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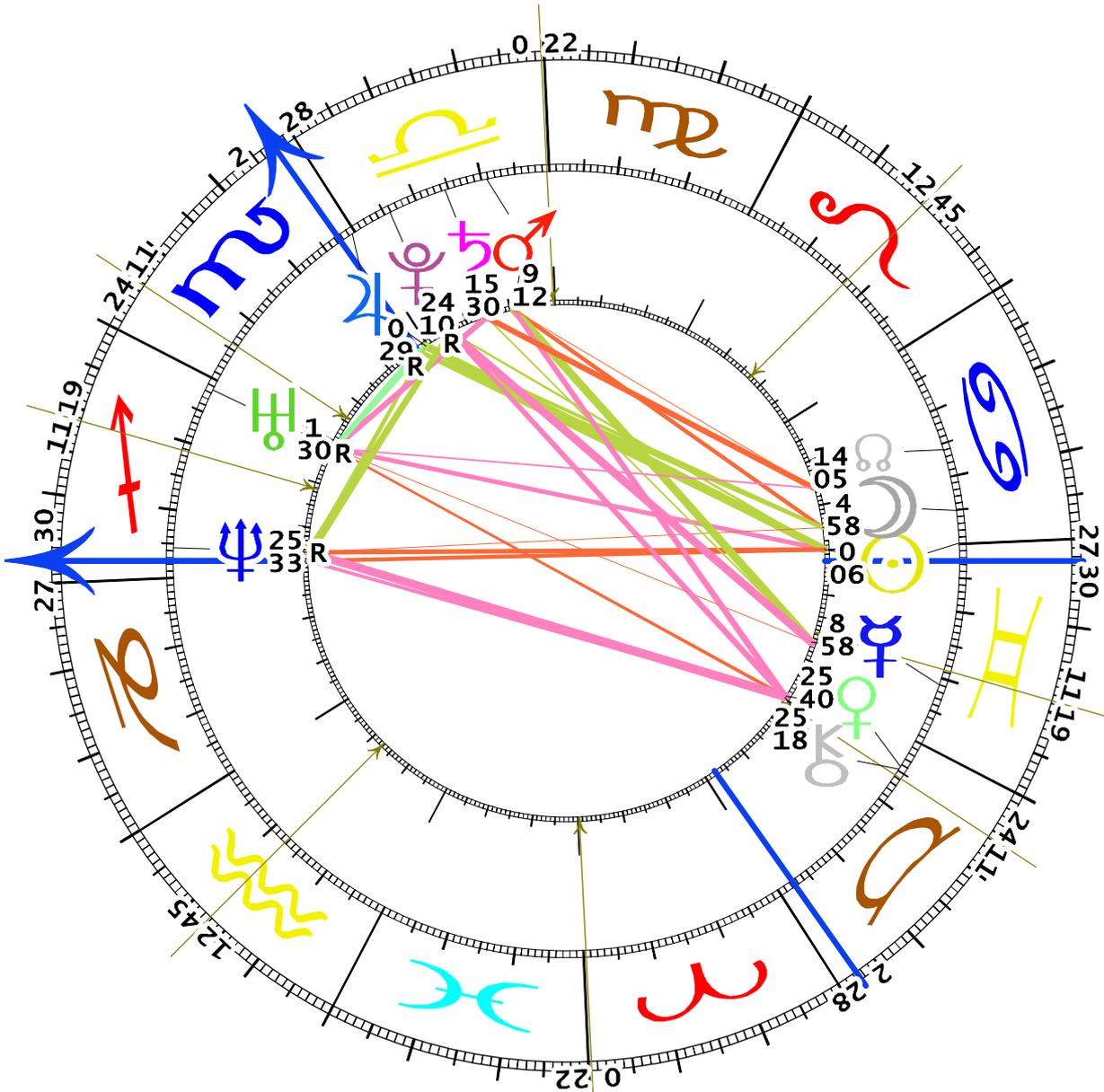
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INTRODUCTION

From the earliest records of the earliest people all over the world, the belief that the planets as well as the sun and the moon have an influence on life on earth has been constant and universal. The roots of this belief are most probably as old as language itself, evolving out of ancient cultures where the unity between the individual and the cosmos was taken for granted. While out of this belief, the meaningful observation of the recurring rhythms and cycles of the heavens grew into an astrology that became a sacred art, rich in its own lore and symbolism. Initiates studying this art sought to gain access to the intuitive perceptions of the workings of the energies behind life, and glimpse the divine.

Over time, astrology became imbued with such deep truths as could only be approached through myth and symbol. This is because a symbol is never absolute and objective, but open to various interpretations, taking on different shades of meaning according to the individual's own subjective associations, particular situation, and personal history.

The truly universal symbols that animate astrology, in common with those that we encounter in myths, fairy tales, and our own dreams, work deep down; they touch our unconscious essence and have the power to not only move us totally but also to strengthen us, change us, empower us and our quest. The more symbols are linked together, the ever richer and deeper their sphere of operation will become. Together they define and clarify each other, and may in fact invigorate us with an experience of the wholeness they describe.

In terms of one's life and one's journey, astrology has developed into a very powerful tool, with much to offer the modern individual seeking self-understanding. Its symbolic language is, in a sense, a metaphor for that journey, that quest that animates our life centre, touching upon the mystery that lies at its core and evoking symbols and motifs that connect us to our deeper selves and that can help us along the heroic journey of our own lives.

The ideal of the heroic journey, available to everyone no matter their state or circumstance, is the theme around which the content of this report weaves. *"What I think" wrote Joseph Campbell, "is that a good life is one hero journey after another. Over and over again, you are called to the realm of adventure, you are called to new horizons. Each time, there is the same problem: do I dare? And then if you do dare, the dangers are there, and the help also, and the fulfillment or the fiasco. There's always the possibility of a fiasco. But there's also the possibility of bliss."*

<http://astroquestastrology.com/the-hero-journey/>

No computer can perform the task of an experienced astrologer; nevertheless, it can provide a very meaningful starting place, and the content and organisation of the following profile are designed to do just that.

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Prince William

Your Astroquest Personal Profile begins with an exploration of your character in ways somewhat different from Sun sign astrology, in that the birth chart is understood to be like a blueprint or map of the psyche. As such, it can reveal a great deal about you, both in broad terms of the overall

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and also with regard to the very personal and specific. Sometimes so personal and specific that it may, at times, be difficult to identify with some of what you read.

Different things will resonate with you at different times of your life; be open and allow the images and symbols that you encounter both the time and space to speak to you in their own way.

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Carl Jung once remarked that modern psychology owed much to traditional astrological thought; the situation seems now to have come full circle with astrology, drawing more and more on the insights of contemporary psychology. In common with astrology, Jung identified four basic functions of consciousness from which behaviour is derived and typed people according to their dominant function into four character types: thinking, sensation, intuition, or feeling.

These four types or temperaments make up the astrological elements: Air, Earth, Fire and Water.

These elements provide a backdrop to the Quest in that they colour the whole of the chart with a basic kind of energy and consciousness, with each person being more consciously attuned to some types of energy than others, depending on the position of the planets in your chart.

Some of the traits described you will readily relate to, others because they are unconscious may require some reflection as well as feedback from others. What follows is a weighted analysis of the dominant and weakest element in your chart.

* Water element dominant

A feeling type, your predominantly watery nature gives you an emotional disposition - that is, one which relates and responds to people and situations chiefly through the faculty of feeling. This gives you an emphasized sensitivity toward the intuitive faculty. Strongly sympathetic - even compassionate - you're often attracted to those less fortunate, hoping to alleviate their suffering by assuming a part of it yourself. Such a concentration on the emotional factor, however, can create confusion and turbulence in your own life and - because emotions are often hard to control - you can also become moody and unpredictable. As a protective reaction to all this, you tend to become withdrawn and defensive, your feelings turn inward and you become difficult to contact.

Water is the most difficult of all the elements to understand because its domain cannot be readily communicated or put into words. Water represents non-linear, non-rational modes of thought. All the water signs are directly concerned with emotion and with motivations that lie below the surface of consciousness. Water types then can tend to be unstable, sensitive, and extremely impressionable. Yin or feminine in outlook, they are introverted and indrawn, their awareness diffuse.

Reasoning, however, is not one of your strengths, in that with you everything gets filtered through your emotional centre in the form of judgments, criticisms and fixed undigested and unsustainable ideas that intrude into so much of your life. It is not surprising, therefore, given that psychologically we attract that which we lack, that you should be so fascinated by the air types, Gemini, Libra and Aquarius. For it is from them that you learn, and this is an important part of your Quest, that not everything in life can be evaluated via your feeling responses.

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Each of the four elements, (fire, earth, air & water) manifests in one of three ways or modes; Cardinal, Fixed or Mutable. These describe your dominant mode of energy expression, and in terms of the your response to the Call characterizes you, because your Sun is in Cancer a cardinal water sign, as one of the "willing heroes" of the zodiac. Cardinal signs correlate with the principal of action and symbolize initiatory movements of energy in a definite direction, hence your reputation as a "go- getter". When a challenging situation arises Cancer, impelled to do something, seeks to protect their own from it.

In the name of wholeness we need to develop every part of our charts, the areas that are emphasized describe, the manner and type of energy expression that naturally characterize our life anyway; more effort is required in getting in touch with the less developed aspects of ourselves. We often meet these missing parts of ourselves in our partners and children. What follows then is a weighted analysis of the Planets in the different modes, from the point of view of both strengths and weakness.

* Cardinal quality strong.

You have an initiating, enterprising, direct attitude and are quick to exploit opportunities, even if sometimes lacking in subtlety. Both mentally and physically active, you always find a goal to reach for and are the original self-starter.

To move on:

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- * Your Sun is in **Cancer**,
- * Your Moon is in **Cancer**,
- * Your Ascendant is in **Sagittarius & Jupiter** is your Chart Ruler

These are the four most important parts of the birth chart and in terms of the Hero Quest they describe, what you are striving to become (Sun), your place of pause, sanctuary and your feeling nature (Moon), your personal view of the world (Ascendant), and the bringer of boons and guidance along the way (Chart Ruler).

The Ascendant

The Ascendant or Rising Sign is the sign that is rising in the East at the exact moment of birth. The qualities of this sign imprint on the dawning consciousness of our individuality the qualities and energies of that time, such that they become obvious and visible expressions of who we are, determining certain lessons or attributes to help us more fully become that which is symbolised by the Sun.

The Ascendant, therefore, is that part of yourself that you allow others to see, the mask or persona through which you grow and unfold and which symbolises an important aspect of your personal destiny, for you must live and express yourself in this manner in order to feel free, authentic and whole

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The word pictures that follow are intended to provide an overview of what you might expect in terms of the nature of the main players, the planets, and to further amplify meanings given in the individual texts. Understanding the astrological alphabet symbolically we can perhaps more readily identify with D.H. Lawrence and his experience that *The cosmos is a vast living body, of which we are still parts. The sun is a great heart whose tremors run through our smallest veins. The moon is a great nerve center from which we quiver forever. Who knows the power that Saturn has over us, or Venus? But it is a vital power, rippling exquisitely through us all the time.*

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* Ascendant in Sagittarius

Affable, expansive, intuitive and broad-minded, with a keen sense of future possibilities, you are gifted with an understanding of the intuitive connections between facts and a great expansiveness of self-expression which, coupled with an ability to communicate a sense of the overall meaning and pattern of life to others, is inspiring and uplifting.

There is a need to cover a tremendous amount of territory, and there is often a sense of hurry. Generally, there is a brave, optimistic, friendly, outspoken nature that exudes optimism, buoyancy, enthusiasm, and broad-mindedness. There is also a singular avoidance of all circumstances which threaten to bind or limit in any way, for you need the space to follow your ideals. However, there can be a rather painful gap between what is and what should be, and creative solutions to this need to be found.

You exude great optimism and faith in the adventure of life and its meaningfulness, a faith that is usually vindicated by circumstances and events and even pitfalls you accommodate within your philosophical world view as necessary learning experiences from which you pick yourself up, dust yourself off and keep going.

Direct, forthright, even tactless, others often find you to be a fascinating company, because you sometimes have certain mannerisms which can be quite entertaining. For instance, your words might come out in the wrong order, creating a humorous impression; or you might have a way of saying things which is not exactly tactless, but not exactly discreet either! You are not playing for laughs; you are expressing yourself as you are, and if you ever get the feeling that others are laughing at and not with you, then those people had damned well better look out, for there's no-one more sensitive to scorn than you!

Your loyalty can never be questioned. Once your heart has fastened on to someone else's, then that's where it stays, no matter what. Actually, "no matter what" is a slight exaggeration; for, if anyone transgresses your code of fidelity, then there is no other course of action open to you but to sever the association immediately, as there is no deeper hurt for you than this. Indeed, loyalty means being faithful in thought as much as in action, and this quality is something you sense from the other person instinctively; if you don't, you know you must walk away.

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The ancients believed that Jupiter, as the planetary ruler of your Ascendant, exerted a special significance in the lives of individuals born under its influence. Jovian qualities then are a distinct part of your expression ~ Jupiter being the god or daemon to which you owe allegiance. Called the Chart Ruler, it can give us information about what life will require of us and, with the

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Ascendant, may describe the kinds of situations the Hero will meet on his/her journey.

Dominant in the night sky, Jupiter is the largest planet, larger than all the other planets combined, holding an esteemed place in all mythologies throughout the world. Jupiter was known to the Babylonians as Marduk, Zeus to the Greeks, Jupiter to the Romans and Thor, the mighty Teutonic sky god wielding his creative thunderbolts.

Restless and adventurous, forever in pursuit of future possibilities, broader perspectives, widening horizons and long-range ideas that educate and inspire, for everything is meaningful to Jupiter, Jupiter being the meaning-making function of the psyche, concerned not only with universal truths and principles, but also with the need to communicate them to others for the benefit of all.

Jupiter also symbolises experiences that move and excite, that invigorate and constantly fill you with new experiences. Astrologically then, Jupiter is symbolic of expansion, trust, wisdom and the higher mind. A masculine urge, Jupiter is connected with the upper reaches of the intuitive mind, the religious urge and the need to intuit meaning, order, hope, growth, the numinous and the divine. Jupiter suggests the way in which one will seek this experience of meaning in life.

Jupiter seeks to expand and carries the ability to grow in physical, mental, and moral directions and is associated with social consciousness. Jupiter also symbolises the myth-making principle and the urge within the psyche to create symbols and the vast repository of creative power inherent within; as well as the link between the conscious and the unconscious. Jupiter is the prophet, the intuitive seer, the spiritual guide who vouchsafes a glimpse of meaning and wholeness. This may be experienced positively as faith and reliance on a higher power or greater plan, as well as an openness to grace to the self's movement towards improvement. Less heroically, it will manifest as over-confidence, laziness, the scattering of energy, such that things get left for others; also as irresponsibility and the overextending of oneself from idly promising too much.

