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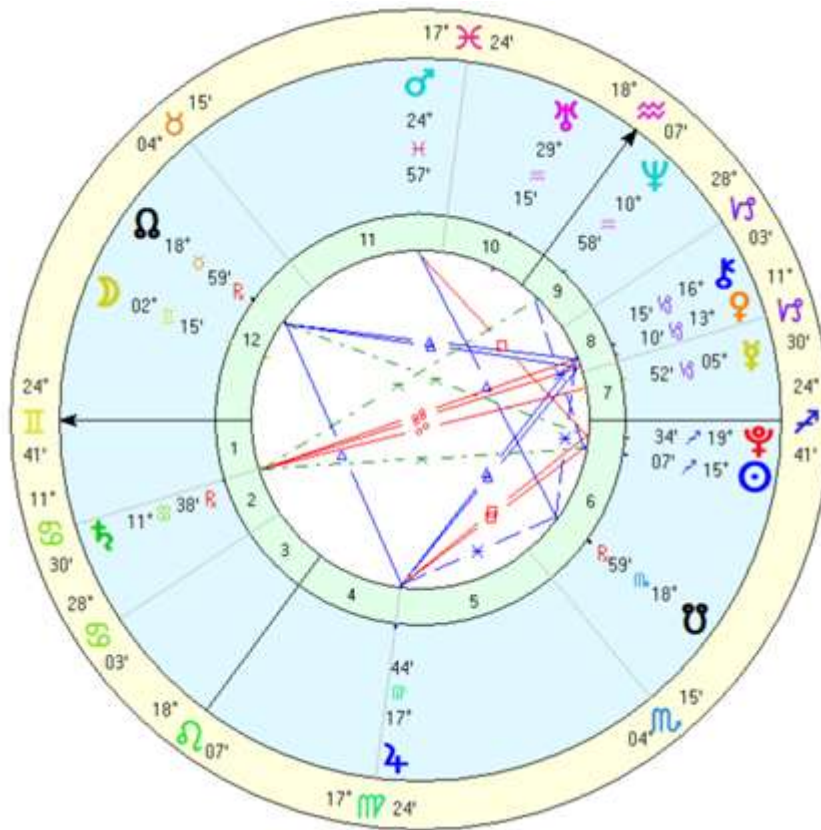
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Natal Chart

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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Catharina-Amalia

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Gemini	2°Ge15'	12th	
The Sun	Sagittarius	15°Sg07'	6th	
Mercury	Capricorn	5°Cp52'	7th	
Venus	Capricorn	13°Cp10'	8th	
Mars	Pisces	24°Pi57'	11th	
Jupiter	Virgo	17°Vi44'	5th	
Saturn	Cancer	11°Cn38'	2nd	
Uranus	Aquarius	29°Aq15'	10th	
Neptune	Aquarius	10°Aq58'	9th	
Pluto	Sagittarius	19°Sg34'	6th	
Chiron	Capricorn	16°Cp16'	8th	
The North Node	Taurus	18°Ta59'	12th	
The South Node	Scorpio	18°Sc59'	6th	
The Ascendant	Gemini	24°Ge41'	1st	
The Midheaven	Aquarius	18°Aq07'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Sun	Square	Jupiter	2°36'	Applying
The Sun	Quincunx	Saturn	3°28'	Applying
The Sun	Sextile	Neptune	4°08'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Pluto	4°27'	Applying
The Sun	Sextile	The Midheaven	2°59'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	Saturn	5°46'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Jupiter	4°33'	Applying
Venus	Opposition	Saturn	1°31'	Applying
Venus	Conjunction	Chiron	3°05'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The North Node	5°49'	Applying
Mars	Square	Pluto	5°22'	Applying
Mars	Trine	The South Node	5°57'	Applying
Mars	Square	The Ascendant	0°15'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	Pluto	1°50'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Chiron	1°28'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	The North Node	1°15'	Applying
Jupiter	Sextile	The South Node	1°15'	Applying
Jupiter	Quincunx	The Midheaven	0°23'	Applying
Saturn	Quincunx	Neptune	0°40'	Applying
Saturn	Opposition	Chiron	4°37'	Applying
Uranus	Trine	The Ascendant	4°34'	Applying
Pluto	Quincunx	The North Node	0°35'	Applying
Pluto	Opposition	The Ascendant	5°06'	Applying
Pluto	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°27'	Applying
Chiron	Trine	The North Node	2°43'	Applying
Chiron	Sextile	The South Node	2°43'	Applying
The North Node	Square	The Midheaven	0°52'	Applying
The South Node	Square	The Midheaven	0°52'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and earth; and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a Horoscope, natal chart, or Birth Chart, records the relationship between the planets and the Signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The Horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretation of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences, and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

LIFE GOALS



*If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it;
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.*
Longfellow, *Elegiac Verse* 1880.

