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Personal Interpretation Profile

The Ascendant

The ascendant is the sign that was rising over the horizon at the time of birth. More than any other chart factor, the sign of the ascendant to be accurate is dependant on both time (it changes by 15 degrees every hour) and place of birth (someone born at the same time on the opposite side of the world will have the opposite sign on the ascendant or 'rising'). As such, it is the sign that brings us into physical incarnation, and the planet that rules that sign is said to be the ruler of the chart, or our planetary ruler for this lifetime. Hence the sign and house position of the ascendant's ruler are of particular importance. The ascending sign shows the way in which we approach life and the world in general. It can be related to what some psychologists call the persona, the mask we place between our inner selves and the world. As such it shows the way in which we are perceived by others, at least their first impressions of us. The ascendant represents the manner in which we must express ourselves in order to feel secure, and also the filter through which we perceive life and its challenges. It is the cusp of the first house, the house associated with our personal identity and self expression and represents the kind of energy and types of activities that we need to enliven us physically.

**Cancer Ascendant*

The Cardinal Water sign of Cancer was rising at the time of your birth, indicating that you are sensitive and reserved in your approach to others, although you may have learned at an early age to protect your sensitivity behind the hard outer shell of the crab. You have a naturally caring and sympathetic nature, and you like to take care of those who are close to you, you have an instinctive understanding of their emotional needs. This same emotional sensitivity makes you vulnerable, however, since not everybody has the same consideration for your feelings as you have for theirs. You will tend to hide any hurt or emotional pain behind a hard exterior, and to approach situations indirectly rather than risk a direct confrontation. You may have a tendency to cling to any hurt or slight, whether real or imagined, and you will need to learn to accept your sensitive emotional nature and channel it in some positive direction.

Cancer is ruled by the Moon, as the ruler of your ascendant this planet is of particular importance in your chart.

** Ascendant Sextile Saturn*

The conservative planet Saturn in a sextile aspect to your ascendant indicates that you are practical and conserved in your general approach to others, and to life itself. You are able to restrain your impulses, and to think before you act. You realise that you are responsible for your own actions, and are capable of self discipline, if you think the results will be worth the effort. You give the appearance of being a shrewd and pragmatic person, able to take responsibility and plan methodically before you do anything. Once you have formed an opinion, or decided on a particular course of action, you are not easily dissuaded.

** Ascendant Conjunct Uranus*

Uranus conjunct the ascendant in your chart shows you to be an extreme individualist. You will reject any role that is pushed upon you by family or society, insisting on your right to be and act according to your own inner truth and intuition. You will be unconventional, both in your appearance and in your outlook on life, the values of the past and of society in general do not appeal to you, the pull of the future and the search for new values to meet ever changing conditions are more important.

You do not judge others by their appearance, or by their social position, you are able to relate equally well to people from all social classes because you regard them as individuals like yourself, rather than as the products of their society. You will find yourself attracted mainly to unconventional and like minded people.

The Sun

In the solar system the Sun is the centre around which all the other planets revolve, bound by its gravitational force. Similarly, in the birth chart the Sun represents the "centre" of our personality, or the core of our being, around which all the other psychological drives and needs, symbolised by the planets, revolve.

Just as, in the solar system, the Sun is the source of light and life generating energy, so the Sun represents the source of consciousness and life within us all. It is our will to be and our sense of individuality. The birth chart, however, represents the solar system as seen from the earth, not the Sun. Most of us are not centred in our Sun, but in our earthbound, or sense-bound ego. For most of us then, the Sun represents our "Higher Self" or Spirit. It is the immortal spark of the universal spirit which is uniquely ourselves, as opposed to our transient and mortal ego centred personality. The Sun is therefore what we are striving to become.

The sign position of and aspects to the Sun, as seen from the earth, show how this radiant inner self works through the medium of our ego centred personality. It is the fundamental tone of our being, and as such is the most important placement in the chart.

** Sun In Gemini*

With the Sun in the mutable air sign of Gemini, your basic attunement is to the level of the mind (symbolised by air). There is restlessness and a need for variety. You have a basic urge to extend yourself through a variety of different contacts and relationships. You are usually on the go, and have a natural ability to do two or more things at once. You have a need for constant intellectual stimulation, and welcome the opportunity to express your opinions, which you can do very well on a number of different subjects. The versatility and adaptability of the Sun in Gemini, if taken to extremes, can lead to a superficial knowledge of many subjects, inconsistency, and the tendency to change your tack in midcourse; then back again, then back. You will need to develop the will power to see a particular course of action through to its conclusion.