Jupiter is known as the great benefic and represents roles or experiences that ennoble and enlarge in beneficial ways. So that when you express the need within you to expand and grow, to transcend boundaries and limitations in search of new horizons, to experience life as being on your side, with something larger than you impelling you forward, when you are living out life's quest - the Hero Quest, when you see life as an adventure, constantly unfolding, then you are expressing Jupiter.

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The sign opposite the Ascendant is the Descendant, which symbolizes qualities that you seek and need and so attract from your environment, and particularly from others; more particularly, from your partners! Thus, it will be the people who embody characteristics of this sign that, by hook or by crook, you will be attracted to and/or will attract into your life, in your efforts to make yourself complete. It also reflects what you oppose in others and perceive as threatening to your individual journey.

Your Descendant is Gemini... which, given that both your Sun and Moon are in The Seventh House, can be tricky, since there may well be qualities attached to your Sun & Moon sign that you don't feel comfortable expressing; and yet, that you need to experience in order to feel fully authentic. It involves both part of your Quest, that which you are striving to become, and also your feelings about yourself, that you would rather the world didn't know about, and that you may not be too clear about either. With The Sun here then, you must be wary of giving away your

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pride in your own sense of identity and self, by attracting partners who are always more successful than you will ever allow yourself to be. While with The Moon, what may well be at issue are your needs for others to take care of and find meaning though, which until you are able to live out your "mother" image for yourself can be a lot for a relationship to carry. But remember, the Descendant is your unconscious underside, what you will find in others, in your case part of yourself, which in the name of wholeness you need to own for yourself.

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To move on, Houses describe the specific areas of everyday life, or fields of experience wherein the planets manifest. The Planets cover the whole spectrum of life involvement, with each House assuming a different level of importance in different charts, as these energies are, in turn, coloured or modified by the astrological signs in which they are placed. Relating as they do to the exact time and place of birth, they are very personal and when emphasised, as for instance, by being tenanted by a number of planets, highlight particular areas of experience as being of particular importance.

The Chart Rulers House Position shows where in life the Chart Ruler will manifest, and wherein as Hero you will encounter life activity and issues that are deeply important. It is through activity in this area that you access many of your energies and abilities and which you will need to express as part of your journey to wholeness.

*** Your Chart Ruler is in your Ninth House.**

In the Ninth House, this will concern the search for meaning, purpose and direction in life, the higher mind, intuitive thought processes, religious and philosophical issues, teaching, the law, codified systems of thought, the symbol making capacity of the psyche. An interest in these things will characterise your Quest.

*** Emphasized Seventh House**

This House is emphasized in complexity in that it contains a number of planets, each of which has different drives, urges and motivations that will be expressing themselves through the same area of life. It will, therefore, assume extra significance in your life and purpose. One-to-one relationship is the basic experience of this House, your relationships, significant others, what you bring into relationships, and what you project into relationships. Also, one issue will be your ability to balance your sense of your individuality with your need to be social and to co-operate with others.

This is also the house of the shadow, planets here are very much parts of ourselves but parts we all too easily project and so meet in others. The task presented to the Hero here is to attempt to understand and relate to these qualities. In other words to own them. *The Shadow, of course never dies; we always cast a shadow. But how we relate to it, and it to us, depends on whether it is known. Once known, we have inevitably lost an innocence that can never be recovered. What replaces it is a knowledge of the complexity of our nature. Sometimes we are fortunate, and this knowledge elicits a kindness and tolerance in us for others ~ even, perhaps for ourselves.*

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In addition to the Ascendant and Descendant, there are two further "angles" of the birth chart; the M.C. and its opposite point, the I.C. All four points are equally important because they relate specifically to the time and place of birth. Just as the Ascendant is the sign of the zodiac that was "rising" (on the eastern horizon) at the time and place of birth, so the M.C. or Midheaven is the sign directly overhead. It symbolizes what we aspire to and seek to become, both in the eyes of the world and to show to the world at large. It can also reflect our sense of social identity and our experience of vocation or calling, suggesting areas of "outer" activity to which we will be drawn and where we will most fully express our sense of ambition. This is very beautifully summed up by Oriah Mountain Dreamer when she asserts...

It doesn't interest me what you do for a living. I want to know what you ache for, and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing.

<http://astroquestastrology.com/miscellany/the-invitation/>

Your M.C. is Scorpio, thus the above will be expressed through the qualities associated with this sign, and via activities associated with the House position of its ruler, Scorpio. Detailed analytical work will draw you, thus research or detective type work you find fascinating. Older texts refer to this placement as being good for surgeons and sanitary inspectors; I leave you to draw your own conclusions!

* Western Hemispheric Emphasis

In your birth chart, there is a further focus in terms of the number of planets on the side of the chart of the Descendant, which implies an emphasis on others, on relationships and on finding your motivation through these. As such, there is something fatalistic about you, in that you often let other people or situations make decisions for you. You may have to adjust and deal more with what is given and with what comes to meet you in life, be these trials or opportunities.

* Upper Hemispheric Emphasis

There is also an emphasis in terms of the number of planets in the upper or M.C. half of the chart. As such, you tend to be a more goal-oriented and extroverted public person, who tends towards a social, visible lifestyle in which you can actively engage. A socially active person, you develop best by getting involved in dynamic outer activity and feel impelled to involve yourself with groups and issues with which you feel you can make a difference to stimulate changes within the scheme of things.

The four angles of the chart, the Ascendant, Descendant, M.C. and I.C., as the central points of their respective hemispheres, are points of the chart where the energies of the planets manifest most intensely, and the qualities of the signs radiate most powerfully.

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The Ascendant is the part of ourselves that we allow others to see, a point of interaction with the world in the sense of the impressions that we make, the way we act, and how we are seen by others. It symbolizes the dominant features of the life that is to be lived, the question that is to be answered. The path upon which we must walk en route to the Sun, qualities that one should consciously strive to manifest in the process of self-discovery.

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* Neptune within four Degrees of your Ascendant.

The ancients believed that Neptune, as the planetary ruler of your Ascendant, exerted a special significance in the lives of individuals born under its influence. Neptunian qualities then are a distinct part of your expression ~ Neptune being the god or daemon to which you owe allegiance. Called the Chart Ruler, it can give us information about what life will require of us and, with the Ascendant, may describe the kinds of situations the Hero will meet on his/her journey.

Neptune is an image that represents the terrifying and the elemental. To the Greeks he was Poseidon, an angry and temperamental god who caused earthquakes as well as turbulent and stormy seas, in which his victims lost their way and had to surrender to his realm.

An enchanter, Neptune symbolises transcendence and the urge to escape from the limitations of the material world, through the sacrifice of the personal "I", of one's self. Neptune symbolises the need to experience a oneness with life, a complete merger with the whole, as well as ideals, illusions, the unreal, alternate realities, confusion and escapism, and the transcendent.

Neptune is the mermaid, the melusine, who draws victims down into the depths of the ocean of collective feeling. As god of the chaotic and the illusory oceans and depths, Neptune is a symbol of the collective feeling which moves us from below to immerse ourselves in the mass. Neptune can manifest in withdrawal from life or in the defeat of the ego, as well as the experience of that experience of the ultimately real, containing all polarities but no distinctions as mystical perceptions of divinity, truth, and non-attachment.

From Neptune, the hero may experience a connection with the whole and a realisation of spiritual dimensions. The capacity to live life as an ideal, with spiritual strength and guidance, but must also confront their escapist tendencies toward the path of least resistance and avoidance of responsibility. As well as self-destructive escapism, evasion of responsibility and self's deepest needs which comes from the refusal to face one's true motives and to commit oneself to anyone and anything.

Neptune is also the urge toward the disintegration of individual consciousness, the loss of outer focus, and the experience of cleansing through the immersion in the sea of the unconscious. Whenever you experience this in any of its manifestations such as fantasy, romance, glamour, ecstasy, the mystical vision, the nebulous, ineffable, unformed, and the overwhelming, when all about you appears veiled, unclear, intangible and you find yourself for a time in that imaginal realm of dreams, images and illusions, on a search you know not where, for you know not what, only that at its end you will be united with your source, then you are experiencing Neptune.

The Descendant is the part of the birthchart that describes other people and their impact on our

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life. It describes our approach to relationships, the qualities that we are looking for in a partner, and also the archetypes constellated by the union itself. This is because seventh house planets represent qualities that belong to the individual, but because they are unconscious, tend to be lived out through a partner, or through the kinds of experiences the relationship brings.

Planets within a few degrees of this point will become as important as the chart ruler and the qualities described will express themselves very recognizably in the individuals personality. Consider how the qualities embodied in the following description impact on your life. Don't expect to see them immediately, be open, and give it time.

Within four degrees of the Descendant the ancients believed that the Sun, being so close to your Descendant exerts a special significance in the lives of individuals born under its influence. Solar qualities then are a distinct part of your expression ~ the Sun being the god or daemon to which you owe allegiance and can give us information about what life will require of us and may describe the kinds of situations the Hero will meet on his/her journey.

In every mythology, the Sun is seen as the life giving centre of all upon which all existence depends, the ever renewing face of the king in heaven, the creator and sustainer of all life and the source of the heroic cycle, descending each day to be reborn anew. The centre of creation around which all else revolves, the Sun is the single most important symbol in the birth chart and suggests, by its pictorial representation ~ a point at the centre of a circle ~, that it reflects the individual's deepest urge to become him/herself, quite literally to shine.

Energising, stimulating, wilful and directed, the Sun symbolises one's vitality, potency, sense of individuality, creative energy, essential values, and highest potential. Representing the physical and spiritual heart of the human being, as well as the urge to be, to create, be recognised and to fully express that which is most authentic and true to yourself. The Sun symbolises your myth, the hero, the nature of your journey and your life's task. It describes how you are, how you will experience life and express your individuality. Whether that be heroically, as positive radiation of spirit, creative, generous and loving, or in defeat, as pride, arrogance, with driven desire to be seen as special.

When you are fired by your own uniqueness, when you express yourself truly and authentically as you seek to actualise your quest as the source of your personal fulfilment, when you express the source of your creative identity as a beacon for others, impelled to shine and find joy in being who you are, then you are in touch with and living your Sun.

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Planets at the M.C. here are extremely strong in your horoscope, as strong as your chart ruler, read closely its section for it's influence will be experienced very powerfully at different times in your life. This configuration also describes very succinctly aspects of both your parents, and some of the things you have inherited from them, some of these you know, others will be surprising because they reflect not only outward behaviour, but also the inner life of your parents which because it was unexpressed was of great power in terms of its affects on you.

This is relevant because out of our experience of these primary relationships are created patterns of expectations regarding our experiences of many other aspects of our life, and the world, within and without.

The M.C. is concerned with the "without". It describes the manifestation and development of one's vocation and standing in the world, one's approach to one's career Also those things that we

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spontaneously grow toward as we get older, qualities that require effort to attain, and that are socially valued and held in esteem.

The M.C. also makes a statement about the mother. In general she is the source of our social values such that early bonding patterns established with her will be reflected later in life in how we relate to the external world in general. The sign and planets found here then, will describe our earliest experience of our mother, the dominant features of that relationship, and by extension, will also reflect how we experience authority and authority figures.

Within only four degrees of your M.C. Jupiter assumes immense significance in your life, as much in fact as your chart ruler, although as your Chart Ruler this planet has already been discussed.

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In addition to the Houses, there are three further ingredients to the birth chart:

The Planets,

Represent particular psychological drives, urges, or life energies. Everyone has all of them in the chart, but they express in different ways and with varying strengths, depending on the Signs in which they are located and the Aspects they form with other Planets.

The Signs,

Styles or modes of expression. These are the lenses through which the planetary energies filter and shine, taking on varying shades and intensities. All the signs are in each chart, but with different degrees of emphasis.

The Aspects,

Linking forces that describe interactions between the planets as they express in the signs. The Aspects create a dynamic structure within the chart, linking the energies of two or more planets within a given orb of influence. The strength of the aspect is determined largely by the closeness of this linking or orb.

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What follows is a synthesised analysis of each of the above factors and, given that your own personal expression of these traits will vary according to your age, they need to be understood in that context.

Astrology, in common with many other disciplines, identifies seven-year phases as being of particular importance. Many planetary cycles are multiples of seven, and so seven-year intervals form critical times within these larger cycles and are characterised by the particular impulses common to us all at certain ages.

* Right now you are **30** years old which forms the context for the interpretive map that follows.

The Saturn Return at around twenty-nine is the defining point of this age span. Often it is a time of crisis, characterised by a gradual breaking down, disintegration and disillusionment, as you become aware of all in your life that is not as it should be and attempt to chart a course for the future. Indeed, you may well feel like Atlas carrying the weight of the world upon your shoulders. Thus, this is often a period of depression and painful self-evaluation, but is also a watershed time

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out of which a powerful purpose and direction may emerge.

Powerful because it is at this time that you have the opportunity to act out of your own centre and not that of your parents, culture or past. This can precipitate the release of your creative endowment, bringing with it the possibility of a second birth as a creative seed for the future.

This seven-year phase then will be characterised by new beginnings in the outer world and new responsibilities in life, which may entail a lot of changes. If you have been living your life in a way which is inappropriate for you, however, and there is a wide gulf between what society and the family have provided as a value system and what the inner self has been growing towards, this can be a time of crisis. You are thrown back on your own resources as a man and now urgently want to be doing things which truly express what is important to you as an individual, in this effort to authenticate your life.

Out of this emerges a stronger self, with new understandings about what you want in the world and how you are going to go about getting it, during the remainder of this seven-year period.

For more detailed information about the interrelationships between the planets in your chart and their continuing traverse of the night sky over the next twelve months go to www.yourastrologyforecaster.com

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We will begin with the Sun.

The Sun

The Sun as the centre of the solar system and the focus of the birth chart is the most important single chart factor. The Sun Sign is a symbol of what one is in essence and also what needs to be developed for greater fulfillment. It is an active, dynamic principle which unfolds during the course of a lifetime; not a list of adjectives that describe qualities that we were supposedly born with, as Sun sign columns would have us believe. The Sun then, by sign, house and aspect describes both the nature of the Hero and of his/her journey.

*** Your Sun and Moon are both in Cancer**

As a double Cancer, that is, with the Sun and Moon both in Cancer the qualities of both the Sun and the Moon will be even more accentuated, the good and also the not-so-good. This configuration creates tremendous subjectivity, both your Quest, that is your striving to become more authentic and fully yourself and your feelings about who you are, are linked to the same script. Lets examine that script a little more deeply.