The Sun

Just as the Sun is the centre of the earth's Solar System, so does the Sun play a vital role in your life on earth. Your life goals are linked to your Sun - its Zodiac Sign and its position in your chart. Contrary to popular belief, the Sun isn't the only planet to be considered in a person's chart, but it is an important component. The Sun gives you an indication of how you can shine in your life. You will feel truly alive when you're living the traits indicated by your Sun. Therefore it's likely that you will spend much of your life on a journey to self discovery, aiming to incorporate these traits into your life. Understanding the energy of your Sun is a good starting point to understanding yourself and your purpose in life.

The Sun is in the 6th House

Your Sun is in the 6th House of your Birth Chart indicating that you are sensitive to the nuances of everyday life. You pay attention to places and people who influence your life on a daily basis. You easily form habits, being a person who pays more attention to the details rather than the big picture. You enjoy everyday tasks such as personal grooming, cleaning, paying bills and creating order. This means that your workplace is the area of your life in which you really shine. It's here that your organisational skills, good habits and ability to serve others really come to the fore. You're likely to benefit from any job that requires you to be of service to others. In fact you've the ability to go a long way towards helping to alleviate the sufferings of humanity. The only problem is your own personal health and vitality, which can be easily drained if you do not pay attention to your wellbeing. It's possible that you suffered ill health at a young age, realising early in life that you're prone to contagious diseases, allergies and perhaps even accidents. Ancient astrologers considered the Sun placed in the 6th House of a chart as an unfavourable position, in particular taxing the vitality of a person. However, if your Sun is well placed in your Birth Chart it is more likely that you have an interest in health and wellbeing, either your own or other people's. Either you are likely to benefit from a healthy diet and exercise regime, enjoying a physical outlet for the stresses of everyday life. Orthodox medicine may appeal as a vocation, or you may explore alternative methods of medicine and health care. Pets may also play a significant role in your life, as you enjoy the benefits of taking care of dependants.

The Sun is in Sagittarius

Your Sun is in the Zodiac Sign of Sagittarius indicating that you're a sunny and optimistic individual, with a love of adventure. In fact adventure plays a key role in your life, whether it be literally travelling around the globe, or metaphorically speaking exploring the world of ideas and philosophy. You're particularly enthusiastic about anything that expands your world and helps you forget about daily chores. Religion, law, sport, philosophy, academia, and ethics are just some of the many areas which provide a gourmet of ideas for exploration. For these reasons you're also likely to be attracted to people from foreign lands, who help to give you a fresh and different perspective on life. You also enjoy setting goals, and looking forward to a new vision provides excitement. Your excitement is contagious, and this can be uplifting

and a lesson to those around you. You are a dynamo, pulsing with energy and ingenuity. You are the leader who sets a goal, then makes it happen, as you bring your vision to life. You are stimulating and vibrant ... an inspiration to those around you but you also you need to beware of grandiosity, and remember to enjoy the present moment. In your eagerness to embrace life and all of its possibilities you need also to be aware that others may lack your enthusiasm. While you certainly have the ability to inspire and teach others, you need also to learn tact and diplomacy in your approach. You may be surprised to learn that you possess a tendency to be blunt which needs to be reined in from time to time. Nevertheless, most of the time people realise that you are motivated by good intentions and tense moments are relieved by laughter and forgiveness. Such is your sunny nature.

The Sun is Sextile Neptune

You're likely to have many dreams about what you would like to achieve in your life because the Sun is making contact with the planet Neptune in your Birth Chart. Your ability to achieve these dreams depends largely on other influences. There's no doubt that you're intuitive and talented, but other aspects of your chart will indicate whether or not you've the practical ability needed to ensure success in a sometimes harsh world. You're a sympathetic and kind person, who generously enjoys supporting other people in achieving their life goals. This could range from offering a sympathetic ear to other people's troubles to working for a charitable institution. You're wise in the ways of the spiritual world, feeling at home in the imaginative and esoteric realms. It's the harsh realities of the material world that you find confusing. This is probably because of your highly-sensitive nature, which is so in tune with the emotional and spiritual aspects of life. You're easily emotionally influenced by other people and circumstances, and should therefore take care to surround yourself with positive and uplifting friends. You're also likely to be sensitive to the physical world, reacting to medicinal drugs or suffering from allergies. For this reason you should take care with your diet and avoid addictive drugs. It's important that you create moments for quiet reflection, communing with nature, or listening to beautiful music. The ocean could play a particularly important role in your life, inspiring or soothing your sensitive nature. You need to have some freedom to daydream and to pursue your artistic talents. This is essential if you're to achieve your life goals.