** Sun In 12th House*

With the Sun in the 12th house you're aware that your conscious self is only part of your total being, and that below the surface lie a more spiritual dimension. You're very sensitive to the atmosphere and feelings that surround you, and this may manifest as some form of psychic ability. You would certainly benefit from some form of meditation that allows you to get in touch with the deeper levels of your mind.

* *Sun Conjunct Moon*

The conjunction between the Sun and Moon suggests that the pull of the past strongly influences the present in your life. At times you may find it hard to let go of difficult experiences, nurturing the emotional wounds and using them to excuse your present situation. You may also tend to cling to what is safe and familiar, afraid that if you let go you'll in some sense lose a part of yourself.

* *Sun Trine Jupiter*

The trine between the Sun and Jupiter indicates an optimistic, generous and loving nature, and because you're so giving towards others, in return help seems to come to you when you most need it.

* *Sun Square Saturn*

Saturn is in a negative aspect to your Sun. You may therefore find that occasionally life will challenge your attempts to express your true nature. Obstacles and delays may occasionally block your path to success. You may blame your difficulties on fate or karma, and with Saturn involved this may be true to some extent, but the lesson to be learned is how to meet this test and turn it into something positive. Saturn is teaching you the need for patience and restraint, that anything worthwhile has to be won through constant effort and discipline before you can reap the rewards.

* *Sun Trine Neptune*

The mystical planet Neptune in a positive trine aspect to your Sun gives you a deep spiritual awareness. You're a born idealist, with a vision of how the world could be, and even if you can't change the world, you'll try and make your own life as perfect as possible. Indeed, it's surprising how many people with this aspect succeed in making their dreams come true.

Moon

In the birth chart, the Moon is second in importance only to the Sun. Unlike the other planets the Moon orbits the earth, and seen from the earth is the same size as the Sun (hence the possibility of total eclipses). The Moon gives off no light of its own, however, but reflects and polarises the light of the Sun.

The Moon represents memories, feelings and instinctive responses that lie just below the level of consciousness. As the Moon orbits the earth, it generates the movements of the tides and governs other natural cycles, such as the menstrual cycle in women. The Moon therefore symbolises the ebb and flow of feeling and emotion (symbolised by water in Astrology), and the feminine principle in nature and in the individual.

The sign position of and aspects to the Moon show how we react instinctively, and what we need to feel comfortable and secure. As children the Moon is the Mother, or at least how we experienced our mother. As we grow older this extends to our relationships with women in general (particularly for men), and our instinctive or conditioned responses to the world in general; based on the often unconscious memories of this early nurturing experience (or lack of it).

* *Moon in Gemini*

Gemini is a mutable air sign. With the Moon in this sign, your emotional and instinctive reactions are versatile and adaptable. There is a genuine intellectual ability, and an inner need for constant intellectual and social stimulation in order to feel secure emotionally. There is a need to be involved in several different activities at once, and you find it difficult to settle down to a strict and rigid routine. The inner need for a variety of associations, if uncontrolled, can lead to a constant change in your emotions, making it difficult for even you to know how you really feel. You can give the impression of being fickle and superficial in your emotional responses.

* *Moon in 12th House*

With the Moon in the 12th House, your emotions are extremely sensitive to your surroundings, and periods of seclusion will be necessary in order to keep your emotions well balanced. Meditation or relaxation techniques would work particularly well for you. It's not that you are antisocial, it's just that these periods are necessary for your emotional well-being.

Your feelings may be strongly affected by memories from your past. You may also have some connection with institutions such as prisons or hospitals. In fact, you can be a source of caring and comfort to people who are in such places, but you'll have a hard time to stay objective and not becoming too involved.

* *Moon Conjunct Mercury*

The conjunction between the Moon and Mercury indicates that you have a strong imagination. You are able to absorb information quickly and therefore learning comes fairly easy to you.

However, at times, your emotions may at times overrule your common sense, clouding your thinking and making it difficult for you to rationalise and think clearly. At other times you may think too heavily about what should simply be experienced as an emotion. Try to achieve a balance between the two, the best thing to do is to go with the flow, .go with how you feel.