Like the actual crab which must stay close to both water and land, Cancer is driven to anchor him/herself in concrete world with one foot eternally in the water so as to be able to mediate between the two and give birth to what ever issues forth. Thus Cancer (be they man or woman) is forever bound to the archetype of "Mother" and the processes of "Mothering." Just as the image of the personal mother will remains a constant theme in your life, who you will need to separate from again and again at many different levels and in many different ways. This process will repeat itself with those things that you yourself give birth to, be they businesses, art works, projects or actual children.

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* Sun in Cancer ~ I belong.

When the Sun is in Cancer the Hero discovers the feeling realm, their sense of personal past, their kin and the impulse to birth the things of their imagination, the inner children of their creations. A mixture of contradictions, shy and responsive yet confident and ambitious, whose task is to disentangle the web of feelings and to develop clarity of thought. This is a cardinal sign, full of energy and possessing a great ambition to do something in the world. Yet, this driving ambition is difficult to see because of the emotional tensions. For you are emotional, and often sensitive almost to the point of touchiness. Like your emblem, the Crab, you can acquire an outer shell of resilience with a vulnerable interior. For Cancer must have a shell, primarily because Cancer has no shell. Being an emotional creature, you're often given to moods. These can last for minutes or days. No-one, not even you, can tell how long they'll take to pass. For you they're your shell as they allow you to block off external pressures and influences until you've gathered your normal composure.

This can create situations where you often feel hurt by others - intentionally or not - and you feel extremely vulnerable and defensive. You will have a strong concern for family well-being, and will be very emotional and sentimental towards them, with a very private attachment to your mother, mothering and your own capacities for nurture, irrespective of your gender. You often look back towards your childhood, feeling that it holds an important set of memories for you. You can be fearful of what the future holds, and usually you will avoid looking too hard in that direction. You respond better to feelings than to words and sometimes these are expressed as moods as expressions, nuances of feelings, idealisations, hopes, dreams.

When you reject your intuitive energy, you become very stiff and over rational. It's usually a cover for a wonderful intuitive self you haven't learned to value. It needs to come out; that you need, that you hurt, that you long to belong and cannot believe that you are merely an isolated fragment of life flying through space unto their death. An important part of your quest therefore is to know your own origins, understand your roots, to come to know where you come from, so that you can open to the flow of feelings and nurture the budding consciousness of those you love with your own protective empathy.

Born with the Sun in Cancer your prodigious memory helps you feel connected with the past through a sense of history and emotional interaction with others. Tougher and more tenacious than you appear, yours is one of the most silently determined of all the signs as you move cautiously and often circuitously toward goals which you rarely reveal until success is assured. You will be most fulfilled in a field of work providing plenty of human contact, and a sense of helping to preserve the traditional values and roots of the family, the community or the nation. Cancer needs to feel a secure part the familiar, particularly the past, so that their own creative roots may be tapped in order to give birth to the images of their unconscious.

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In myth the crab of Cancer features in one of Herakles twelve labours, in particular during his battle with the nine headed Hydra, when a huge crab emerged from the deep snapping and biting Herakles on the feet and ankles before fastening its pincers on his heel, undermining the hero with this peculiarly characteristic Cancerian manoeuvre. Herakles eventually stomped the crab to death only for it to be honoured by Hera who placed it in the heavens. This association with Hera, goddess of woman and marriage as well as the continuity and stability of family bonds, clearly places the Crab in familiar Cancerian territory. In common with Cancer, Hera was relentless in jealously pursuing Zeus's various consorts as well as of Herakles, his favourite bastard son. While the crab itself is an ancient creature that those inhabits places where earth

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and sea meet, adapting to the rhythmic flow of the oceans and pull of the ever changing phases of the moon ever buffeted by the sea of human feeling and continuity.

This sympathy for the flowing, inner nature of things leads to an openness to the idea of 'soul'. Your moodiness then can become a negative outlet for 'soulful' feelings or even sentimentality and your feeling for things past. These myths counsel you to beware of doing others bidding or of getting others to do yours, of becoming overly possessive or of your tendency to live through others. They inform us that there is a time for opening those emotional pincers and letting go.

Finally, we need to give consideration to Cancer's shadow qualities or hidden flaws. These traits you will probably be able to identify in others just as others will no doubt erroneously see them in you, but because they can't possibly relate to you consider their inclusion academic! In common with the other water signs Cancers are masters of the art of passive resistance. This is a powerful weapon which, when wielded, makes the individual unapproachable. Cancerians are masters at reading emotional currents and playing emotional games, particularly in regard to relationships which they do not relinquish easily. While your moods cannot only be a response but also a weapon, this version of Cancer is of a cold creature, overly sensitive and often sarcastic, carping, critical, and quick to blame others.

Cancer then is sign of great complexity and depth, an enormously creative and protective individual you have a strong desire to screen not only yourself but others from potentially adverse influences even to the point of being over protective. Emotional, fluid, moody, changeable and deeply vulnerable. A home lover and haven maker whose nurturing influence, resourcefulness, and instinctive compassion, incline you to generously bestow to others the benefit of your inner spiritual nature.

Your maturation process will lead you more to develop, especially after around 35, towards becoming more attached to the home and tradition. You become more emotionally open with age. Similarly your intuition increases.

The planetary ruler of the Sun sign is like the god who engenders the Hero and gives further insight into the nature of the journey, for this planet describes the special potential within us which we must work to refine and develop. The Sun Ruler is our divine parent, and if its inner striving to express itself is thwarted or repressed then the " 100 year sleep " descends upon us and for this time we can develop no further. For most of us, this too, is a part of the journey.

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Your Sun Ruler is The Moon, the ruler of the night, where colours blend and forms dissolve. In ancient mythology the changing, fluctuating face of the moon is the face of the Great Mother Goddess, the womb out of which all life emerges. Death, childbirth, menstruation are sacred to her and she rules the deep tides of instincts that lie beneath the threshold of everyday awareness. Within the Moon reflects one's feeling needs, one's instinctual urges, one's longings, the non rational side of one, and when one plunges into one's moods, when one longs, when one needs, when one indulges, gives way to affect, to emotion, then one is living The Moon.

The moon symbolises the urge toward unconsciousness, towards sanctuary and the past, as well as the urge towards immersion in the flow of feeling which allows the individual to be part of the mass currents of life without undertaking the struggle required for consciousness. The Moon symbolises one's reactions, sub-conscious predispositions and deepest unexpressed (and because they are pre-verbal inexpressible) feelings about oneself, also one's self-image, and conditioned responses. The Moon describes one's urge to feel inner support and emotional

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security, the need for inner tranquillity and for a sense of belonging, feeling of rightness about oneself. The Moon seeks to immerse oneself in the flow of feeling, taking the least course of resistance, to sink into experience without evaluation or understanding. The female, yin principle.

Positively The Moon may be experienced as how one reacts based on subconscious predisposition, feelings of responsiveness and inner contentment, and as a flowing adaptable, sense of self. Negatively The Moon may result in over-sensitivity, insecurity and an overactive inhibiting sense one's anxieties and phobias.

The house placement of the Sun shows suggests the sphere of life where the vital energies generated by the Sun are likely to focus and in which you will build a really solid sense of yourself. The Sun associated with any house illuminates the meaning of that house. It does so in the manner discussed in the reading of the Sun sign. Throughout your life, this energy of the Sun will be evident may prove to be the focus of your drive, your quest.

* Sun in Seventh House

With this placement there is an enormous emphasis on partnerships and a very social personality. Your life will be strongly aligned with and influenced by those close to you; this applies to work as much as to marriage and emotional relationships. The partner becomes an intermediary between you and the world. A natural diplomat you are particularly adept at public relations, as well as getting your own way, in the nicest possible way of course. This is a good position for careers that require negotiation skills, counseling or promotions. The power of this position will always be in relationships, and it will be necessary for you to help others in order for you to shine. You feel you need others in order to be all that you can be, and you are disinclined to solitary activities and endeavors.

You are irresistibly drawn to people. You are constantly surrounded by others in one way or another: either you're attending this social function or that, or you are actively seeking the collaboration of others in some imminent venture. Thus, you are never really out of a relationship; for you have a need to be constantly making social ties complimentary to self-expression. What this amounts to is that you constantly need a mirror for your own reflection. It seems to matter very much that you have this self-image in front of you, for it gives you the balance necessary to develop self-confidence and growth. That is, you grow chiefly through other people. The tendency here, of course, is that you can come to be overdependent, that you might find it difficult to function without filtering your thoughts and feelings through someone else.

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In a man's chart, the Sun symbolises, among other things, the "psychic stuff" you and your father share. Aspects to the Sun indicate what you meet through your father and the qualities he seemed to possess; some of these were lived out creatively in his life, some were all the more powerful in their effect on your developing personality because they were not. As such, "father" is not only a real person, but also the subjective inner image of the father within, describing the qualities you experienced as dominant with whoever played the role of father in your early life.

As the first man in your life, your father is a potent unconscious influence, representing what the masculine principle means to you, how you relate to the masculine within, how you relate to other men, and the sort of father you are/will be to your own children. Also described here will be your own inner father, qualities such as how you envisage and pursue your goals, actualise your

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potential and express and direct your will.

See also <http://astroquestastrology.com/parsifal/>

You have a number of aspects to your Sun, and therefore your chart describes "father" in a number of different ways, some of which will conflict with each other. The task of the Hero, therefore, is to integrate and express all the many different facets of "self" that go to make up who you are.

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The strength of the aspect descriptions that follow are determined by their exactness, which is measured in terms of their orb. The smaller the orb, the stronger the aspect and the greater will be its impact on your Quest.

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A primary focus for you are your relationships into which you invest and enormous amount of creative energy, particularly your love relationships or other close partnerships. You feel you need others in order to be all that you can be, and you are disinclined to solitary activities and endeavors.

Working with people on a one-to-one basis to bring about mutual understanding, harmony, and satisfaction is an area in which you can really excel. Counseling or negotiating, anything that requires meaningful interaction with others you have an aptitude for.

This aspect is of medium strength.

* Sun Trine M.C.

The Trine is a harmonious smooth flowing aspect bringing two supportive, potentially creative energies, into positive, opportunistic response, an aspect of connections and affinities, things will just seem to fall into place, generally along the line of least resistance.

You are a well-adjusted, forthright and clear-headed individual, keen to make a good impression on others. You have a great deal of enterprise and will do best to be self-employed, pursuing your own goals and objectives in your own way and at your own pace.

This aspect is quite close and so important in terms of its strength on your life.

* Sun Conjunction Moon

The Conjunction is the strongest of all aspects describing a merging of planetary principles and life energies, creating great potency, singularity of purpose and concerted individuality. This aspect signifies dynamic, subjective and eventful patterns of action.

The Sun and Moon go together to form a unit which certainly has its good side, for the behaviour we adopt to feel comfortable (the Moon) coincides with the way we naturally develop and realise our potential (the Sun). At its best, the conjunction unites the male and female principles, the planet of personal awareness (Sun) unites with the planet of unconscious reactions (Moon), and this can impart great immediacy and application, especially if they are both in the same sign. The trade-off, for better or for worse, is a tremendous subjectivity, such that at times you feel that your inner life is pretty much a mystery to you. Then it must seem like you're running around in

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a blackout and can't get through to the light source or emotional centre. This lack of objectivity results in little appreciation for other, different ways of approaching life. You know where the centre is - it's just a matter of bringing your feelings from their hiding place to the front of your mind, where they can get your maximum attention.

This is further emphasised by your Neptune Ascendant conjunction making it even harder for you to get an objective overview on your rich and elusive interior life. At heart you are very gentle, impressionable, and receptive - a dreamer. The world of your imagination, feelings, and intuition is as real to you as anything in the outer world, though you may have trouble verbalizing or interpreting your inner experiences in a way others can understand. Mystical, artistic, musical, emotional and imaginative, you have a rich inner life, though you may seem rather unobtrusive and quiet outwardly. You usually keep to yourself. Finding it hard to take strong, definite action to change your life for the better. You also tend to become so detached from your immediate environment that you can be disordered and chaotic in your behaviour.

This aspect is quite close and so important in terms of its strength on your life.

* Sun Trine Jupiter

The Trine is a harmonious smooth flowing aspect bringing two supportive, potentially creative energies, into positive, opportunistic response, an aspect of connections and affinities, things will just seem to fall into place, generally along the line of least resistance.

You're self-expressive and demonstrative with your instinctive feelings. People know you for your warmth and sense of occasion. You have a great flair for drama and appreciate the same quality in others. However, at times, you go overboard, and all these wonderful things overspill into parody and exaggeration, and then you begin to resemble someone who has more showmanship than dramatic feeling.

You have a natural buoyancy, optimism and openness, a wonderful expectancy about life that draws to you all that you envision.

This aspect is exact and so will reflect one of the most important dynamics in your life.

* Sun Quincunx Uranus

Your vitality thrives on change, excitement, experimentation, rebellion and freedom. Your whole sense of individuality and creativity revolves around your originality, inventiveness and feverish restlessness. You are also extremely vulnerable and emotionally touchy, to the extent that anything that threatens to thwart you provokes tremendous resistance.

At times, you can be counted amongst some of the world's most infuriatingly contrary people! Whether you realise it or not, others often think of you as hot-cold, on-off, stop-start - in other words, anything but constant. It's as if something within you won't allow you inner peace, or the ability to be reflective long enough to build a permanent foundation; you are forever seeking some other time or place and have great difficulty just being present.

However, all this apparent disruption can be turned to real purpose and, as much as you chop and change, you do actually have a correspondingly proportionate power for creativity. This will require that you grapple with the challenge of shaping your Uranian vision into some form of creative work, artistic, scientific, technological or social which is uniquely your own (Sun) yet embodies and expresses a wider humanitarian vision (Uranus). This will require effort and

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sometimes present you with difficult choices. So get to it now, if you haven't done so already!

Your relationship with your father is also described in some measure by this aspect, for there was something about him too that was ahead of the crowd, a maverick if you like, but also something that you experienced as not really there for you in the ways that you needed. This may well have left you with the feeling of having to do things on your own and the strong sense of self reliance that this brings.

This aspect is quite close and so important in terms of its strength on your life.

There is still yet a further image that must also be considered with regard to your father and what you have imprinted from him.

* Sun Opposition Neptune

The opposition describes powerfully polarised energies requiring integration but often finding release in outer events. An aspect of instability, intense conflict between inner and outer, but also of change born of these challenging possibilities.