The Sun is Conjunct Pluto

You're likely to achieve your life goals because you're a powerful person with strong leadership abilities. The Sun is making contact with the planet Pluto in your Birth Chart meaning that you know when to be assertive and when to compromise, essential qualities for succeeding in life. You're able to apply yourself to the job at hand, concentrating your energies on any project in which you wish to succeed. You're intense, obsessive and have the power to achieve your goals. At times this can be disconcerting to other people, but you're unlikely to worry about the effect that you have on other people. You like honest and direct communications, and find it easy to rid yourself of unwanted people or situations. In fact you are somewhat intolerant of other less-powerful people. It's likely that your father, or a strong parental figure, played an important role in your early childhood. You learnt at an early age how to fend for yourself. As an adult you're a real go-getter. Your challenge is to express your power in a positive manner. You may be interested in executive positions, and or in playing a prominent role in society, such as becoming a politician.

The Sun is Square Jupiter

The Sun is making contact with the planet Jupiter in your Birth Chart indicating that you've the ability to achieve your life goals, but the path isn't always easy. On the positive side you are optimistic and enthusiastic and are likely to encounter good fortune at some stage during your life. It's possible that a father or grandfather figure gives you a helping hand towards achieving your goals. However, you've a tendency to jeopardise your own success through being grandiose in your goals and plans. You've an overly-optimistic and idealistic approach to life, which prevents you from making a realistic appraisal of most situations. You can be restless, needing excitement and adventure, finding it difficult to commit to a course of action or to settle in one place. Depending on other influences in your chart you're the typical ideas person who has difficulty putting in the hard work needed to achieve a finished product. Your challenge is to find a balance between stability and adventure. "Moderation in all things" could be a good motto to remind you to curb your excesses. Once you've learned self-restraint then you're able to reach all of your goals.

The Sun is Quincunx Saturn

The Sun is making a difficult contact with the planet Saturn in your chart indicating that you have to face some hardships before achieving your life goals. It's possible that you had a difficult childhood, experiencing either emotional or financial troubles. Perhaps your father, or a father figure, was an imposing and restrictive force in your life. As a child you may have felt imprisoned, unable to communicate your innermost thoughts and feelings. You may have been frightened to venture forth in the world. As an adult you may still have difficulty expressing yourself and at times feel that external circumstances are still somewhat onerous. You're fearful, worrying about the outcome of decisions and actions. On a positive note childhood difficulties can become the basis for adult wisdom, particularly if you're able to overcome your fears. As you grow older you learn that your natural reserve stands you in good stead, giving you the ability to stand back and assess situations. Your confidence grows enabling you to achieve your goals through attention to detail and hard work.

Jupiter

The planet Jupiter tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers called Jupiter "the Great Benefic" and believed that it bestowed riches and rewards on individuals. This planet was associated with Kings, Lords and others in high places.

Jupiter is associated with being plentiful and benevolent. It is tolerant and expansive. The first of the social planets, Jupiter seeks insight through knowledge. This is the planet of exploration through study, travel or higher learning. It is the getting of wisdom.

Jupiter is in the 5th House

Jupiter is in the 5th House of your chart signifying what a fun-loving person you are. You are always on the look-out for new avenues of pleasure and amusement. You're a real party person. This doesn't necessarily mean that you create a lot of noise and demand everyone's attention, but that you do like to mingle and enjoy yourself. Whether it be small or large gatherings, you like to socialise. You rarely lack for companions, because other people are inspired by your sense of fun and seek your company. Life can become quite full with outings to the theatre, social functions and places of amusement. You may also enjoy dabbling in gambling games. As long as it's only dabbling then you're likely to have a lot of fun and make a little money, but you need to set limits otherwise you're in danger of going overboard. Depending on other aspects of your Birth Chart, you may find your social life is so full that you sometimes crave for a little quiet time! Mostly though you delight in your companions and friends. In particular you enjoy romantic love, and like to become involved in love affairs. When you decide that you're ready to settle down with one partner, then you are likely to be attracted to someone of good professional and social standing. Children are also a blessing in your life. They too respond to your fun-loving nature. You may have many of your own children, or it could be that you're surrounded by other people's. You can always think of some activity to amuse the children of friends and relatives. You may even choose teaching as a profession.

Jupiter is in Virgo

You've the planet Jupiter in the Zodiac Sign of Virgo in your Birth Chart indicating that you have a strong desire to be of service to humanity in a practical manner because you're a methodical and matter-of-fact person. It's not that you don't have high religious or spiritual ideals, because you do. It's simply that you're prudent and down-to-earth in the manner in which you would like to see these ideals manifested. You've a materialistic view of life and are adept at working towards your goals. You're likely to rise above your station in life through success in business, speculative dealings, gains through investments and professional recognition. You're cautious and not easily influenced by other people. In fact you're very careful in your choice of acquaintances, and count very few people as your friends. However, those who can count you as a friend are indeed fortunate because you're discreet and loyal. It is possible that your friends are students of occult studies. When you travel it is more likely to be for business than for pleasure, reflecting the practical side of your nature. In some forms of astrology the planet Jupiter is considered to be in an ill-favoured position in the sign of Virgo, meaning that you should be wary of being too smug and covetous of the material side of life.