The main disadvantage with this aspect is your sensitivity, as you can easily be hurt not just by what is said, but also by what you feel is being left unsaid.

* *Moon Conjunct Venus*

With the Moon and Venus in conjunction you are sensitive to the needs and feelings of others. You try to be friendly with everyone and will try to put people at their ease if you feel that there is any tension

between you. You are sensitive enough to feel hurt if your friendship is rejected, but you are unlikely to show this openly. Your family life as a child was probably pleasant and supportive and taught you how to manage your affairs, which has prepared you well for having a family and home of your own.

You would do well in any occupation that brings you before the public, since you are genuinely concerned with the problems of others and are ready to do what you can to help. This quality comes across and people feel that they can trust you.

**Moon Trine Neptune*

The trine between the Moon and Neptune stimulates your imagination and emotions. Both the Moon and Neptune being watery, receptive planets, you can be acutely aware of the needs and feelings of others, being able to pick up on the atmosphere around you. •

However, perhaps at times you are too sensitive, so that whilst you are open to the needs of others, you may not always be too sure about your own needs and feelings. This makes you vulnerable and liable to be taken advantage of, perhaps without you even realising it.

Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. Along with Venus it is one of the inferior planets, that is, its orbit lies within the earth's orbit.

In mythology, Mercury is the messenger of the gods. In the birth chart, Mercury represents the urge to communicate with and exchange information with others. In the mind, it represents our rational thought processes, or the ability to analyse and reach logical conclusions. In the body, it is the nervous system, which co-ordinates and unifies all the different bodily functions into an organised whole. Mercury can be said to represent electricity in the form of information. Mercury therefore rules all forms of communication and exchange of information, and the ability to organise facts into a consistent view of the world.

The sign position of and aspects to Mercury in the chart show how one thinks and communicates, that is, the way in which our thoughts are expressed, and the way in which we receive such information from the world around us.

** Mercury in Gemini*

Mercury, the planet of communication, is in the mutable air sign of Gemini in your chart, indicating that you have a lively and enquiring mind. Your interests are varied, and you may find it difficult to concentrate on one thing for too long, other ideas and possibilities are always crowding into your mind. This can make your thinking rather scattered and you may find it difficult to make up your mind on anything, then change it when you do. On the other hand, you are eager and able to learn a variety of different subjects, and to see connections that you may miss through a narrower and more specialised form of knowledge. You will have a great need to communicate your insights and knowledge to others.

** Mercury in 12th House*

Mercury, the planet of the rational mind, is in the 12th House of the unconscious. With Mercury here you may occasionally find that you're influenced by irrational or disturbing thoughts rising up from the depths of your mind, resulting in panic attacks, or the feeling that you are not always in control.

However, whilst the unconscious is the dumping ground for experiences we would rather forget, and feelings we would rather not admit to, it can also be the source of creative imagination and inspiration.

With this placing you'll need to find some way of exploring your unconscious, through meditation or psychotherapy. In this way you can bring to the surface the memories of unpleasant experiences so that they can be examined and dealt with. Clearing away accumulated psychic or emotional rubbish in this way will help you to gain control of your own thought processes, and enable you to make creative use of your psychic sensitivity and powerful imagination.

** Mercury Conjunction Venus*

Mercury and Venus, the planets of communication and relationship, were in conjunction at your time of birth. You'll therefore generally be fair and balanced in your thinking. When you express your opinions or have to make a judgement on some issue, you'll more often than not take care to examine all sides and reach an impartial decision. You don't really like to offend anyone, not even people you disagree with.

Possessing a natural charm, you would make a good public speaker, and should also get much pleasure from writing and the arts. You have a natural ability to turn your ideas into money, and as others generally respect your judgement, you usually have no trouble getting financial backing.

** Mercury Trine Neptune*

Your rational thinking processes, symbolised by Mercury, are in a positive aspect to the imaginative planet Neptune. With this contact you'll therefore have a strong creative imagination, and a highly developed intuition that enables you to jump beyond logic to grasp the basic meaning behind ideas or concepts, and then to verbalise this meaning in terms that others can understand.

Your thinking is often inspired, with ideas seeming to just come to you without the need for long and concentrated study, in fact even you may be surprised at how well you understand things for which you've had little or no formal preparation.