You have difficulty defining boundaries, of experiencing yourself as a separate, independent entity. Neptune is also the planet of sacrifice, and when connected to the Sun it links sacrifice to the Father archetype. This can be quite literal, he goes away, dies, or isn't there for some reason; or he may be physically present, but not there for you, either weak, ailing or otherwise un-supportive. Creative imagination and psychic receptivity may have been strong in him but without expression which task now falls to you. Either way, the experience of having had a good father remains an unfulfilled yearning. The ego grows up with nothing of "the father" to ground it, model after, as it gradually moves out into the world.

This can manifest as a sense of being unanchored, buffeted by the uncompromising realities of life and requiring some form of individual expression to give meaning to the formlessness of your experience. For while the Sun seeks to manifest some dynamic statement of it self in your life, Neptune ever hungers for visions of transcendent fusion, reconciling these apparent opposites will form a major part of your quest.

At times, it's difficult for you to reconcile yourself to the more aesthetic and esoteric aspects of human experience, and you develop an antagonism towards them. However, this never lasts for very long because, really, you're only too fascinated by it all and your awareness of that "other dimension" is therefore somehow always straining to be present. Indeed, the tension between your moments of doubt and faith can produce those experiences which others might describe as unearthly or supernatural.

You have Neptune in close aspect to the Sun, and thus have trouble anchoring yourself to the projects and tasks that life demands of you; there is this constant and nagging feeling of "what's the point", a sense that sooner or later along will come some huge tidal wave and all your efforts will have been to no avail. Finding your true work in life will be a source of confusion for you, as well as the feeling that you belong. This perhaps is part of the price you pay for your great sensitivity. You need an outlet for your compassion, spirituality and sensitivity if you are to avoid being overwhelmed by them.

Appropriate to this aspect are the words of Hugo Von Hofmannsthal, "*Where does reality lie? In the greatest enchantment you have ever experienced.*"

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This aspect is quite close and so important in terms of its strength on your life.

* Sun Trine Pluto

The Trine is a harmonious smooth flowing aspect bringing two supportive, potentially creative energies, into positive, opportunistic response, an aspect of connections and affinities, things will just seem to fall into place, generally along the line of least resistance.

Sun / Pluto contacts describe these as Plutonian, that is something in you instinctively picks up on your father's darker or hidden feelings. As a child, a part of you felt unsafe and threatened by this; this imprinted on you in such a way that it is very natural for you to find yourself in control of many things around you, be they circumstances, others or your environment.

The capacity to integrate mysterious experience into one's conscious ego is very plutonian; the sign Scorpio and the planet Pluto, when in aspect to the Sun, are frequent indicators of minds which are inherently inclined towards the unraveling of convoluted or labyrinthine subjects.

Your perception of life is infused with powerful urges that drive you to the highs and lows of every experience impelling you to focus your tremendous inner resources on transformation, of either your inner world or of the outer world. You work in harmony with the changing face of the world at large. That is, what happens in the public sphere both at home and abroad seems to have an influence somewhere along the line on how you think and feel about yourself personally, and yourself in relation to the world generally. Self-evidently, you are not isolationist - the more obscure events which occur in the sociopolitical field, and which perhaps pass others by, have a way of filtering through to you and becoming part of your mental library. While obscure events involving others equally become a part of your emotional library!

A strong water or feeling type you are a ready receptor for the dark places and the emotional under currents that come with of Pluto / Sun contacts. It is very easy for you to get lost in your own feeling world and bottle up all the power of this aspect which over time is going to take quite a toll. Find ways of externalising your feelings and getting them out there in some form, writing, dancing, cycling, trekking whatever works for you.

For more on this theme and the story of Inanna and Ereskkigal, very relevant here, go to <http://astroquestastrology.com/pluto-and-an-image-of-descent/>
<http://astroquestastrology.com/inanna-and-ereshkigal/>

This aspect is waning and so of lessening importance in terms of your life.

MARS

Mars symbolises another aspect of "maleness" in the form of energy, drive, assertiveness and aggression, its sign shows the way these are expressed. by The Sun, How you go out and get what you want, how you express and affirm your Solar essence as depicted by your Sun. As ambassador to The Sun Mars will also describe the ways your sense of individuality, potency and power will manifest in your life.

Mars' sign will colour your animus image. That is, the inner image of the masculine that you carry within and which as a man will be experienced as an inseparable part of your sense of power assertion, sexuality and masculinity. This sign is also an indication of how sexual energy, and also anger are both expressed and asserted. These are powerful energies and drives and if we can not express them ourselves they may well be projected such that we meet them in others.

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* Mars in Libra:

Your sense of masculinity is partly connected to your appearance and personal style. You would RATHER be attractive than conquering. You can be very charming, polite and diplomatic towards women. For when you have Mars in Libra, the expression of your Mars energy will tend to get filtered through your head, talking and sharing thoughts and ideas with your partner is important to you. Everything needs to be a communication of some sought, sex itself can become a type of dialogue, often there can be a great sense of playfulness about you.

More generally though Libran impartiality and refinement does not always suit Mars' raw subjectivity. Mars is a "gut feeling" planet, while Libra can be flippant, and indifferent. You have the ability to see both sides of things, except that you see them at the same time and this can paralyse you when it comes to making a decision or when it comes to taking the plunge with some commitment or other, which may account for your reputation as a 'fence sitter' The absolute fairness of your own judgment can prevent you from throwing yourself into new projects or relationships.

When Robert Louis Stevenson said:

To know what you prefer instead of simply saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer is to keep your soul alive.

He might have been speaking just to you!

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The house that Mars resides in represents an area of the life that you'll express actions and desires. Your energies and initiative will be spent focusing on the affairs of this sector of the chart. Mars is assertive, sometimes causing conflict. This house may periodically become a problem area for you in this regard.

What follows are the arenas of life in which you will need to engage in order to gain, and then feed, a sense of power and purpose.

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* Mars in the Ninth House

You have a volatile and far-reaching imagination, one which has a passion for things over and above the horizon. These are what one might call 'visionary' things or, at least, issues which make the inner nature of man burn with a desire to know more of them. Hence, religious matters, or topics which unite mankind under an umbrella of moral optimism, are likely to move you. You have a good intellect; a capable, and adventurous mind, and the ability to convey ideas persuasively, giving inspiration and guidance by painting a vision.

You have an active interest in travel, outdoor sports and religious or philosophical issues and causes. Having the courage of your convictions and a forceful approach to promoting your ideas you can sway others to your beliefs with sheer enthusiasm, becoming upset and impatient when you can't. When it comes to travel, you are adventurous, and if the means are available, you will spend a good deal of time traveling abroad. You are aggressive and expansive in your pursuit of education and personal development.

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Another expression of Mars is that of Iron Hans, from the tale of the same name. Iron Hans is an expression of ancient maleness, found far into the dark forest, at the bottom of the deep pool of our psyche, a huge and primitive man with hair down to his feet whose "power is great, greater than you think, with gold and silver in abundance" who can put us in touch with our Hero energy, our capacity to be effective in the world, IF we can develop a relationship with him that he can in turn redeem the king in us. This is so for both men and women.

In part, Mars aspects provide a useful metaphor for exploring the images contained within this story further.

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You have a number of aspects to Mars, each of which will be of a different strength and will have a different influence, depending on the planets, some may even contradict each other in part, such that you will in your life live out the tension of containing and expressing these different parts of yourself.

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* Mercury Trine Mars

The Trine is a harmonious smooth flowing aspect bringing two supportive, potentially creative energies, into positive, opportunistic response, an aspect of connections and affinities, things will just seem to fall into place, generally along the line of least resistance.

You can handle disruptive or potentially threatening situations better than most because your mental strength allows you to remain calm and steady and therefore capable of warding off your foes. In other words, you're living proof that the key to winning over adversity is very much a case of mind over matter. You can also be a very persuasive talker. Such is the result of a harmonious liaison between god of speech and the mind with the god of war.

This aspect bestows the ability to act with reason; the mind and the action taken can be co-ordinated in time. Your childhood atmosphere encouraged the discussion of problems and circumstances, so you can easily discuss your difficulties as an adult. You have a very fertile imagination, fertile in a productive way because you are likely to act on constructive thoughts.

Remember words are a form of action capable of influencing change. (Ingrid Mengis)

This aspect is exact and so will reflect one of the most important dynamics in your life.

* Mars Conjunct Saturn

The Conjunction is the strongest of all aspects describing a merging of planetary principles and life energies, creating great potency, singularity of purpose and concerted individuality. This aspect signifies dynamic, subjective and eventful patterns of action.

Here two potentially conflicting energies join forces, for action and will (Mars) meet stasis and restriction (Saturn). On the one hand, you experience the need to assert yourself, and on the other you carry doubt, reluctance, unease and uncertainty about venturing forth. You need to find a balance between the martial need to assert oneself and the Saturnian need to defend

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yourself behind secure structures, failing this your life is characterised by "stop-go," its all or nothing, either you don't get started, or you go completely over the top in total overkill in an attempt to hide your vulnerability.

Your passionate nature then is not necessarily the kind that runs away with you and drags you kicking and screaming into this or that conflict. In fact, you come across as rather reserved and mature when it comes to handling yourself in a crisis.

There is a suggestion of an early wounding here and this contact can be linked to parental concerns with moral or spiritual values and often Saturn's blockage of Mars reflects a deeply embedded fear of what 'they '(others)) might think.

As a man you place a high priority on your professional life to the detriment of your emotional or sexual relations. A fear of being controlled can bring battles of will and severe confrontations. These problems will resolve over time, as you learn to relax and be kinder to yourself. Less work and more play and greater flexibility as regards behavioural rules leads to more rewarding relationships.

Finding that important balance between the Martial need to assert oneself and the Saturnian need to defend oneself has its roots in first recognising that the source of frustration has its roots within - particularly in what can manifest as a negative and defeatist attitude toward obstacles. The gift of this aspect however lies in Mars / Saturn's unique capacity to harness enormous amounts of energy toward concrete goals which is why it often winds up in the charts of the highly successful. You work best in a highly ordered environment where structures and roles are clear as in the public service in for example a hospital or even the military.

Appropriate to an understanding of this aspect are the words of Goethe. *"It is in limitation that the master first shows himself."*

Mars Saturn aspects represent the time when Iron Hans that must stand in an iron cage in the courtyard of the king. Interestingly Iron Hans is freed by the Kings young son, suggesting perhaps that your own childlike qualities have a part to play here. For the full story go to:<http://astroquestastrology.com/fairy-tales/iron-hans/>

This aspect is waning and so of lessening importance in terms of your life.

* Mars Sesquisquare Chiron

The Sesquisquare is an aspect of subtle tension requiring productive effort and calm action if potential difficulties are to be avoided rather than over-reacted too.

There is a woundedness here, in relation to aspects of your self-assertion and your ability to go after what you want, and it is this that the Hero must now acknowledge. For when planets aspect Chiron they suggest the part of ourselves that must bare a wound of some nature.

In your life developing a positive self-assertion and healthy expression of anger and desire for conquest and mastery over life will bring major lessons and there may be difficulty with their darker side. Such as, dealing with the repositories of raw primal anger that are forever accumulating within you, lest you be lighting the fuse in others. Alternately, by way of compensation, the opposite is also common, life seems full (too full) of positive action, discipline and energetic achievement.

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Whatever, what is at issue here is your feeling of self worth and a nagging feeling that you are flawed in an irrevocable way. Chiron is the wounded healer, his wound is however, the wound that also heals and with Mars/Chiron personal desires may well stay thwarted until a bridge be found to link them with the deeper concerns of humanity at large. It is that ugly flawed part of us, a little like the frog in the Frog Prince, and what the wound is asking of us is that we honour it, embrace it, engage with it, that it might be transformed.

This aspect is exact and so will reflect one of the most important dynamics in your life.

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In the birth chart, The Sun and Mars describe the masculine principle and the pathways that are available to us in establishing a connection with our own inner king. This is the first stage of the Hero Quest, and perhaps also the easiest, in the sense that Sun/Mars energies represent attributes that are prized in western society. The next stage is that of contacting the feminine. She is less visible, often banished to a tower of the patriarchy, where she awaits the arrival of the young prince whom she must learn to trust before making herself known.

So, it is for modern men and women, the feminine learns to trust the Sun before daring to move toward the Moon. This then is the modern Hero Quest, the achievement of a balanced integration of masculine and feminine, of solar and lunar. *"For if you want to nurture the heroic side of yourself, you must nurture it with both your, masculine and feminine natures."* (Robert Johnson)

The Moon

The sign in which the Moon is placed describes your feeling nature, how you respond instinctively and habitually to life and your environment. In a sense, it is your least line of resistance, a place of retreat, comfort and security. It reflects the manner in which you draw back into yourself, where you seek safety, sanctuary and the warmth of human comfort.

The Moon reflects feeling needs, instinctual urges, longings, the non-rational side of our nature, and emphasises the instinctual, irrational, changeable and cyclical nature of the sign. The Moon also has a dark face, mysterious and unknowable where she, for The Moon is universally regarded as feminine, descends each month. This descent is to that ancient chthonic place ruled by the Old Crone, who lies hidden in the underworld, weaving her spells in the darkness.

* Moon in Cancer which the Moon rules.

You limit activities to definite spheres within which there can be a full and rich expression of emotions, and you feel most secure either when nurturing or being nurtured. People and experiences are judged subjectively according to your moods and feelings, ; this creates difficulties when circumstances arise beyond which you have no experience.

The Moon is Cancer's ruler, thus it is "at home" here. Therefore, you will show emotion in a pure form, possibly assuming a certain power over others, who might be fascinated by you and your free expression of subconscious forces. Conversely, because of the Moon's affinity with the subjective state, its being at home can indicate an umbilical connection with childhood. Childhood experiences, and your relationship with your mother can establish habit patterns that last a lifetime. A strong memory in regard to emotional wounds can lead to brooding and moodiness, with memories of past emotions colouring present attitudes and reactions. If

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unchallenged, this emotionalism can cause you to be dominated by feelings, which in one way or another, rule your life.

You have a strong receptivity to atmospheres, often responding to the hidden qualities of people and situations. When others ask you to explain why you react in a certain way, you'll say it's just a feeling you have. Whichever sex you are, you're very open to the more "feminine", finer, side of things. In addition to being self-protective, you are also protective of others, avoiding contact with harmful and emotionally damaging influences, hiding your vulnerability.

You have both your Sun and your Moon in Cancer, ; this creates tremendous subjectivity, both your Quest, that is your striving to become more authentic and fully yourself, and your feelings about who you are, are linked to the same script. Let's examine that script a little more deeply.

