that Yin and Yang, the Feminine and the Masculine, must support each other in order for true harmony to be achieved. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy or powerlessness when it comes to such

matters, or that your partner is doing all the expressing in this regard (or vice versa). This could be a source of difficulty when it comes to intimate relations. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled with fairness and consideration for each other, otherwise uncooperative or competitive behavior can result.

Juno in 8th House

Juno in the eighth house indicates that transformative experiences are most likely to come to you through the avenue of a committed relationship. Your partner, the relationship, or the way you behave in a relationship is likely to be emotionally and sexually intense, with a need to share about issues of trust and power in order for things to be healthy. The sharing of resources (financial and material) and energies (emotional and sexual) will be important concerns in the relationship. The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

Sun Sextile Juno Orb: 00°12'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. The need for intimacy and a mutually supportive relationship combines with the sense of identity and creative purpose in a natural, easy manner. You like to relate harmoniously with others, and you are able to handle with grace such issues as the struggle for equality and the need for autonomy within relationship. You may be supportive of your partner's creative expression and playfulness, or be attracted to a partner who supports your own creativity and self-expression. Such interests may provide you and your partner with a comfortable way to share and enrich your relationship.

Mars Square Juno Orb: 06°41'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Your fighting spirit and warrior skills are inextricably bound up with issues of committed relationships in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be utterly incompatible. Perhaps you feel that the give and take needed for equality within a relationship is inconsistent with your assertive or competitive drives. Or your partner feels this way. One of you may have trouble dealing with anger and end up either venting it unfairly on the other, or employing passive-aggressive techniques to elicit angry expressions from the other person. Anger may be used as a way to control or manipulate the other partner. The resolution of the opposites comes from standing in the middle and not taking sides: the need for equality within a relationship and the need for assertiveness must both find conscious healthy expression. Otherwise you may tend to project one of these needs out onto others, which can result in difficulties with aggression or anger.

Neptune Sextile Juno Orb: 04°32'

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

Pluto Conjunct Juno Orb: 03°12'

Your Juno is conjunct Pluto. The whole sphere of intimacy and equality in relationship is profoundly colored by power issues. You may attract partners who are intense, instinctual, and or who seem to have a powerful influence of some kind. Your partner or committed relationship may support your struggle for empowerment, healing and transformation. Your experience within a committed relationship is influenced by your psychological depth and your instinctive grasp of the deep inner forces at work in life. Issues of transformation and self-empowerment may figure importantly in the power struggles and the striving for equality which are part of such relationships.

Vesta

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

In early matriarchal societies, priestesses honoring Hestia maintained a connection to this spiritual essence (represented by a sacred flame that they tended night and day). They offered themselves in sacred sexual union in order to teach the divine aspect of sexuality and the need to remain aware of the sacred while engaged in physical life. The priestesses remained unmarried and committed to none but themselves and their worship. Their sons (conceived anonymously during ceremonial summer solstice rites) served as year-kings when there was no royal heir. These customs were finally abolished when patrilineal traditions were enforced and the priestesses were compelled by the Roman king to serve as keepers of the new (patriarchal) civilization and to observe vows of celibacy. To break these vows entailed a cruel death penalty. In exchange for the relinquishment of their sexuality, matrilineal customs, and true spiritual function, the priestesses (Vestal Virgins) were granted freedom from paternal control.

Vesta's sacred flame represents, in the yogic tradition, the kundalini force which, when properly awakened and channeled, leads to spiritual development. Thus, astrologically, Vesta has come to represent both spirituality and consecrated (or desecrated) sexuality. This can include a wide range of sexual expressions such as abstinence, renunciation and celibacy, the celebration of spiritually honored sexuality, sexual idealism, and the sacred whore. Astrologically, Vesta stands for that which provides us with inner sustenance; the way in which we are pulled back to our core or inner self; and the struggle between this and the demands of the outer world. Vesta represents the way in which we long to bless others with the fruits of the

spiritual resources we have found within ourselves, but it is also the need to retreat and preserve our inner sanctuary against any disrespectful intrusion. Vesta is associated with dedication, focus, and commitment. She represents those things that help us focus, the way in which we dedicate ourselves with heart and soul, and that for which we are ready (or compelled) to make a sacrifice. The things indicated by Vesta's position in your chart may be things that you feel compelled to give up or sacrifice, often out of a sense of spiritual compulsion. Yet they can also be the very things that evoke your dedication - leading to a sense of deep inner fulfillment when you are willing to make some sacrifices on their behalf. Keep this paradox in mind as you read on, for Vesta can express itself one way or the other - or both!

Vesta in Virgo

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

Vesta in 7th House

Vesta in the seventh house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense one-pointedness are focused on the issues of intimate relationships, marriage, and partnership. You are able to sacrifice yourself for the sake of others (especially for your partner or your relationship). Your devotion and loyalty provide a firm foundation for an enduring relationship. But there is also an inclination to become obsessed with these things - which could be unbalancing for you, since you might then feel a need to withdraw from others in order to center yourself. You could feel overburdened or overly dutiful when it comes to your partner, perhaps due to a sense of feeling personally responsible for the success or failure of the relationship or for the other person's happiness. You may also experience self-denial of fulfillment through relationship, so that instead of making sacrifices for the sake of relationships, you experience a sacrifice of relationships themselves. Issues involving sexuality and spiritual or religious convictions could have a strong influence on your view of marriage and intimate relationships. Careful consideration of these activities or issues will help you understand how to best manage your sense of commitment and remain centered in your self.

Moon Trine Vesta Orb: 05°51'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with the Moon. You may channel your sense of commitment to a cherished goal and your capacity for self-sacrifice into such things as nurturing, mothering, or domestic endeavors. Or you may focus your energies on such issues as

emotional health and the healing of the inner child. You are able to balance your sense of dedication to your goals with your need for emotional fulfillment. You can honor your sexual and spiritual needs in a way that supports your emotional well being. Anima or mother figures may be supportive of you in these ways.

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

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