You would make a good actor, teacher, writer, politician or public speaker since you understand intuitively what your audience needs or can understand, so you're then able to deliver what you have to say accordingly.

You're also generally tolerant of other people's imperfections, and you can inspire others and help them to become aware of a deeper meaning in their lives.

** Mercury Sextile Pluto*

With the positive sextile aspect between Mercury and Pluto, you have a deeply analytical mind, and a psychic ability that you're probably not always fully conscious of. Possessing an urge to understand the mysteries of life and death you need, more than most, to find some meaning in life and in your experiences. You seek the truth in all things.

You would therefore be suited to any form of investigation or research, since you're never satisfied with the obvious or superficial solution, you're always looking for some deeper and more inclusive connection between the facts. You will find that people will respect your opinions and your solutions to their problems, since your words will carry an authority and conviction based on a deep and instinctive understanding of the real issues.

Venus

Venus, like Mercury, lies within the orbit of the earth. If Mercury can be likened to electricity in the form of information, then Venus can be likened to the magnetic field generated by the electric current. One of the meanings of Venus is therefore "personal magnetism".

In mythology Venus is the goddess of love. In the birth chart, Venus represents the social and love urge, and the need for harmony and exchange of feelings and affection with others. Venus is our need to form relationships and our power to attract such relationships. It is also our sense of values, based on what attracts or repels us.

The sign position of any aspect to Venus shows how we express these needs to others and the kind of response we need in order to feel in harmony. If Venus is adversely aspected these responses may not always be what we consciously desire but are often necessary in order to force us to recognise some unexpressed part of ourselves.

** Venus in Gemini*

With Venus in the mutable air sign of Gemini, you have a great need for change and variety in your social life order to make you feel alive, although this need is on a social and intellectual level rather than a physical or emotional one. In any relationship, you will need space to do your own thing, and to go where you want when you want. You will therefore need to break free from any relationship that you feel will limit your activities through the expression of jealousy and possessiveness. It is not that you are disloyal or, despite appearances, out to make as many conquests as possible, it is just that you are never quite sure whether what you feel today is what you will be feeling tomorrow.

Your feelings in matters of love and affection will be analysed and expressed verbally rather than physically, and in any serious relationship there will need to be a meeting of minds as well as bodies or emotions.

** Venus in 12th House*

With Venus in the 12th House of your chart there may be occasional confusion surrounding your love life as at times you may not fully understand your own needs in a relationship.

** Venus Trine Neptune*

The trine between Venus and Neptune indicates a sensitive and artistic nature. You're particularly idealistic in your relationships and expect them to fulfil some kind of spiritual ideal. Needless to say, you'll need to inject some element of realism in your approach to relationships if you're not to be disappointed.

This aspect will also help to soften any of the harsher edges of your personality, and indicates that beneath most of your actions lies a spiritual purpose.

** Venus Sextile Pluto*

With Venus in Sextile to Pluto you have strong ideas concerning love and relationships. You feel that a relationship must be based on mutual understanding, with a spiritual quality if it's to survive. You're prepared to make sacrifices for your partner, provided that they're prepared to do the same for you.

You have a need to be able to communicate on a deep level and to express your innermost hopes and fears, needs and desires. Any relationship in which you feel this isn't possible you'll probably come to regard as superficial and not worth continuing.

The powerful and enigmatic energy of Pluto charges your personal magnetism with a charismatic quality that makes others aware that you have hidden depths beneath the surface, which they find incredibly attractive.

Mars

Mars is the first planet in the series out from the Sun that is outside the orbit of the earth. As the first superior planet, Mars represents energy directed outward from the self into the world. It is the energy to initiate action and the ability to meet challenges and overcome obstacles. In mythology, Mars is the god of war. In the birth chart, Mars is the self assertive and aggressive urge, the sex drive and the need to achieve our desires. Positively, Mars is expressed as courage, initiative, and the will-power to pursue our goals. Negatively expressed, Mars is impatience, violence and the use of force or threats.

The sign position of and aspects to Mars in the chart show how we assert ourselves and express our desires. Mars is traditionally a masculine planet, and therefore represents the expression of the male ego. In a women's chart, the energy of Mars is often repressed by social and family conditioning, and indicates how she will experience the male ego through the men around her, whether positively or negatively expressed. It is, however, becoming increasingly possible for women to break away from traditional passive roles, and express their own Martian drives, but this is often not completely successful until after the age of about 30.