Like the actual crab which must stay close to both water and land, Cancer is driven to anchor him/herself in concrete world with one foot eternally in the water so as to be able to mediate between the two and give birth to what ever issues forth. Thus, Cancer (be they man or woman) is forever bound to the archetype of "Mother" and the processes of "Mothering.". Just as the image of the personal mother will remains a constant theme in your life, who which you will need to separate from again and again, at many different levels and in many different ways. This process will repeat itself with those things that you yourself give birth to, be they businesses, art works, projects or actual children.

The house in which the Moon is placed at birth is the sector that feelings and emotions will be most apparent. It's here you react unconsciously, and as you have been conditioned in your upbringing. Often this placement will give some clue about the activity that occurs on the domestic scene.

* Moon in Seventh House

The Moon here has the ability to fit in just about anywhere. Emotionally astute you generally know how to react to the nuances of most situations. You depend a great deal upon other people for emotional support and you have a large "family" of friends that care about you and treat you as kin. The women in your life are particularly important to you, and your relationship with them powerfully influences your sense of security and happiness. However, without a close partner, you may be overly dependent and unsure of yourself.

There is also strong desire for social acceptance here, and because of your emotional dependency, you may marry early. You can never be a "lone wolf" type. Indeed you require close emotional relationships, and often fulfill a maternal role attracting people who seek security, although you may in fact come to resent this, for your own emotional needs change with the ebb and flow of lunar rhythms. You can particularly attract watery partners who are moody and sensitive and the process of settling down with anyone may well involve considerable indecision.

You are gregarious, emotionally dependent on social stimulation, especially partnerships; also, open, friendly and accommodating, though motivated by a fascination for watching yourself in the ever-changing mirror of society. You have a need to find a mirror for yourself in other people.

You look to others for reflections of yourself, but equally, in doing so, you project your own personality with enthusiasm; indeed with force. The whole business makes you very gregarious and equally likable - you display your personality openly, which is your natural way of relating

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and channeling self-expression. It follows naturally that others are continually drawn to you, clamouring for your favour and gathering at your feet, as moths do to a flame. Well, aren't you the lucky one - or are they who are lucky?! Either way, there's good times all.

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For a man, The Moon in your chart symbolizes, among other things, your childhood, your roots, the nature of your home life, the substance you and your mother share and the qualities that your mother seemed to possess, some of which were un-lived and so had great impact on your childhood. In common with your Father, Mother too is not only a real person, but also a subjective experience that symbolizes the feminine in all her many forms. What follows then will be descriptions (filtered through the experience of your developing self) of the qualities most dominant in your relationship with your mother.

Some of what the "feminine" represents to you and your feminine side will be also shown here, such as how you relate to women and the emotional, instinctual dimensions of your personality. What animates your life gives it meaning and connects you to its deepest reaches, as well as descriptions of your own maternal qualities of nurture and caring, for yourself and for others, your ability to flow with the rhythms of time and to trust in your inner prompting and inner knowing.

Remember that the strength of the aspect descriptions that follow will be determined by the exactness, which is measured by their orb. The smaller the orb, the stronger will be the aspect and the greater will be its impact on your Quest.

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* Moon Square Mars

Planets in Square aspect are in open, ongoing, conflict, their restless, striving, uncompromising expression creates friction and tension as, at cross purposes, the energy released often results in problematic situations in life, the resolution of which usually demands some sort of challenge and effort.

Emotionally, you often find yourself living on a knife-edge. You experience feelings passionately, though sometimes you have a little difficulty in keeping them in check. Thus, you're not always necessarily a peacemaker. It's not that you're intentionally provocative or aggressive - more to the point is that, because emotional harmony is sometimes elusive with you, you over-react to others whose behaviour you might find slightly off-centre. For you then, there is a dilemma between, on the one hand, asserting yourself and doing your own thing and, on the other, wanting to please others. This can result in there being a whole boilerhouse of emotional energy within you - you placate and placate and then come out fighting. The Mars functions then, of competition, aggression and battle spirit, are not well integrated within you. In fact, when young, you may have started out as too kind and even passive. It takes time and some inner exploration to learn to handle Martial instincts in a conscious way. You may do well to learn to express your anger in small regular doses rather than in huge cataclysms.

This aspect is of medium strength.

* Moon Trine Jupiter

The Trine is a harmonious smooth flowing aspect bringing two supportive, potentially creative

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energies, into positive, opportunistic response, an aspect of connections and affinities, things will just seem to fall into place, generally along the line of least resistance.

The content of your emotional make-up is fundamentally harmonious. You find it more easy than most to maintain a level of good feeling in your dealings with people on a mundane or intimate level. You have much to give which is rich and fruitful and you respond positively and quickly to those same qualities in others. You have a religious feel which needs watering frequently, whether or not you're involved in organised religion. You have inner balance and optimism and outer composure, with great reserves of inner strength and self-reliance. Not for nothing does the tradition reckon these aspects as extremely beneficial.

This aspect is of medium strength.

Moon-Uranus contacts will describe these as Uranian; mother may have been a shaky or unstable container, possibly erratic and unreliable. For restless sparkling and fickle Uranus is indissolubly bound to the longing for security. Yet you're one of the lucky ones who can turn emotional turmoil into something constructive and creative. The point here is that turmoil is the essential pre-existent ingredient; you need it to be creative. It's the disruption itself which directs the positive outcome. In other words, there's no peace without first there being a little war. Emotionally speaking, that is.

Uninhibited and spontaneous you need a lot of emotional and physical space and love to feel free and unfettered. Above all you crave emotional stimulation, excitement, surprises, and anything new, avoiding routines and ruts like the plague, both for you and those close to you.

* Moon Opposition Neptune

The opposition describes powerfully polarised energies requiring integration but often finding release in outer events. An aspect of instability, intense conflict between inner and outer, but also of change born of these challenging possibilities.

Moon-Neptune contacts will describe this influence Neptunian, for there is something of the aura of the sacrificial victim about your mother and you have tended to idealise her for this. In many ways, you are oversensitive, for when Neptune opposes the Moon, it can indicate that a veil of illusion or delusion clouds our perceptions, distorting your image of what she was really like; and therefore, your model of what constitutes "feminine" will be a source of confusion for you. It's easy for you to be swept along by the sensation of the moment and drawn into things from which you then find it difficult to extricate yourself. That is, you can be impressionable and - like all things which imply a lack of your own personal will - this can lead to situations which become uncomfortable for you. But it also gives an intuitive ability, a creative sense, and a drive for spiritual growth and awareness that can be most exciting.

It can also make you somewhat of a psychic sponge, in that you pick up and take on as your own moods emotional states and atmospheres from your environment. You need to structure in your life time to be on your own. For you as for Rilke *Openness, patience, receptivity, solitude are everything.*

You also have a very rich fantasy life, for you are very in touch with dreams both your own on a personal level and with those of the collective, and as Eleanor Roosevelt once said...*The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*

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This aspect is wide and will be experienced only weakly.

VENUS

Venus describes the "feminine" further in terms of your expression of relationship, harmony and beauty, thus the sign in which Venus is found indicates the kind of qualities you value, find attractive or hold dear, such that developing and bringing the qualities of Venus' sign into your life should make you feel more whole and complete.

As a man this sign will colour your anima image, that is the image of the feminine carried within, and which needs to be lived out in order for you to feel worthy and attractive as an individual. It is also the symbolises your sense of the erotic and your erotic power, which for is a side of men that they are not usually in touch with and so they project it on to women. Thus you will find attractive women whose Venus is strong and or in the same element as your own.

Venus describes your capacity to form and identify what you value and what you therefore seek in relationship. Also how you express affection, feel appreciated, how you give, desire and what you finds beautiful. These can be expressed passionately, sensuously and extravagantly, but also with charm and great beauty.

* Venus in Taurus

You don't want a woman who rushes around, or one who is too independent. She must have an outer sensuality or charisma, and be both capable in the home and stylish outside the home. And she should enjoy physical contact and intimacy! Beyond your initial reserve, your emotional and sexual expression will be expressed with tremendous sensuality, you are very tactile as well as being your very much in touch with the practicals, that is, both your own and your partners needs. Emotional security is important to you, as is your technique.

In addition, Venus never wanders very far from the Sun, which is why Venus is only visible at sunrise or sunset, such that when it rises before the Sun it suggests an impulsive and over-sensitive emotional life, geared toward the future and filled with expectant desires. This may be experienced either as apparent coldness, which arises from your difficulty with expressing feelings, or more positively, you are emotionally communicative, creative and filled with a prophetic enthusiasm for new things.

Venus rules Taurus which is itself a very physical sensual sign - very conscious of appearance, physical comfort, physical beauty and love of luxury. In love, you are dependable and steadfast. When you fasten your affections on someone, you mean it, and you will stand by your convictions through thick and thin. The beauty of it all is that you do not develop your attachments overnight: rather, they begin as seedlings and are nourished within you until, having grown with the fullness of time, they flower into something wonderful. Nothing flippant here! Some, however, may find you at times a bit too backward in coming forward and, indeed, you yourself may sometimes regret that you're not more rash in love. But, once bitten forever smitten, and you'll stay with that feeling until it fades -if it ever does, that is! Anyway, what you might lack in being flamboyant, you make up for in a strong appreciation of things artistic and beautiful: when it comes to choosing a member of the opposite sex, you have the eye of an artist!

The Sun type can also be modified in that The Sun indicates what it is that we are here to understand and experience, when Venus is in another sign, as is the case in your chart, you may find yourself preferring the qualities of Taurus (your Venus) rather than expressing the needs of

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Cancer (your Sun). As you read this section then, consider also the section on your Sun and the interplay within you of these very personal expressions of yourself, the desires, passions and wants of your Aphrodite nature, and those of the Sun, which because they are in different signs, must express themselves in very different ways.

For example not only are you a potentially caring and loving parent to whom family life is extremely important. But you are also one of the most sensual and responsive lovers of the whole zodiac. This isn't all good because it result both in possessiveness and a tenacity which sometimes becomes overwhelming. As a result any break up will be incredibly painful and difficult for both partners. Here too we have the flair of Venus enhancing everything around the home and environment, so that there is a flair for all things practical, including business, preferable a family business operating from home.

* Venus in the Fifth

Venus' house placement shows how you express yourself socially, romantically, and artistically, in the different areas of the life circle. Venus brings a sense of harmony, refinement, and aesthetic taste to the house it occupies.

You have demonstrative and strong affections, and ones which never seem to stagnate and become wasted on old causes, but which instead endlessly seek new ways of finding expression. We are not talking here about literally flitting from one infatuation to another; rather that your affections continually renew themselves and are thus always striving to be fresh and alive.

Attractive to the opposite sex, this position is very suggestive of a strongly appealing romantic nature, and a love of love and life. Popular and well liked you also have a deep love of children, and may in fact be drawn to working with them either as teacher or child advocate. Certainly you will make an excellent parent. You are likely to gain through dealings with young people in some form of service or occupation; teaching, psychology, etc. Creative talent in the performing arts is often associated with this placement. You are a socially active person with many loyal and like minded friends and acquaintances. A full social calendar and many Facebook hits.

Social involvements and considerations are very important to you. You have a very comfortable manner, are easy to be with and get on well with just about everyone. Your self-expression is coloured by your very refined artistic sense, but you do need to guard against tendencies inclining towards excessive self-indulgence and idleness. Also, against imposing your own tastes and desires on others, no matter how charmingly this may be done.

* Venus Inconjunct Ascendant

The Inconjunct is a tense aspect of nagging unease and discontent demanding the conscious reconciliation of incompatible planetary energies and requiring acute discrimination.

Social involvements and considerations are very important to you. You have a very comfortable manner, are easy to be with and get on well with just about everyone; yet curiously, you do not experience this ease in yourself, feeling instead uncomfortable and awkward around others. Your self-expression is coloured by your very refined artistic sense; but before this can be fully shared, you need to understand and tackle the uncertainty that inhibits you.

This aspect is of medium strength.

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You have a number of aspects to Venus, some of which have already been discussed. Each of these aspects will be of a different strength and will have a different influence, depending on the planets; some may even contradict each other in part, such that you will in your life live out the tension of both containing and expressing these different parts of yourself.

Venus Mars Aspects

Being the closest planets to the earth, Venus and Mars refer symbolically to the most intimate factors in the human personality; Venus is linked to your emotional needs, sense of values, and to the instinctive knowledge of what is good, valuable and fulfilling. Mars represents the ability to act out this feeling in a purely spontaneous manner. Expressed very crudely, what Venus (Aphrodite) wants, Mars (Ares) gets; what Venus finds dangerous or detestable, Mars fights.

Less crudely this encounter is between the planets of desire, passion, libido and creativity. Together they can release great Eros, or life force, into the chart. Stereotypically men externalise this as focused consciousness, while women experience it more internally as a diffuse awareness, but stereotypes are breaking down and the hero seeks to recognise and balance both. This is also a very passionate combination, all too often sexualised, Mars, goal focused, lusting for lusts sake, Venus always her own person seeking creative connection and relationship.

The ever changing manner in which this dance plays out will be determined by the aspects that follow:

* Venus Sesquisquare Mars

The Sesquisquare is an aspect of subtle tension requiring productive effort and calm action if potential difficulties are to be avoided rather than over-reacted to.

When these planets form a Sesquisquare aspect, there can be an inner emotional discord or frustration in that the way you try to go after what you want, and how you feel about having it, is at odds with what you need to satisfy your emotional needs. Thus, when you get ragged around the edges emotionally, boy, doesn't everyone know about it! And the truth is you can get ragged pretty often. It really is difficult for you not to react to fraught situations. However, instead of reacting, how about responding? You know, presume your opponent innocent until proven guilty for a change, rather than the other way around! What you are experiencing is a dilemma between wanting to do your own thing, and being aware of, and wanting to fit in with others. Your values may well be in conflict with your natural instinct to fight for your own ground.

With these aspects there is a certain tension, indeed *"It is the stretched soul that makes music, and souls are stretched by the pull of opposites. Where there is no polarity, where energies flow smoothly in one direction, there will be much doing but no music."* ~ Eric Hoffer

This aspect is quite close and so important in terms of its strength on your life.

* Venus Conjunct Chiron

The Conjunction is the strongest of all aspects describing a merging of planetary principles and life energies, creating great potency, singularity of purpose and concerted individuality. This aspect signifies dynamic, subjective and eventful patterns of action.

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There is a woundedness here to some aspect of your sense of how you feel about yourself, and, therefore what you value. For when planets aspect Chiron they suggest the part of ourselves that must bare a wound of some nature. A wound so raw that a great deal of energy is spent hiding it, but that ultimately where effort and understanding are required in order to accommodate it.