Jupiter is Square Pluto

The planets Jupiter and Pluto are making a difficult aspect in your Birth Chart indicating that you've some difficulty achieving your life goals, but you will get to where you want in the end. The problem is that you reject the usual paths to success, believing that you've a better way of doing things. Your attempts to change the rules, or to try to make others agree with your insights, are sincere, but intrusive. As a result you often land yourself in troublesome situations, which can lead to disillusionment and distract you from your purpose. This can dent your confidence. You range from over confidence to completely lacking in confidence. The truth lies somewhere in between. Society has rules to run itself efficiently, and these can be to your benefit rather than detriment. Once you accept your own and society's limitations then you can achieve your objectives.

HOME



*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.*
Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd is* 1868.

The Moon

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a Birth Chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is in the 12th House

The Moon is placed in the 12th House of your Birth Chart suggesting that you're a born loner, enjoying a reclusive lifestyle. Even when you're surrounded by people, you find your own secret world in which to retreat. You're likely to suffer if you seek a public lifestyle. The secret to success in your life is to spend much of your time in seclusion rather than attempting to seek prominence in the public eye. The more you seek to hold the limelight, the more you're prone to difficulties. This doesn't mean that you can never achieve fame and fortune. It simply means that you need to work behind the scenes as much as possible, even choosing a career that requires seclusion, or in institutions such as hospitals, libraries, museums and archives - isolated positions in remote places. You might even like to consider a desert island existence at some stage in your life if you've other adventurous influences in your chart. Perhaps you've already discovered this to be the truth and prefer to be a recluse. It's possible that you're forced to retire from your work early in life. It's also true that you love secrets and mystery, particularly occult secrets, mysticism and romantic trysts. Secret love affairs can be tricky leading you into difficult situations. You may even have secret women enemies.

The Moon is in Gemini

With the Moon in the sign of Gemini you enjoy nothing more than a good discussion, often taking a controversial tact simply to cross swords with others on an intellectual level. It also doesn't particularly worry you if the discussion becomes a little emotional, as you're adept at talking your way around most things. In fact talking and arguing are activities at which you excel. You may even find yourself on a debating team. Your friends may label you a chatterbox as you seem to have something to say on every subject. You have a wonderful sense of humour which can get you, and others out of tricky situations. Your light-hearted approach to serious subjects can be a source of joy for you and your loved ones. You are a regular Peter Pan or Tinkerbell when it comes to life. You do not like to be bored and so need to keep your mind occupied with books, television, social activities and sometimes chores (as long as they are not too onerous or tedious). You're curious and seek answers to many questions, and often have

several projects on the go at once. Telephones, televisions, newspapers, computers, radios and books may all feature in your life, as you investigate the many avenues capable of providing extra information. You also love travelling in your car, or by public transport, as it gives you a feeling of going places, although you can lose your sense of direction.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION



*There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit
and encourage a will to learning, as is praise.*
Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.

Mercury

Our academic schooling and learning through life experience are linked to the planet Mercury. This planet stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. It tells us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.

Mercury is in the 7th House

The planet Mercury in the 7th House of your chart signifies that relationships play an important role in your educative process. As a child this could be a significant relationship with a teacher, or one of your parents playing a major role in your education. As you mature, personal and business partnerships are likely to be lively, providing you with plenty to think about. This is fortunate because you are seeking intellectual stimulation in your primary partnership. Talking and sharing ideas with your partner is important, and you are likely to choose your primary partner for his or her ability to communicate with you on an intellectual level rather than for emotional support. As a result you learn much from your intimate relationships, although life with your primary partner could be quite unsettled at times. You may meet your partner while travelling or through writing letters. It's also possible that you have to decide between two potential partners, and that you experience quite a bit of difficulty in making up your mind. You need to be wary of getting caught in the middle, and of hurting other people's feelings. Sometimes the position of Mercury in this house can mean that you are attracted to someone much younger. Business partnerships are also a highlight, with contracts and legal affairs featuring strongly in your life.

Mercury is in Capricorn

The planet Mercury in the Zodiac Sign of Capricorn indicates that you're a wise and careful thinker, preferring to take your time to consider all possibilities before making decision. You are also likely to choose your words carefully before talking. You place importance on credibility and authority. Therefore you'll seek knowledge which carries some authority. You've an astute mind and enjoy studying a variety of subjects, approaching your topics in a serious fashion. For this reason you enjoy success in the academic world. It's also likely that others will appreciate your wisdom and counsel in many matters. While it's true that you have the ability to become an acknowledged expert in your field, it's also true that you can become a little rigid in your thinking. You approach new ideas with caution, preferring the tried and tested ways that have already been trod. However, with your practical nature you will soon see the advantages of anything new on offer.