** Mars in Taurus*

With Mars in the fixed earth sign of Taurus, your self assertive and aggressive urges are coloured by persistence and determination. A great deal of energy can be directed toward material goals, but there may be a stubborn refusal to change from a course of action even if it is obviously leading to disaster.

Your temper may be slow to arouse, but when it is, may be difficult to control, resulting in some unpleasant scenes. Possessiveness and jealousy are qualities that need to be controlled, but if expressed positively this placing can give you the capacity for controlled and steady action towards the achievement of your desires.

* *Mars in 12th House*

With Mars in the 12th House you may occasionally have a vague sense of irritation or anger, the source of which you can't really put your finger on. There may be times of emotional confusion, when you're not entirely sure of some of your motivations, or you're unable to let go of your aggression, therefore holding it all in.

However, the upside of this placing is that you're able to put the needs of other people, especially those who do need help, before your own and fight willingly on their behalf.

* *Mars Square Pluto*

The square between Mars and Pluto gives a great deal of power and intensity to your feelings, and you can be incredibly determined when pursuing your own goals and in getting what you want.

However, you'll also have little tolerance for those who you feel are not on your side and could at times even resort to threats or manipulation in order to get your own way. Needless to say, this could lead to conflicts and intense power struggles, both at home and in your career life.

All this probably stems from childhood experiences in which you may have had to fight for what you wanted, or battle against attempts to dominate or control you in some way. In a woman's chart, particularly, this aspect may correlate with unpleasant experiences of the male ego at an early age, an experience which may still influence you today.

The planets up to and including Mars have been concerned with the establishment of ourselves as individuals, and with the satisfaction of our own needs and desires. The planets beyond Mars connect us with a larger order.

Jupiter

As the largest planet in the solar system, Jupiter represents expansion and growth. It is the urge to grow beyond our individual limitations and the need to feel part of a larger order, whether this be a particular religion, philosophy or social system. Jupiter, the king of the gods, is traditionally the bestower of faith, optimism and the ability to expand and prosper. It is the planet that promotes personal growth, gives us confidence in ourselves and trust in a higher power or greater plan. Negatively, Jupiter can manifest as overconfidence, irresponsibility and the tendency to over-extend ourselves or promise too much.

The sign position of and aspects to Jupiter in the chart show what kinds of experiences and types of activity create an inner faith and optimism, and the sense of being connected to the larger scheme of things.

** Jupiter in Aquarius*

Jupiter in the fixed air sign of Aquarius shows a need to expand your horizons and grow beyond your present limitations through groups and ways of thinking that are forward looking, unconventional, or even revolutionary. You will have a strong sense of justice and an attraction to various causes. It may be that you need to be working for some cause, or some group attempting to bring about some important social change, in order to feel confidence in yourself and faith in life in general. Your philosophical or religious outlook will be humanitarian, and probably different from the established and conventional world view. There can, however, be a tendency to overdo the importance of such activities in your own life, leading to an intolerance of anyone or anything that tries to prevent you from expanding in the directions that you want.

** Jupiter in 8th House*

Jupiter in the 8th House is a good position for business partnerships, or any endeavour which requires the sharing of resources, even if this simply means sharing your understanding and insight. At some time in your life, someone else's money may provide you with the opportunity you need to further, or bring to fruition, some important project you are working on.

Saturn

Saturn is the last planet in the solar system that can be seen with the naked eye from the earth. As such, together with the fact that it is bounded by a series of rings, Saturn represents the boundaries of the individual.

After the limitless expansion of Jupiter, Saturn in the birth chart represents boundaries and limitations. It is the principle of structure and form. In the body, it is the skeleton, which gives the body its structure, and the skin, which is the boundary to the outside world. In the mind, it is the structure of our ego and our sense of self which we seek to preserve from the impact of changes from within and from the outside world. Saturn gives us the ability to endure setbacks and work with discipline and patience toward well defined aims. It is the need for social approval through some kind of tangible achievement. Whereas Jupiter brings rewards and opportunities through what we might call good luck, Saturn brings rewards and opportunities through hard work, limitation and self discipline.