In your life relationships will bring the major lessons and there may be difficulty with their darker side. Essentially what is at issue here is your feeling of self worth and a nagging feeling that you are flawed in an irrevocable way, you may be very shy, and so feel different and unacceptable and thus "fall" into relationships that don't validate you and leave you feeling unauthentic. Yours however is the gift of seeing beauty where others do not, and of finding value in what others dismiss, this, and what you do with it, is the creative side of the aspect.

This aspect is exact and so will reflect one of the most important dynamics in your life.

* Venus Opposition Uranus

The Opposition describes powerfully polarised energies requiring integration but often finding release in outer events. An aspect of instability, intense conflict between inner and outer, but also of change born of these challenging possibilities.

You have a need to share with others your sense of individuality, excitement and freedom, and to experiment with a unique variety of pleasures to feel completely satisfied. In relationships you are easily bored, and so can give the impression of being flirtatious, equally you dislike possessiveness. You have a way of confusing intellectual analysis with the true barometer of your affections, thus often ending up convincing yourself your feelings are the exact opposite of what you know to be truth.

This aspect is waning and so of lessening importance in terms of your life.

* Venus Inconjunct Neptune

The Inconjunct is a tense aspect of nagging unease and discontent demanding the conscious reconciliation of incompatible planetary energies and requiring acute discrimination.

These aspects have been described as those of the God seeker, for you have a much more exalted notion of love, union and comradeship than is warranted in the "everyday". Here the planet of "love" (Venus) is sensitized and idealized to the point where any worldly relationship simply isn't enough. Open-hearted and intensely compassionate you are somewhat of a "sucker" and easily taken advantage of. You also have very refined tastes and may be quite artistic which the challenging aspects drive you to either express, or project, in some way. It may sound trite, but you must be careful of avoiding relationships with those whom you instinctively feel might deceive or betray you. Because you do have an attraction to those who possess such qualities. And, when you're threatened or insecure you, too, will be inclined to deceive or betray. This is something your conscience may not always wish to remember.

This aspect is exact and so will reflect one of the most important dynamics in your life.

* Venus Inconjunct Pluto

The Inconjunct is a tense aspect of nagging unease and discontent demanding the conscious reconciliation of incompatible planetary energies and requiring acute discrimination.

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Personal involvement can often cause you a great deal of stress and worry. The intensity of your feelings and the need for depth in your close relationships you express very strongly. More strongly than is usual even for Scorpios. Somehow you seem to fret about all the little things which, you often imagine, indicating the tip of a threatening iceberg. If truth be known, you should really learn how to calm down and trust your partners a little more. They must feel for you otherwise they wouldn't be with you on that level, would they? In any case relationships, particularly close ones, are for you, more so than for others, the places wherein you encounter and must deal with your inner monsters. Understand that ultimately they offer you the opportunity for an inner transformation.

This aspect is of medium strength.

MERCURY

Mercury indicates the sort of concerns that will occupy the mind and how we communicate and exchange ideas and information with people and the world. Mercury is also a mimic and takes on the qualities of the sign that it's in and also any planet that it closely aspects. For example...

Your Mercury is in an Air sign, giving a more objective and detached manner to the way you think speak and act. You are quick, capable and articulate delighting in the repartee of exchange and debate.

Mercury or Hermes as he was known to the ancient Greeks was an androgynous figure, neither male nor female, who was the only god able to descend to the underworld at will. It is the Mercury function therefore, to give words to, and make conscious messages, insights and whatever that emerge from this realm. To make conscious that which is unconscious, to mediate between the solar and the lunar.

* Mercury in Gemini.

You have a witty and lively mind. Anything that's fun is fun for you. Light-weight entertainment appeals to you, and you often prefer short-term projects which don't demand too much of your time or effort, over those that are intellectually taxing. However, you do have an exceptionally versatile and adaptable mind, which gives you an interest in a great variety of issues; simultaneously! However, your Taurus Sun is a conservative influence that inhibits you in taking these interests further.

When you find yourself in a state like this, consider this Zen paradigm:

Stop thinking and talking about it and there is nothing you will not be able to know.

By sign, Mercury describes the way the mind works, our thinking processes and how we perceive, order and express our solar essence. Mercury never moves very far from the Sun and so it is significant when it falls in a different sign; significant in that the way we communicate our experience may be at variance with that experience. What we say may not be how it really is for us. Mercury here symbolizes a forward-looking, progressive quicksilver mentality, often ahead of itself (conservative, emotionally fickle Sun in Cancer) and prone to declaring things that, on reflection, don't always feel quite right.

For example, with your Sun in Cancer, your perennial mood changes will be exacerbated by Mercurial changes of mind; but, on the other hand, this placing will counter the Cancerian tendency towards over-sentimentality. Further, the emotional content always present in

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Cancerians will be spiced with an element of Mercurian scepticism, so that the out-and-out romanticism and sometimes over-colourful imagination is less likely to get out of hand. Cancer's legendary memory misses none of the details so loved by Mercury, and this healthy dose of rationality counters the powerful tendency of Cancerians to fret.

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By House Mercury indicates the area of life where we are likely to be restless, inquisitive, inventive, changeable and "tricky"! For Mercury is associated with the Trickster, both without and within, and where in the great "out there" this "Trickster" aspect of ourselves will emerge and either befriend or befuddle the Hero on his/her Quest.

Mercury's spot in the chart also provides information about the practical side of your mind, and the way you communicate with those around you. It targets the topics of greatest mental activity and interest.

* Mercury in the Fifth House

You have a sound mental strength and one which is often gifted with the capacity for invention and creativity. Being far from mentally lazy, you are somehow always on the go, with a mind given to artistic creativity and sensitivity, following your creative pursuits, hobbies and recreational outlets, which are an important part of your Quest. You communicate especially well with children. Flamboyant, colourful and self-expressive, you are always keen to project your ideas. However, you can also be opinionated, autocratic and intolerant, so watch out!

This house position suggests an intellectual association with creativity and the affairs of children. Generally it shows excellent verbal skills as well as good writing and speaking ability which may find expression in the written arts. You express yourself in a dramatic and forceful way, enabling you to become an excellent teacher or actor. Word games and mental puzzles and competitions attract your interest for some form of mental stimulation is essential to your happiness. This position is associated with stock market analysts and investors. You may have an analytic, critical outlook on romance and on life.

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Mercury was called the "Messenger of the Gods" in ancient mythology, his function was to carry messages between the gods, and from the gods to man. Mercury's aspects show the way this will happen in life, and from which gods.

You have a number of aspects to Mercury, each of which will be of a different strength and will have a different influence, depending on the planets, some may even contradict each other in part, such that you will in your life live out the tension of containing and expressing these different parts of yourself.

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* Mercury Trine Saturn

The Trine is a harmonious smooth flowing aspect bringing two supportive, potentially creative energies, into positive, opportunistic response, an aspect of connections and affinities, things will just seem to fall into place, generally along the line of least resistance.

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Together these two planets can give a contemplative, sometimes gloomy temperament, that inclines toward the conservative, and this can make for an incessant worrier. Your powers of concentration and foresight are very well developed. You can see through to the depths of things, thus giving you a good basis for building up a foundation of intellectual strength and structure. You have great intellectual stamina and resilience, although you might appear slow and ponderous to others.

The challenge facing the Hero here is to develop and maintain a positive mental attitude.

This aspect is waning and so of decreasing importance in terms of your life.

* Mercury Opposition Uranus

The Opposition describes powerfully polarised energies requiring integration but often finding release in outer events. An aspect of instability, intense conflict between inner and outer, but also of change born of these challenging possibilities.

The lightening perceptions of Uranus plus Mercury's powers of thought and expression gives you the kind of mind which can produce the most original ideas and concepts. However, your mind is tuned to such a pitch that your intellectual tension is truly as fine as glass wire. Along these filaments travel all kinds of illuminated thoughts, some of them so strikingly original as to verge on what lesser mortals call genius. But, careful now: sharpness, tactlessness and brusqueness make others shrink away, never mind, for you the "truth" is more important than social niceties.

You also have the gift of being able to articulate things for others in new and exciting ways, the way you yourself see them, because for you *the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes.* (Marcel Proust)

This aspect is wide and so will be experienced only weakly.

* Mercury Sesquisquare Pluto

The Sesquisquare is an aspect of subtle tension requiring productive effort and calm action if potential difficulties are to be avoided rather than over-reacted to.

The need to make connections, to communicate, to reflect and analyse, and an ability to give factual descriptions (Mercury), is greatly intensified by Pluto. Such that you have a deeply incisive and penetrating mind ever probing into the essence of things. The unconscious power of Pluto contains such a charge that others may see you as forcible, this may lead to quarrels and differences of opinion. Underlying your highly focused intellect is the urge to penetrate to the core of experience, to learn through intense transformative, in-depth experiences, even if it means breaking taboos as Pluto beckons Mercury into the underworld. Sometimes these aspects correspond with deep seated phobias, compulsions and obsessions. Sometimes you paint yourself into a corner at the back of your mind where there's not one iota of light and no way out at all. We're talking major depression here. But -and here's the beauty of it - it never lasts for long: something always breaks and then - sunshine!

This aspect is exact and so will reflect one of the most important dynamics in your life.

JUPITER

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The sign position of Jupiter describes how you seek to grow, to improve yourself, and where you will experience the most trust in life. In general Jupiter alleviates and ennobles the house and sign in which it is placed in such a way as to motivate growth and expansion in an appropriately grandiose scale. It is the Planet of optimism, of manifold possibilities, of wide horizons & new worlds to explore, new philosophies to enrich the mind, and the wider understanding of spiritual consciousness that leads to wisdom.

Jupiter's sign and house position will suggest where we look for truth or where we seek God in some form. Aspects to Jupiter suggest what the Hero might encounter in the process.

As your Chart Ruler Jupiter is accorded special significance and its placement by House, Sign and aspect are accordingly raised in importance over other chart factors.

*** Jupiter is Retrograde**

When Jupiter is retrograde you tend to be more inclined to search within for opportunities for growth, and may seek to widen your horizons from a more subjective point of view. The vision scope and foresight of this planet can turn toward inner needs thus Jupiter Retrograde people tend to be more ponderous, less casual and carefree. Even though one parent may have been experienced as revolutionary in their way you are nonetheless often at odds with your families idea of proper behaviour. Your home background may have been restless and unsatisfying, or one in which status was given much importance. You have a strong inner voice, are adept at tapping into hidden potentials, and have learnt to see beyond externals. All of which will colour your expression of Jupiter.

*** Jupiter in Scorpio**

There exists within you a tension between your inclination to remain disciplined, constrained, and the desire to just let it all rip and go with the passion of the moment. At times this can cause you some confusion, caught as you are between two equally powerful tendencies. When you do let go, therefore, the feelings you express are forcefully emotional, and often dramatic as well - like the opening of floodgates, perhaps. Everybody else who witnesses such a 'performance' cannot help but sit up and take notice. Given these qualities, you will naturally respond to similar characteristics in others, whether you experience them directly or through, for example, literature and music. Regarding these latter, you are perhaps most likely to respond best to works dealing with the pain of repressed emotion.

The House in the chart containing Jupiter is a place where you need a lot of space to grow and explore, and also where to look when faith in life begins to falter, for it is here that we are most open to inspiration. One cautionary word, Jupiter always seeks to expand in the areas of life it touches; beware of over-expansion, of overdoing it!

*** Planets found at the end of one House are interpreted in the next. Jupiter in the Tenth House.**

You are extremely ambitious when you have Jupiter here, prominence and high standing in your career are a constant aim for which you work tirelessly. This is generally attained because you are a careful and farsighted planner and very much the self made man /woman you are able to design your own success pathway. You also extremely moral and principled and so command not only success but also respect. This placement is useful in overcoming obstacles and challenges and paves the road to success in the public arena.

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Why? well partly because you're ambitious to have all the material comforts and luxuries that wealth can buy. You want these because you see them as the natural prerequisites for gaining spiritual comfort. Indeed, for you there is none without the other. Aristotle said that freedom from material worries was necessary for the interior freedom of the philosopher: you agree with this statement about 100%.

The choice then here for the Hero is whether to work in pursuit of their ideals and gain wisdom or to work for status and power, or do both at different times of their life. One thing is certain though in order to do your best in your work you need the respect and recognition that is your due.

The image of the mother may also be reflected by Jupiter in this house, and she may have been experienced as being larger than life, and a source of inspiration and guidance. Hence your ease, comfort and success in the great "out-there."

* Jupiter sextile Ascendant

You are strongly motivated by the grandiose, the jovial, the magnanimous and because your optimism knows no bounds, it shows! You radiate great self-confidence (in your case perhaps more than you actually feel), and may even come across as arrogant. The joviality and generosity of Jupiter manifest freely and without restraint here, personal freedom is also very important to you. You may need to learn to hold in check your love of overdoing things, of the excessive and the expensive. You also hold very high standards with a very highly developed value system and tend to attract similar types into your life.

This aspect is of medium strength.

* Jupiter Semisextile Uranus

The Semisextile describes the relaxed mutual attraction of an interior energy interchange. A particularly internal aspect requiring conscious aspiration and effort in order to manifest in your life. While this aspect is a gift, or boon, it will require both effort and self awareness if you are to realise its promise.

Jupiter is a very future oriented sign, Uranus, as we shall see, can represent insights that come as fully blown as flashes. Together they often manifest in harmonious combinations of inventiveness and intuition such that you are able to inspire and lead others with your independent enthusiasm. Also very rarely do you change your mind, once it is made up. You are fascinated by systems of thought which express man's spiritual quest and the changes that involvement with them can bring.

This aspect is close and so will reflect one of the most important dynamics in your life.

* Jupiter Sextile Neptune

The Sextile is a harmonious, mentally exploratory, planetary combination that bestows new opportunities, connections, possibilities and varieties of experience, but these need to be actively, consciously, expressed, with will and intention.

If truth be known, you have a very sincere appreciation of the more spiritual elements of human life and you yourself can indeed lend a great deal to helping others to understand them. In fact such a deep strata of mysticism underlies your thinking that the whole matter draws you,

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and you see it as one area in which you can find a channel for your finest feelings. This aspect contributes to a very kind and compassionate nature, comfortable integrated, and well suited for all types of mystical, religious and occult work.

This aspect is waning and so decreasing in terms of its importance.

* **Jupiter Conjunction Pluto**

The Conjunction is the strongest of all aspects describing a merging of planetary principles and life energies, creating great potency, singularity of purpose and concerted individuality. This aspect signifies dynamic, subjective and eventful patterns of action.

There is a relentless determination about you, you can achieve whatever you set your mind on, also the capacity to harness your strength and resolve for the benefit of others in times of need. The Jovian pursuits of studying, philosophising and of finding truths become an intense searching about which you may never be satisfied. You always want to go deeper, further, to the point that you take on more than even you are able to. However you are not easily limited by life and can make tremendous strides toward understanding profound truths.