Mercury is Opposite Saturn

The planet Mercury is making unfavourable contact with the planet Saturn in your Birth Chart meaning that you experience delays and obstacles in your education and communication at some stage of your life. This could be problems with teachers in early childhood education, or a change of school which

proves unsatisfactory, or possibly early-learning difficulties. This is likely to have been a problem when you were a child. Perhaps a teacher or a parent was critical of your ideas, or you were shy. Perhaps circumstances, such as financial loss or death, troubled your mind or prevented you from completing your education. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that you continue to be exposed to disappointments as you grow older. You seem to be subject to criticism and opposition, hindering your plans and communications with other people. These delays are most likely to occur in connection to your studies, contracts, books, and negotiations with other people. You also need to be wary of unnecessary gloomy thoughts. At times you may sympathise with the misery of the donkey Eeyore in A. A. Milne's *Winnie the Pooh*. You would do well to remember that it's possible that you've become overly sensitive to criticism as a result of your childhood experiences. You may be reacting to perceived slights, which were not intended. It's also possible that you've become set in your ideas and find it difficult to change your mind. Your rigidity may be preventing you from understanding the true meaning of other's words and actions. Although you've difficulty in communicating your thoughts to others and overcoming the obstacles in your education, you do have strong will power. Your strength of mind and persistence can be put to good use. You may be particularly interested in science, medicine, or politics, although you're more likely to adhere to traditional approaches. You've the ability to become a voice of authority in your field of expertise, particularly a field which requires concentration and persistence. In other words you're capable of achieving whatever you set your mind to despite the obstacles.

RELATIONSHIPS



*Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love isn't love
Which alters when it alteration finds.
Shakespeare Sonnet 116.*

Venus

The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

Venus is in the 8th House

When the planet Venus is placed in the 8th House of your Birth Chart you demand a high level of commitment from both your personal and business partners. Some people might groan at the thought of entering a business partnership, risking their hard-earned money and having to rely on other people. Not you. Joint projects, in particular business ones, are a source of fulfilment. You're able to stay focussed on the task ahead enjoying the challenge and the thought of the possible rich rewards. Depending on other influences in your Birth Chart, you're likely to benefit financially through joint projects, particularly business partnerships with your spouse. You're also likely to receive monetary gifts through some form of inheritance. Your business may be based in a goods and services industry, or it could be that you enjoy utilising resources of a different kind, either your own or other people's. Either way you mostly seem to attract the right sort of business at the right time. On the occasions when plans go awry, you learn valuable lessons to put to the test next time. You value the experience of learning the ropes, and appreciate the cycles of life and the economy, perhaps even relishing the intensity of the bleaker moments. There's a side of you that enjoys a little drama in life. It's better than being bored. You're also likely to gain through an inheritance or a gift from a woman at some stage during your life.

Venus is in Capricorn

With Venus in the Sign of Capricorn you're shy in relationships, slow to form friendships with other people but, once you've committed to another person, then you're steadfast in your efforts to maintain the relationship. This is particularly true of your primary relationship. Not one to be distracted by romantic illusions, you may appear to be reticent, almost cold, in the first throes of love. This is partly because you're timid, but it's also because you like to weigh up the pros and the cons to any new relationship. You're a great believer in the adage "actions speak louder than words" and you like to observe other people's actions. You form relationships slowly, but they are enduring. Your head isn't ruled by your heart, although you like to think that you've a good balance. This is fortunate because you're ambitious in relationships, seeking a partner who is of good character and good standing in the community. For these reasons you may have more difficulty in your relationships earlier in life, seemingly missing out on the flurry of social contacts being experienced by your more flighty friends. It's later in life

that your relationships flourish and you're placed in positions of trust and responsibility through your liaisons with other people, particularly people in authority. It's also later in life that you stand to profit through your relationships, either financially or through promotions in your social standing.

Venus is Trine Jupiter

"Lucky in love and money". This could be your personal motto because the favourable planets Jupiter and Venus are combining to shine good fortune on your relationships and finances. You're fun loving, generous and popular. With your sympathetic and kind nature, you've a talent for putting other people at their ease. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your horizons, perhaps even joining your travels around the world. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals. Other influences in your chart may indicate that you prefer to keep the home fires burning, but it's more likely that you seek adventure and romance with your partner.