The sign position of and aspects to Saturn show how we seek to establish ourselves as individuals and find our place in the social system of which we are a part. Any form or structure, however, when placed in the light of the Sun tends to cast a shadow. The position of Saturn in the chart therefore, shows where we find our "shadow". It is here that we meet with our greatest sense of inadequacy, lack of faith and inhibitions. Saturn shows where we are most fearful, and hence most rigid; but if these fears can be met and overcome it is the source of our greatest strength and a solid foundation from which to meet the world.

** Saturn in Leo*

Saturn in the fixed fire sign of Leo indicates that there may be some form of rigidity or blockage to

the free flow of your creative self expression. Early in life you may have had difficulty in finding a clear sense of who you are, hence you were afraid to challenge other people's expectations of you and establish your own sense of self identity. This could result in a fear of facing up to the negative aspects of your past and accepting yourself as you are, good and bad. Inevitably, this is just what you will be forced to do, and while it may be a difficult process, you will eventually find a secure sense of self which you can express to others without fear of rejection or misunderstanding.

This position suggests a deep and possibly suppressed core of creativity which only requires self confidence and self understanding to be effectively channelled in a productive direction.

** Saturn in 4th House*

With Saturn in the 4th House of your chart, your early home life may have been experienced as restricting and not very supportive. Perhaps your family was struggling materially as you grew up, or the home environment lacked emotional closeness. This may have been carried through to adulthood, at times leaving you feeling unloved or inadequate in some way.

But your sense of security must be developed from within you. Once developed from within, no one or nothing can ever take it away. It may take a long time to find, but when found, your sense of security will continue to be solid and enduring.

** Saturn Sextile Uranus*

The sextile between Saturn and Uranus enables you to see a vision of the future and work patiently towards it. You're aware that creativity and originality needs to be brought down to earth if it is to be effective in any real sense.

There will be times however, when you'll abandon projects simply because they have become too boring and too normal. Not only do you have the need to be different, but you also the potential. You also have the potential to inspire others with your vision and therefore you would be good at teaching or public speaking.

The Outer Planets

The planets beyond Saturn:- Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, move through the signs so slowly that the sign positions of these planets refer more to the generation of which we are a part, rather than individual characteristics. It is the House position that shows where we will meet with the principles expressed by these planets in our lives. The aspects of these planets to the personal planets indicate our degree of attunement to the principles they represent.

The trans-Saturnian planets cannot be seen without the aid of a telescope. Therefore they represent powerful forces that are beyond conscious control. These planets connect us with forces and levels of reality beyond our experience as individual human beings. They do this by breaking down the boundaries of the ego (symbolised by Saturn), to allow the inflow of higher ideals and goals into our ego-centred minds. This can often mean the total disruption or destruction of our existing lives, goals, or outer and inner structures in order to make this possible.

Uranus

Uranus is the first of the trans-Saturnian planets. It cannot be seen with the naked eye and was discovered in 1781 during the period of the American and French revolutions. Its discovery was made possible by the invention of the telescope, a development that has led to radical changes in our knowledge of the universe and our place in it.

In the birth chart then, Uranus represents the force for revolutionary change, the breaking from tradition, and inventiveness and experimentation. As one of the three planets that cannot be seen with the unaided eye, Uranus represents a force over which we have little or no conscious control. On an individual level, Uranus indicates our degree of independence and demand for personal freedom. If well aspected it gives us originality and an attunement to truth that goes beyond the logic of Mercury. If we refuse to express the energy of Uranus within us, preferring to cling to the traditions and limitations of Saturn, then Uranus may manifest as disruptions and sudden changes in our immediate environment, sometimes disrupting our lives completely and forcing us to make needed changes. If the energy of Uranus is expressed negatively, it can lead to wilfulness, impatience and needless rebellion, the rebel without a cause.

The position of Uranus in the chart shows where we most feel the need for freedom and independence and the need to experiment with new ideas and ways of living. Conversely, it is the area where we can cause the most disruption and needless change.

** Uranus in 12th House*

Uranus in the 12th House of your chart stimulates the urge to understand yourself and your own unconscious motivations. The unconscious contains many repressed and forgotten experiences, particularly painful experiences as a child tend to be pushed into the unconscious, the energy of these experiences does not go away, but leaks out in other forms. You may find yourself unconsciously setting yourself up in situations where you have to re-live the pain that you have repressed in yourself. Without knowing the real source of these situations, it is all too easy to blame other people. Bringing these buried experiences to consciousness, and fully acknowledging the hurt that you feel, will release a lot of energy that can be consciously directed to more creative ends.