This aspect is waning and so of lessening importance in terms of your life.

SATURN

Within Saturn symbolises the need to protect oneself, to defend oneself, to defend ones vulnerability, ones reputation, and ones possessions. When you are experiencing those areas of yourself that have been hurt or wounded, that need protection, when you see the part of yourself that is inhibited or limited or fearful then you are experiencing Saturn, and when you can understand these limitations and accept them and see that they give you something that can help you develop in life then you are living out the creative side of Saturn, who in ancient astrology was called the lord of fate.

* **Saturn in Libra. Saturn is exalted in Libra**

Things have a way of happening easily for you. Goals and opportunities which may elude others often come to you overnight. This is both good and bad. The good is that you're saved unnecessary hardship and suffering in the pursuit of objects which often, in fact, are yours by right. The bad - or perhaps it's more appropriate to say 'negative' - side of things is that, because of the facility with which you achieve your ends, a certain complacency can set in and, with it, a lack of awareness of what it's like to be on the outside looking in. This does not reflect how you really are for, if truth be known, equality of opportunity is something you'd like to see for all. Still, never forget what it's like to be hungry! Tables can be turned in the blink of an eye. History's full of it: France 1789, Beijing 1989, Egypt 2011. . .

* **Saturn in the Ninth House**

Saturn's placement in the chart indicates where there is the experience of difficulty, limitation and testing, where the Hero will be challenged within. Yet because of this, wherever Saturn is placed in the chart we also have the potential to turn difficulties into strengths.

You have this peculiar relationship with the world of ideas. Sometimes you'd rather be confined to a safe limit of things known; other times, you're off into the astral. When it's a case of the

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latter, all history seems to come to your aid, and you feel that you understand and have a deep insight into issues that have swept mankind from its earliest days to the present. When you really let go, religious issues, for instance, become truly revelatory for you.

This is the house of higher education, philosophy, religion as well as travel and Saturn in this house often denotes a stable and practical philosophy of life. Profound and penetrating, you are, however, highly orthodox and conservative in religion, education, and business. You hold to both the letter and spirit of the law, for the gods to whom you owe allegiance tend to be of the Old Testament variety, stern and uncompromising. You are very exacting and focused, possessing very strong administrative skills, and are likely to be politically conservative. Essentially, this is because Saturn will tolerate no one else's authority, impelled to be their own teacher, priest, and saviour, answerable only to themselves.

* Saturn Semisquare Uranus

The Semisquare is an aspect of continual, willful, subtle tension and irritation, resistant to change and requiring calm focused and active expression if thorny situations are to be avoided.

Everybody wants to be different. But, as far as you're concerned, differences can be a deterrent - something to avoid at all costs. However, you don't mind difference in others, in fact you positively respond to it. It's just that in your own life you can't shake off that old apprehension about branching out and actually going it alone. There are two potentially conflicting energies at work in this aspect such that what usually happens is that you identify with one extreme at one end of the spectrum and then encounter the enemy in the great "out there" as either the violently anarchistic Uranus or the oppressively authoritarian Saturn.

Having Uranus as your Chart Ruler as you do will probably incline you toward the former of the two possibilities.

This aspect is close and so will reflect one of the most important dynamics in your life.

When Saturn aspects the outer planets there can be a peculiar receptivity to the mass movements and trends that percolate below the threshold of the collective.

With Uranus you have an ear for collective murmurings political and otherwise, long before others. Uranus governs the realm of ideas and ideologies that have the capacity to disrupt and transform society.

CHIRON

In 1977 a tiny planetoid was discovered between the orbits of Saturn and Uranus. In common with the discovery of the other outer planets Chiron's sighting seems also to be a reflection of the major shifts in global consciousness we are experiencing at present. A bridge between Saturn and Uranus, Chiron seems to be somewhat of a maverick with a very erratic 50 year orbit. In common with the other outer planets much of what Chiron has to teach us may still to be gleamed.

In mythology Chiron prepared and schooled the heroes, teaching both survival and ethical skills, as well as warfare and healing. The position of Chiron may reflect not only where we can act as teachers to others, but also where our own heroic potential might come to the fore. Chiron was also known as the wounded healer and it seems to be this archetypal figure that is constellated most powerfully in the individual birth chart by the presence of Chiron.

Chiron then seems to reflect that area where one feels wounded rejected or inadequate in some

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way. There are similarities with Saturn, but unlike Saturn, Chiron seems to require an increase in understanding and tolerance, because there is a sense of the wound never really going away. Thus the need for a very deep acceptance of our woundedness as a precondition for any healing to begin. Also that it is the processes involved in both the wound and its healing that are important as catalysts for deeper change and growth within the psyche.

In the horoscope Chiron seems to describe the nature of wounds that we have received very early in life, and of major influences during these formative years. As Carlos Ruiz so poignantly observed:

'One of the pitfalls of childhood is that one doesn't have to understand something to feel it. By the time the mind is able to comprehend what has happened, the wounds of the heart are already too deep.'

* Chiron in Capricorn

The sign position of Chiron describes where you are connected to your inner wound and also suggests a route through this to healing, as well as the nature of that healing. For you this is related to the setting and achieving of goals and your fear of failure that plagues you regardless of your actual achievement. Your wound you carry in the hardness that you can take on when overwhelmed by the burden of duty that tags you and indicates that it is important for you to build a greater sense of personal authority and internal rather than external measures of personal worth.

* Chiron in the Fifth

The house position of Chiron can reveal where in life the wound will be confronted. Often it is deeply buried beneath a life time of its presence being denied and lays waiting in some hidden valley of our psyche, waiting to be acknowledged and honoured. Here the wound will manifest in, or be buried beneath your sense of creative self-expression, of play and children. Thus the processes of your experience of, and engagement with your own creative self-expression, are vital for your psychic well being. As is your relationship with your children, not to mention your own inner child, as well as your sense of uniqueness, of being special.

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The outermost planets, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto remain in the same sign for long durations of time and, therefore, are common to all people of a particular age group and reveal generational attitudes. However, when in aspect to personal planets, they reveal how one is attuned to the forces of change within the generation, and how one is attuned to the forces of change within oneself, one's role in the collective fate of one's generation.

As such, the house position of these planets is crucial in determining the sphere of life wherein its energies are most likely to manifest. These are relatively new planets, unknown to the ancients, and perhaps representing latent drives in man that were unknown before the time of their discovery, and only now beginning to express themselves. Here then, we are entering the realm of the collective unconscious, of archetypal images and urges rarely available to consciousness, at least not in ways that can be apprehended and understood (the Mercury function). These three planetary gods preside over realms with no beginning and no end.

These images enter our lives with Uranus, as flashes of insight; with Neptune, as intimations of

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the infinite, as vague yearnings, dreams and longings; with Pluto, as a profound sensing of the unfathomable, the archaic, a sense of endings and new beginnings, often accompanied by strange obsessions and compulsions.

Many of these experiences we encounter in the great out there in the form of events that "happen" to us, as people that enter our lives and as opportunities that arise. The task of the Hero is to seize these.

URANUS

Uranus, as it moves slowly through each of the signs, in turn changing every seven years, allows glimpses and omens of a new and different vision of a perfect society.

Uranus the god, first born and fatherless, presides over the starry heavens, representing the idea of concrete form before it becomes manifest, the idea of a cosmos before it takes form, the idea of a structure embedded in concrete forms, yet ceaselessly perfecting itself on the level of the idea and forcing recalcitrant forms to change with it before it becomes embedded. There is a new sense of urgency, expressed through each of the signs, impersonal, abstract and distant.

* Uranus Retrograde

You have a strong sense of difference from others, but you keep it very much to yourself; in fact, your potential uniqueness is likely to be held back from full expression in the outer world. Rather you express this through the originality of your thinking and your overwhelming desire to discover something different, some distant horizon. The normally electrified Uranus is less focused upon outer realms of experience, but instead concentrates upon the inner planes, providing you with sudden insights from within.

There is an aloneness about you, you thrive on detachment and distance and can be very much of an elitist, identifying with the iconoclast and the revolutionary.

* Uranus in Sagittarius (1981 - 1988)

You are part of a generation where religion and moral responsibility resurface as critical issues. Consequently, new religious movements proliferate, some quite bizarre, some more conventional. At the root of it all is the perennial desire to gain "proof" of our reason for being here. Thus, revelations or "sightings" of God become almost epidemic.

Uranus shows that area of the life in which strong urges for individuality and freedom of expression are shown. In this house you should expect sudden and unexpected changes to occur during your life. Uranus brings radical behavior caused by your actions, the action of others, or by circumstances over which you have no control.

* Uranus in Eleventh House

Uranus shows that area of the life in which strong urges for individuality and freedom of expression are shown. In this house you should expect sudden and unexpected changes to occur during your life. Uranus brings radical behavior caused by your actions, the action of others, or by circumstances over which you have no control. It is also the abode of the maverick within, it is that place where we glimpse possibilities, envision potential, experience a calling, and clash against old outworn structures so that out of a pressing need for greater personal freedom you

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are urged to give expression to change.

This is the house of hopes and wishes, friends and associations, groups and movements. This placement is suggestive of goals and ambitions that can change in sudden and unpredictable ways. Settling into your life work is a constant challenge, there is just so much to immerse yourself in and you want to change it all. You make friends easily, but tend to keep them at a distance and probably have considerably fewer really close relationships. You are attracted to like minded people, freethinking, future oriented and forward looking, and with them you engage in various progressive causes for the betterment of others.

All the world's a stage. But, for you, the actors are not so much people as ideas. Formulas and equations, suggestions and counter-suggestions, all partake in the cut and thrust of conflict. As the scenes progress, the plot becomes more confusing until, in the grand finale, the idea of salvation for all mankind establishes itself as the only truly viable notion, and the leading player in the piece.

On such a stage, the actors change frequently, as do your larger than usual circle of acquaintances. Similarly, long-term ambitions can be elusive because changeable.

NEPTUNE

Neptune takes some 13 or so years to pass through each sign and so stamps entire generations with its vision. A vision which manifests in the way in which that generation will idealise its pathway to redemption and salvation. In the outer realm, fads and fashions will mobilise the collective, new fashions arise, films and art will give it form and messiahs of different persuasions will promise a new vision of paradise regained.

For Neptune presides over the bottomless great deep, the watery source from which we all have emerged, the paradise we have lost, the eternity we yearn for in life and after death. Pain free and home at last.

* Neptune is Retrograde

This heightens and internalises your sensitivity to Neptune, thus your receptivity to subtle emotional undercurrents can be heightened and intensified as can Neptune's escapist tendencies. Ultra sensitive to the needs of others, you spend much of the early part of your life focused on these; you also may have a hard time experiencing and identifying yourself as separate from your family.

* Neptune in Sagittarius (1970 - 1984)

Discovered in the nineteenth century, Neptune is one of the slow movers of the heavens, spending some 13 years in each sign and thus tarring entire generations with the same brush. Neptune was in Sagittarius from 1970 to 1984, when a globalisation of human consciousness took place at these times; as such, to your generation belongs the gift of revelation. No longer do insights remain the province of the few, but instead are dispersed amongst the many. The notion that all humankind is an indivisible unit takes on a fervent following and is held up to the light, as if for the very first time. Thus, you belong to a generation of the most extreme idealists; one global expression of this is the fervent religious revival (and also the revival of political fundamentalism and extremism) sweeping the planet and now established as a political force.

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You are extremely idealistic and farsighted in your dreams, but not always practical. Born during the peak of the "New Age" movement your age group also possesses a very strong interest in all manner of psychic and esoteric phenomena,

Having Neptune in aspect to the Sun, as you do, will put you in touch with many of the trends that sweep the collective. The task of the Hero here is to attempt to stand firm and articulate and manifest in their own life and/or art and/or the spiritual dimension of your life, however you express these, the positives of Neptune, rather than be swept along in the unconscious tide of the masses. Certainly, these trends have the potential to manifest within you and there will be an imperative to become a conscious (Sun) part of your journey.

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The House position of Neptune shows where specifically you will feel the need to transcend. This House area will show where dreams are built up and dissolve and in what area of life you gain spiritual understanding through acceptance of the transience of all things. Neptune's house may show that area of the life where sacrifices are likely to be necessary. Where life feels vague, mystical and dreamlike in nature, where the higher spiritual forces may make their presence felt, and where you are at times unrealistic.

*** Neptune within 3 degrees of the Ascendant is interpreted as a First House Planet.**

Neptune is associated with things that cannot be grasped, measured or seen. It is through Neptune that we glimpse "other" states of consciousness outside of normal consensus reality, for some, even the divine. Neptune, however, is also fog, mist, nebulosity, and can thus describe the area of life wherein we are perennially confused, vague and aimless. Where the Hero loses him/herself for a while, this too is part of the Quest, this too has its gifts, for as Einstein observed...

The most beautiful emotion we can experience is the mystical. It is the power of all true art and science.

This being the first house, the house of identity Neptune's placement here indirectly imposes a challenge related to the nature and definition of your own identity. The difficulties of this lie in the nebulous lack of definition of Neptune, which will affect any sense of a unique and separate identity, and so make it hard to establish any kind of fixed and firm centre within the personality structure. While being so sensitive to the needs of others, you can unwittingly sacrifice your own in attempting to satisfy them, and in so doing lose your own purpose and direction. This is not helped by your capacity for self-delusion, so often there is a good bit of confusion regarding goals and proper direction in life. This can lead you to drift in life and miss, delay or even completely avoid action that should be taken. You are a perfect mirror and because you have difficulty forming a strong self-image can tend to be very easily influenced and depend on others for support and direction. Thanks to this placement, you are probably much more psychic than most people and perhaps much more psychic than you believe yourself to be.

You have an aesthetic appearance, lending itself to a blend of sensitivity and idealism. You have an artistic aptitude, even if only in the appreciative sense. Idealistic, you tend to drift along and dream rather than put your ideals into practice

An apparently otherwise open book, you can be highly impressionable to the personal

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expressions of others, and it is often their attitudes, beliefs and opinions that are absorbed and reflected out by you as if they were your own. You can tend to be not only gullible but also quite capable of deceiving others; for, you see, others simply trust you, perhaps too much, being drawn to your indefinable aura of mystery and longing. And when you find your heroic niche, it will often have a deep spiritual meaning for you, perhaps connected with helping others in some way.

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Aspects of Neptune show personality traits which are strongly affected by dreams and idealism. These aspects indicate where you have unrealistic expectations and where you will experience disappointment, until you refine your nature through spiritual insight.