Venus is Opposite Saturn

The planets Venus and Saturn have combined in your chart indicating that you have difficulty in intimate relationships. You seek commitment and security in your primary relationship, but may be disappointed at some stage of your life. It's possible for you to have a rewarding, long-term relationship with someone trustworthy and reliable, but it's likely to be after initial setbacks and upsets. You're faithful and loyal, a dependable, stable and dutiful partner. However, you need to be wary of becoming involved with someone who tries to control your movements and behaviour. Depending on other influences in your chart you may be shy and inhibited in your personal relationships, and be fearful of standing up for your rights. One of your parents may have been too strict, eroding your confidence and ability to make your own way in the world. Consequently, you fear expressing yourself, particularly in intimate relationships, and harbour feelings of being unattractive. While your personal relationships may prove difficult you've the ability to form good business partnerships. This is probably because business partners don't require intimacy or emotional vulnerability. It's also possible that you're attracted to someone much older. The good news is that once you overcome your feelings of inadequacy you've the ability to form secure and long-lasting personal relationships based on firm foundations. You may favour a traditional marital relationship, complete with a ceremony and wedding vows.

MOTIVATION



*Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.
To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.
Horace, Epistles 65- 68BC.*

Mars

Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

Mars is in the 11th House

With Mars placed in the 11th House of your Birth Chart groups, organisations and clubs provide an outlet for the passionate side of your nature. On a positive note this means that your leadership qualities come to the fore inspiring group projects. You have the power to rally group members, charging them with purpose and vision. Others admire your prowess. However, it's also likely to come at a cost. You have difficulty curbing your passion and can alienate other people through your lack of restraint. In other words you push too far, not knowing when to stop. You don't recognise the signs of mutiny. If any thing you have difficulty curbing your impatience with the group process, perhaps even losing your temper with individual members. While you achieve your own goals, you lose a lot of friends along the way. This hardly seems right as you believe that you're only trying to help other people, but perhaps you have difficulty seeing your own faults. It's also fair to say that you have very few true friends, which is difficult to understand when you desire to have many. You lose your friends through quarrels, which seem to erupt from nowhere and it doesn't seem possible to heal the rift. However, the few true friends can usually be counted on to fight on your behalf, and you, too, are willing to stand up and fight for them.

Mars is in Pisces

The planet Mars in the Sign of Pisces indicates that you're a sensitive and affectionate individual, with a tendency to have difficulties facing the more practical realities of life. Where others rise to a challenge, you're more likely to hesitate, fearful of the consequences. You're timid and retiring, preferring to skirt around conflict rather than tackling problems head on. In some cases you can resort to emotional manipulation in order to get your own way, such as refusing to show interest or take part in a project. In other words you're more likely to be passive rather than aggressive in your approach to achieving your goals, and when thwarted. You do well when you're able to socialise with sympathetic and like-minded individuals, but you suffer when exposed to harsh or unsympathetic people. In other words you're easily influenced by other people. For this reason you need to avoid situations in which you may be victimised, as this will only fan the gloomy and depressive side of your nature. You would be better to pursue a more creative or spiritual path in life, or to take up activities which enable you to express the caring side of your nature. You're a kind and benevolent person, often drawn to philanthropic institutions. You're also likely to be artistically or psychically gifted.

Mars is Square Pluto

An unfavourable combination of the planets Mars and Pluto has a powerful effect on your life, suggesting that you've intense emotions which are difficult to control. Violence may even be a theme in your life, either your own or someone else's aggressive actions. Those who know you well also recognise a volcanic temper when they see one. Whether you're the type to lose your cool often or rarely, you certainly make an impact when you do! On the other hand you're a great person to have around in a crisis because little daunts your indomitable spirit. You're capable of swift and effective actions, and commitment to seeing something through to the end. One of your key lessons is to come to an understanding of your own and other people's powerful emotions, and to express your own in a positive and creative manner. Fortunately your will-power is awesome once you've decided on your objective. You've the ability to work with persistence and determination, and to achieve a great sense of satisfaction when you have reached your goal.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS



*The road up and the road down are one and the same
Heraclitus, Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker c540-480BC.*

Saturn

The planet Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets. This planet is also linked with our ambitions, and how we approach the practical side of life. Saturn tells us about the traditions that have stood the test of time. This planet often represents the professional side of our lives, how we work to build what we need to survive.

Saturn is in the 2nd House

The planet Saturn placed in the 2nd House of your Birth Chart suggests that money is a serious business, with your personal finances requiring careful thought and planning. Your ability to earn money is influenced by other aspects in your chart. If you've good influences then you're able to slowly and steadily earn your person income through hard work and prudent investment. However, if you've difficult influences then earning money is likely to be a source of concern. Perhaps you work hard, but only seem to earn enough money to pay your bills, with little left over for luxuries. You could suffer monetary losses through loss of employment or unwise investments. Whether your finances gradually improve or continual to be a struggle, you need to plan carefully rather than make hasty decisions. Avoid impulse buying and get-rich-quick schemes. Don't let the lack of money affect your self-esteem, but learn to value other achievements and assets in your life. The good news is that the planet Saturn teaches us lessons through the school of hard knocks. Therefore you can achieve your personal financial goals later in life, even if the earlier years have proven a little challenging.