Neptune

After Uranus comes Neptune, the god of the sea. Whereas Uranus is the urge for individual freedom and independence, Neptune is the urge to escape from our normal sense-bound state of consciousness, and experience our unity with a different level of reality.

In the birth chart, Neptune represents our higher ideals and our attunement to realities that lie beyond that perceived by the senses. It is the realm of dreams and imagination and our sense of being part of a whole which is greater than ourselves, the awareness of a spiritual dimension to existence. Neptune represents the urge to transcend our normal state of consciousness through meditation and mystical experience, music, dreams and flights of the imagination, or through drugs (including alcohol) which afford us a temporary escape from the mundane grind of living. Neptune can be expressed as high ideal

s, altruism and spiritual values, or as self destructive escapism and evasion of responsibilities. For most of us it is a mixture of both.

The position of Neptune in the chart shows where and how we seek to express these needs, and in what areas of our lives we tend to seek an often impossible ideal.

** Neptune in 5th House*

With Neptune in the 5th House of your chart you have a strong creative imagination and the ability to externalise it with dramatic flair through some form of artistic expression. Wherever Neptune is found in the chart, some form of sacrifice or confusion may be experienced. In this House you may sacrifice all for arts sake, or you may be forced to give up your creative and artistic aspirations to deal with more earthly and practical duties.

You are intensely idealistic in your romantic pursuits, willing to sacrifice all for love or being content to idealise and worship from afar. With children, also, there may be an element of sacrifice, perhaps you will feel that you have had to give up your own aspirations for the sake of your children, if this is the case there is a danger of attempting to live out your own ideals through them, rather than let them find themselves and learn by their own mistakes.

** Neptune Sextile Pluto*

This aspect between the two outermost planets first occurred in 1942 and will remain in effect for the next hundred years, although the sign positions of the planets will change, so everyone born during this time will have it in their charts. This contact will therefore affect everyone for the next hundred years and represents changes taking place in the world's collective psyche. The keynote of this entire period will be the complete transformation of our existing scientific, religious and political belief systems.

Pluto

Pluto is the outermost planet in the solar system and therefore the slowest moving. At certain times however, due to the high eccentricity of its orbit, it comes closer to the earth than Neptune. This is the case at the present time and will be so until the end of the century. At the same time it is passing through Scorpio, the sign that it rules. This is a very critical period in world history, since Pluto represents powerful forces of death and destruction or change and transformation, which are now at their strongest. This can lead to destruction through nuclear war or our pollution and exploitation of our planet. On the other hand it can lead to the death of the present political and economical systems and the birth of new political and economic systems and a transformation in international relations and our relationship to our planet. By the time Pluto leaves Scorpio in 1999 the issue will probably be decided one way or the other.

In the individual birth chart, Pluto represents the urge for power and control either over ourselves or others. It is the need to penetrate beneath the surface of experience, to reveal hidden motivations and repressed desires. The position of Pluto in the chart indicates our capacity for self-regeneration or rebirth and our attitude towards beginnings and endings and birth and death, either actual or symbolic. Pluto can be expressed as the acceptance of our need for complete transformation in some area of our

life, and the courage to face our deepest compulsions and hang-ups. Or, it can be expressed as the wilful manipulation of others, ruthlessness and an infatuation with power.

* *Pluto in 3rd House*

The transforming and penetrating planet Pluto is in the 3rd House of your chart. You have a powerful urge to understand human motivations and drives, aware of the powerful self-creative and/or self-destructive urges that lie within all of us. Deep transformations within your own psyche may often change your perception of the world around you, or vice versa. At certain times in your life, powerful emotional crises may force you to change your perceptions of your familiar environment and your place in it. Pluto may often destroy your old way of seeing things as a prelude to a more profound and deeper state of understanding.

You are not satisfied with superficial or obvious solutions to problems, you are aware that there are deeper and more powerful emotions and motives underlying the behaviour of people, even when dealing with their everyday lives. You have the ability to create deep transformations in other people's perceptions of themselves and the world around them. Whether the effects of these changes are positive or negative, creative or destructive, will depend on your own personal motivations. You will need to be aware of the old occult teaching that knowledge is power (you probably already are), but the greater the knowledge, the greater the responsibility, and the harder the universe will hit you if you abuse this responsibility.