Saturn is in Cancer

The planet Saturn in the Sign of Cancer signifies that although you work hard to achieve your objectives in life, you suffer from feelings of discontentment. Sometimes you even feel jealous of all that other people seem to have. These mixed emotions can prompt you to change your aims, which can result in frequent changes of mood, pursuits and residences. You can become quite resentful if you feel that other people are standing in your way, putting up obstacles to your latest change of heart. As a result you can sometimes feel quite isolated from other people, and also quite vengeful and deceitful. You need to be wary of feelings of suicide. The reason for your struggles, astrologically speaking, is that the planet Saturn is considered to be in detriment in the Sign of Cancer. On a brighter side you do have the ability to overcome this side of your nature and to aim towards emotional satisfaction at work and home. You need to make sure that the vengeful and restless side of your nature is kept to a minimum, and to be honest with yourself and other people. In this way you can slowly and surely work towards achieving a happy home and workplace.

Saturn is Quincunx Neptune

The planets Saturn and Neptune are combining in your chart suggesting that you've difficulty achieving your career ambitions. It's likely that you're a highly creative individual, but that you either lack the

confidence to follow your true path, or the ability to make your dreams a reality. This doesn't necessarily mean that you aren't successful in your career, but rather that something is missing. It could be that you're dissatisfied with your career choice, because you're not following your true vocation. It's also possible that you enjoy your work, but aren't being paid well, which leads to frustration and disappointment. No matter how much other people urge you to stand up for your rights, you believe that you're not in a position to do so. The problem may be that you've difficulty stepping back and appropriately assessing all of your options. You lack the confidence to pave your own professional path, afraid to leave the security and comfort of your current job, or you're too busy chasing rainbows to manage your career. At some stage in your life you're forced to learn to believe in yourself, to find the right mix of creativity and practicality. Once you've made steps along this process you gain the confidence to continue. Like a child learning to walk for the first time, you're soon off and running.

The Midheaven

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a Birth Chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words, how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

The Midheaven is in Aquarius

With a Midheaven in the Sign of Aquarius and ruled by the planet Uranus, you'll be attracted to any career which gives you the freedom to express your unique talents. You're ingenious and original, and likely to choose a career which reflects these talents. You may also choose an unconventional career path. You don't like routine and may feel trapped in a traditional office job. You prefer to work in a field where you believe you can make a difference, help humanity in some way. For these reasons it's also possible that you'll change professions at least once in your lifetime. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include American zany actor Gene Wilder, jazz musician Miles Davis, Australian green politician Bob Brown and ballet dancer and choreographer Sir Robert Helpmann.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY



The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; one must sense him everywhere but never see him.
Gustav Flaubert, *Correspondence* 1857-64.

Uranus

The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

Uranus is in the 10th House

The planet Uranus is in the 10th House of your Birth Chart suggesting that you enjoy an unconventional career through which you can contribute something original and worthwhile to society. You may feel restless within one profession, sometimes wanting a total change in life direction. It's likely that you'll experience different forms of employment during your lifetime, either through your own choice or through unexpected external circumstances. You are likely to have problems with your superiors at work, because you're so determined to approach your career in your own individual and original manner. This can bring you credit because you're valued as a unique and creative employee. It can also create problems if your employers require conformity and team effort. You do not like to be constrained by rules, regulations and routine at work, preferring the freedom to pursue your own talents and ideas. You enjoy taking professional risks. You may benefit from self-employment, giving you complete freedom to follow your own career path. It's also possible that you'll enjoy a career in an unusual or unorthodox field. Either way your career is likely to be strange and eventful, and you wouldn't have it any other way.

Uranus is in Aquarius

The planet Uranus is in the Sign of Aquarius from 1996 - 2004. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the Sign of Aquarius indicates that you belong to a generation capable of brilliant scientific discoveries, possibly breaking new barriers in human understanding such as the discovery of other life in the universe. This generation is capable of original and inventive insight which benefits humanity, and of cleaning up the environmental problems in the global community. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

Neptune

Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

Neptune is in the 9th House

The planet Neptune placed in the 9th House of your chart means that you've a devotional attitude to higher learning, and may be on a search for the perfect philosophy. As a young person you may have embraced an orthodox religion or philosophy, only to be disillusioned when it fell short of your expectations. As an adult you seek a philosophy or religion which more closely reflects your high ideals. This search may lead you to a foreign country, or to higher education. While you're vulnerable to disappointment in these areas, you also possess the ability to continue to seek inspiration. You need to be wary of your lack of discrimination, which could lead you into strange and unusual cults. On the other hand you may choose to inspire others, sharing with them the results of your own spiritual quest.

Neptune is in Aquarius

The planet Neptune is in the Sign of Aquarius from the year 2000. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the Sign of Aquarius indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the ability to pursue new and different spiritual visions - the gift of revelation.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE



The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

Pluto

The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

Pluto is in the 6th House

The planet Pluto is in the 6th House of your Birth Chart indicating that your health can be a major challenge in your life. During the course of your life you may experience dramatic changes in your health, or it could be that a single bout of ill-health has had a powerful effect on the rest of your life. Perhaps you suffer from a chronic illness that resurfaces dramatically at times. It's possible that your health problems affect your ability to live a regular routine. Fortunately it's likely that you prefer to change your routine, rather than adhere to a strict schedule. One of your challenges is to do as much as you can to take control of your own health care and hygiene. It's possible that you could play an important role in regaining your health through physical fitness, diet, relaxation, and hygiene, or by following the advice of conventional or alternative medical advisors.

Pluto is in Sagittarius

The planet Pluto is in the Sign of Sagittarius from 1995 - 2008. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the Sign of Sagittarius suggests that you belong to a generation needing to transform their religious views to incorporate all philosophies and religions. This could come as a result of world-wide religious upheaval and conflict.

PURPOSE AND JOY



*He who binds to himself a joy
Doth the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise*
William Blake, *MS Note-book*.

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node

The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

The North Node is in the 12th House

Your North Node is in the 12th House and your South Node is in the 6th House of your Birth Chart indicating that you're destined to spend time on your own, reflecting on the artistic and spiritual aspects of life. You need to see yourself as part of a greater whole, rather than give in to your tendency to be sceptical. Life's daily responsibilities and practicalities must be tended to, but not at the cost of contemplation of life's mysteries. It's possible that you'll spend some time in an institution during your life in order to help you understand your destiny. These could include hospitals, museums, the armed forces, prisons, or the public service.

The North Node is in Taurus

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Taurus and the South Node in the Sign of Scorpio denoting that yours is a quest to overcome distrust of change, to develop creative outlets for your intense emotions and to avoid hitting out at loved ones. These attributes plague you in this life because of suffering and traumatic endings in the past which have left you with deep emotional wounds and a feeling of being cheated. In learning this life's lesson of trusting the process of change you will develop a newfound sense of peace and stability.

The North Node is Trine Venus

The North Node and the planet Venus are combining in your chart suggesting that your destiny is linked with the need to develop harmonious and balanced relationships. Relationships play an important role in your accomplishments. You are joyous when you're part of a team, working in collaboration with other people to achieve your objectives.

The North Node is Trine Jupiter

The North Node and the planet Jupiter are combining to suggest that your current life challenge is to embrace adventure. This can be travelling to foreign places, or taking more risks in your daily life. Either way you may find yourself in some challenging situations! Inspiring others, possibly through preaching or teaching, may be part of your life's destiny. Benevolent groups may also play a key role.

The South Node is Trine Mars

The South Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you may experience difficulty being assertive and finding the drive to succeed, or alternatively you may have a tendency to misdirect your energies. Your current life lesson is to express your energy positively and assertively. Your talent for independent action needs to be developed so that you can achieve your purpose.

The South Node is Sextile Jupiter

The South Node and the planet Jupiter are combining to suggest that you'll strike problems if you take part in grandiose schemes which are not based on solid groundwork. You're being challenged to develop your expansive ideas in a practical manner. Your quest is to work in a realistic and down-to-earth manner towards your goals.

The Ascendant

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The Ascendant is in Gemini

The Sign of Gemini is considered to be "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Gemini is also a Mutable Sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety.

You're clever, cunning, intuitive and restless. Enjoying life at a fast pace you certainly live up to the mutable side of the Sign of Gemini. You delight in taking a flexible and adaptable approach to life, preferring to keep all of your options open rather than committing to one course of action. Your primary motivation is stimulation, because you do not like to be bored. For this reason you're rarely settled in one place for long. You enjoy exchanging ideas with other people, whether it be through the spoken or written word. Your inability to concentrate, combined with your hectic pace of life, can sometimes get in your way in pursuing your true purpose. You've so many ideas and projects that you can't be relied on to complete anything. This is more likely to concern other people than you because of your ambivalence. Sooner or later you're forced to listen to the advice of those around you, telling you to select a course of action. Or perhaps your curiosity leads you to find a satisfying intellectual pursuit. It's likely you'll excel in educational pursuits, such as academic studies. Communication is vital, and you soon develop a strong desire for knowledge and expression to help you overcome the distractions in your life.

In Esoteric astrology the Sign of Gemini is linked with bridging duality. In other words your purpose is linked creating links between two forces whether this is simply the ability to mediate between two opposing parties, or the ability to educate others about the links between heaven and earth. Your purpose is connected with recognising and working with the differences between material and spiritual values.

CONCLUSION



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This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.

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