* Neptune Conjunct Ascendant

The Conjunction is the strongest of all aspects describing a merging of planetary principles and life energies, creating great potency, singularity of purpose and concerted individuality. This aspect signifies dynamic, subjective and eventful patterns of action.

With this aspect, you have trouble anchoring yourself to the projects and tasks that life demands of you; there is this constant and nagging feeling of "what's the point", a sense that sooner or later along will come some huge tidal wave and all your efforts will have been to no avail. Finding your true work in life will be a source of confusion for you, as well as the feeling that you belong. This perhaps is part of the price you pay for your great sensitivity. You need an outlet for your compassion, spirituality and sensitivity if you are to avoid being overwhelmed by them.

Further the strongly watery nature of your chart (you have a number of planets in water), means that you may experience more than the usual amount of difficulty integrating this aspect into your life. It is, however, especially important that you do find outlets for the watery sensitivity and dreamy creativity of this aspect, for if the energy has nowhere to go it may turn in on itself in the form of illness and depression and eat away, on the inside sapping your vitality and creating a passive victim mentality. This additional emphasis will make this a dominant and recurring theme throughout the course of your life.

Working as consciously as you can with the gifts of your Mars Saturn contacts will ease this somewhat and help keep your energies anchored in the physical world. Solid physical exercise or activity will also serve to help keep you grounded.

Neptune has the ability to put every part of your chart that it touches in a fog and leech energy from it, in the case of the angles your sense of who you are and purpose in the world. This can be a difficulty, but it is also capable of giving us a powerful and enabling stimulus from some deep source when we pause to catch the threads of our dreams. Such is the gift of Neptune, and the task of the Hero.

PLUTO

As with Neptune, Pluto leaves in its wake, along with some aspect of discarded social detritus, an entire generational group born to the beat of a particular drum, each of which will mobilise differently, according to its sign placement, when some aspect of social survival is threatened. Only to leave behind it structures and new systems that are past their sell by date and destroyed

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so that we can continually regenerate ourselves and survive.

Pluto then governs the shadowy womb of the underworld, where the necessity of nature decrees that all incarnated things fulfill their allotment and wear out in time, so that life can be perpetuated in new forms. Impersonally, irrevocably, finally.

* Pluto is Retrograde

Pluto stays retrograde longer than any of the planets, thus more people have Pluto retrograde in their charts than any other planet. However, Pluto is a highly impersonal planet with very little direct influence of which upon our conscious make-up when Retrograde.

Save and except, as with you, when it is in aspect to the Sun, which tends to personalise collective and otherwise unconscious issues, surrounding such Plutonian and traditionally taboo themes as sex and intimacy, and their bedfellows, death and mortality. Huge concerns that read so glibly and yet which animate so much of your life.

* Pluto in Libra

Pluto moves so slowly through each sign that it stamps entire generations with its passing; as a collective image, Pluto can be seen as symbolising generational survival angst. Much of your generation's (1971 - 1984) thinking is preoccupied with the issue of personal relationships. All those things which have been previously taken for granted as desirable and healthy - boy meets girl, the marriage state, friendship between the sexes - are now seen as being amongst the chief obstacles to society's progress. New expressions of relationship and intimacy are being pioneered, wedlock is no longer the only way, and in some ways uninvolved, impartial and/or multiple relationships are not just acceptable, but increasingly the norm.

Above all, yours is a generation of individuals who are deeply interested in other people an all manner of relationships with which you will struggle and experiment with forging new models for how people can relate as friends, family members, and members of nations as well.

If your generation has a creed, Mae West summarised it very succinctly with:

Whenever I have to choose between two evils, I like to try the one I haven't tried yet.

* Pluto in the Ninth House

While Pluto's sign position brings generational issues into focus, Pluto's house position describes the arena of your personal life which this energy will power. The area of life symbolized by Pluto's house position is highly energized, for it is here that you are in touch with a deep reservoir of concentrated energy. Here you have great power to assert yourself ruthlessly and obnoxiously, or as positive will to elevate your higher qualities. This is an area of your life where you may also feel isolated and lonely and in which profound changes are likely. Pluto may be seen as symbolizing one's existential loneliness.

The transformation which Pluto requires in this house involves the search and development of your own unique ideological approach to life, not one which necessarily relies upon following a group belief structure. It requires having the strength to stand on your own feet and the courage to follow your own path and convictions. For Pluto needs to understand the fundamental forces of man and nature, the philosophical underpinnings of existence itself, but not everyone has the strength to go there in which case Pluto can manifest as dogmatic intolerance of anything that might threaten to rock their ideological boat. Either way, you're very much drawn to religious

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issues, to strong beliefs and ideals on your quest for deeper awareness of the ultimate concerns of life and which you will fight to defend. Beware, however, of the shadow side of all this dogmatism and self-righteousness. It was Cicero who said: *'To philosophise is to prepare for death'*.

Travel may also be a lifetime preoccupation although many experiences which evoke profound transformations can occur within through higher education although just as readily you enjoy encountering and assimilating the knowledge and traditions of people other than your own.

The higher mental powers are especially strong and inclined toward regeneration of legal, educational, moral, and philosophic systems. There is significant perception of the core causes of problems connected with the larger social order. The intuition regarding such matters is highly developed, giving profound insight and understanding. You have little tolerance for hypocrisy and social injustice. There may be a tendency to impose views on others.

The ninth house most romantically conjures through its association with 'Long Journeys' the mythic Quest. A journey into strange and perilous places, within and without, a journey from which one would return, if at all, changed.

* Pluto Sextile Ascendant

Intensity surrounds whatever you do; deeply private, your penetrating insights colour your entire approach to life, transformative and compulsive energies are integral to your mode of self-expression. Your Quest is characterised by a particularly restless need to probe the deeper mysteries of existence; very intense and penetrating, you see through people and their intentions and insist on getting to the bottom of things. A deep privacy along with penetrating insight will colour your entire approach to life. As will your need to pit yourself against everyone and everything. There will be times in your life when you make radical changes to every facet of your being. You have an indomitable will that once set cannot be altered.

This aspect is of medium strength.

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This concludes your Personal Profile, also available from Astroquest is The Forecaster, www.yourastrologyforecaster.com an in depth look at the continuing relationships formed between your birth chart and the cyclic movement of the planets, now and over the next twelve months.

The author is also available for personal consultations which provide an opportunity for your birth chart and the issues, the stories and the myths, both personal and archetypal, that arise from its exploration to be brought alive in the "day to day" of your life.

In conclusion then, a few final thoughts. The birth chart can help you glimpse your Quest, and become aware of what you could be. What you do from here on is entirely up to you, just as a road map can't of its own get you to your destination, the chart can't "do" anything for you, other than to orient, confirm choices, realign you with your path, and offer insights that might perhaps lead to greater consciousness.

It might be helpful to reflect on an old Jewish story:

The Hasidic rabbi, Susya, shortly before his death said "When I get to

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heaven, they will not ask me, Why were you not Moses? Instead they will ask, Why were you not Susya? Why did you not become what only you could become?"

Herein lies the Call to adventure, to our journey, we have not even to risk it alone, for the heroes of all time have gone before us. However we do need to risk it, the greatest peril is still in ignoring the call. Now more than ever the world needs heroes, and heroism today might be redefined as the willingness to engage the inner worlds, while staying firm and centred in ones outer life. To hold with strength and conviction the ambivalence and ambiguities of feeling and of the feeling realm, amidst change and paradox. To roam in that space wherein will arise your own inner story.

Ours is not an age that nurtures this, but then Heroism was never easy!

Joseph Campbell captures it with this:

They thought that it would be a disgrace to go forth as a group. Each entered the forest at a point that he himself had chosen, where it was darkest and there was no path. If there is a path it is someone else's path and you are not on the adventure".

Good luck, and may your path rise to meet you.

This concludes Prince Wlliam's Personal Astrology Report.

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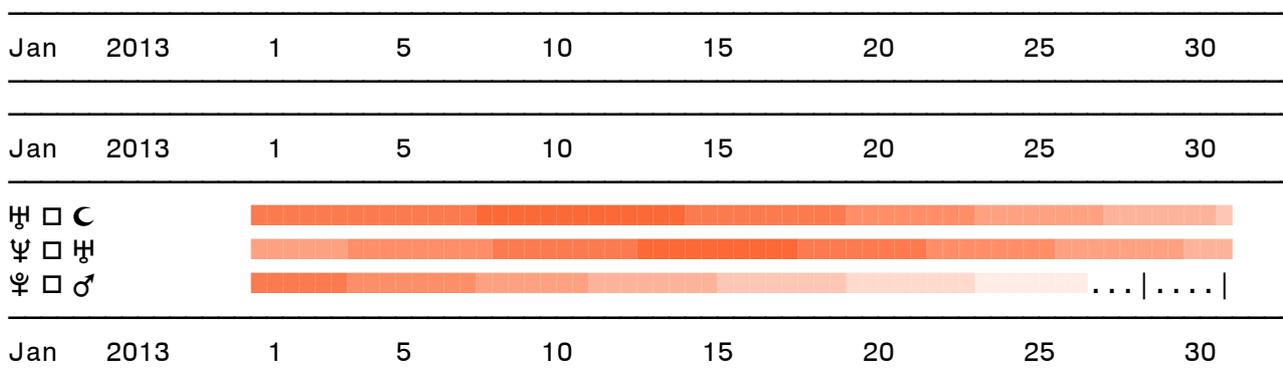
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Transits ~ the time of your life

As a bonus to this report I have included an introductory one month report of the strongest, major transits currently present in your chart. Transits are the interactions made by the continuing movements of the planets with their position in your birth chart, and can reveal much about where you are in your life right now, March 2012 and what is to come for the remainder of the year.

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Prince Wlliam's transits for the month of...



This graph shows only some (if any) of the most significant transits that are occurring in your life right now. "Transiting" planets are planets which in their present position form a particular relationship to the planetary positions at your birth time. Over time differing angles are constantly created between these two, in astrological language these angles are called " Aspects ".

Sometimes these will repeat several times over one or even two years, to find out the other peak times you will need to go to www.yourastrologyforecaster.com to purchase the full 12 month report from which the text below is extracted. These transiting aspects then, will have an influence either side of the printed time span, although the ones below are major right now and will certainly not pass unnoticed. These will manifest in differing ways according to the planetary placements in the original horoscope as well of course depending on your gender, age and stage in life.

* We also need to give some thought to your age **30** which will form the context for the interpretive map that follows.

For more detailed information about the interrelationships between the planets in your chart and their continuing travers of the night sky over the next twelve months go to www.yourastrologyforecaster.com

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From about: **1 Jan 2013** to about: **27 Jan 2013**

* **Transiting Pluto** is square to your natal **Mars** ~ beware the steam roller within.

Pluto represents mostly the urge to transform and to regenerate, bringing rebirth, and is that force that brings all that has decayed and passed its time to the surface for transformation. This transit is a threshold crossing, there will be dragons to fight and demons to slay, but this is the stuff **Mars**/Ares excels at. And during this descent to Hades realm, **Pluto** will be powerfully energized by **Mars**. You have intense energy now, seemingly driven to accomplish all those things which you want to do. It can be a time of great success, but remember that **Pluto**/Hades is the god of the underworld, the "great place below" and any gains will come with a price, for the ferryman will demand a toll. This then can also be a time of intense struggle, and one of the demons may be feelings of anger, which seem to erupt from some very dark and very deep place. With this transit, there will be a lot energy and you will have to learn how to handle it; and if you stay true to yourself and resist the temptation to dominate others, you will achieve much.

Transiting **Pluto** brings things to the surface and transforms them; in this case, aspects of your **Mars** nature, that is, your assertive nature, and also the inner masculine. Thus, the animus principle is being activated at this time, and so animus issues will be brought to your attention. How you go about getting what you want in the world, how you assert your will or solar essence, all will be brought to the surface and inexorably transformed.

These outer changes are sometimes accompanied by an inner awakening; for, like the **Sun**, **Mars** is an animus principle and often animus issues arise during these times. If this is so for you, you will confront circumstances, either in the outer world or within, that constellate issues surrounding how you express your individuality through action, assertion and power, enabling you to accomplish great things in this two or so year period.

As a man, this can be the time of your journey when you experience the ways in which you have been expressing **Mars**' energy in your life, and managing this can be one of the lessons and gifts of this time. If by nature you are a fairly passive fellow, this might be a time when you learn to rattle your sword occasionally. If, on the other hand, you are used to getting your way, then that same sword may need to be sheathed a little more often, so allowing for other possibilities. Power reversals are also common during these times and can precipitate some intense negotiations and mutual accommodation within relationships.

These can also be times when dark, threatening toughies, gangs or bikie types may populate your dreams and fantasy life; these are signs of the beginnings of positive awakening as precursors to change. You will be experiencing some very powerful emotions at this time and need to be aware of the default possibility of attracting powerful, pushy, aggressive, "fight starting" characters into your life.

Mars is experienced chiefly as warrior and lover, and so it is likely that these are the areas of your experience that will be highlighted. There is great energy here. If you suppress it, you will be subjected to enormous inner tension. Positively, you are capable of accomplishing an enormous amount of work, and reaching your career goals. However, you may also find yourself impatient, egotistical, frustrated, easily angered and either aggressive, or on receipt of someone else's.

However, you have to strike a fine balance between allowing this energy to be expressed and controlling it, so that you don't ride roughshod over other people. If you do that, you will meet with tremendous opposition, naturally. Live your life as usual, but don't take risks now, with

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strangers or dangerous situations. You will have a greatly increased sex drive, which can be terrific for a romantic relationship, but you want to avoid people who are violent or excessively jealous. Express any anger that you feel; don't let it build up inside of you. That's the way accidents and violent arguments occur. If you meet someone on a power trip, you will have to stand up for your rights, but it's best to have others on your side while you're doing it. Be aware of the energies that you possess; release them constructively and safely. Avoid uncontrolled anger and conflict. This is a very dynamic period for physical self-improvement and achievement of your goals.

This time may be understood as another step along the road of trials, another in the series of tests, tasks, or ordeals that the person must undergo to begin the transformation. Often, the person fails one or more of these tests, which frequently occur in threes. But as von Wulfenbach noted in *Parsifal*, *The Hero does not falter but keeps on going and even his falling is but a part of his reaching his final goal.*

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From about: **1 Jan 2013** *to about:* **31 Jan 2013**

These are collective transits which, politically and socially, affect entire generations of people, bringing sweeping changes, heralding movements and leaving the seed for the new in their wake. On a personal level, these are subtle influences that will not always occupy the foreground of your life; that is, unless **Uranus** is strong in your chart or you have an Aquarian ascendant.

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* **Transiting Uranus** is square to your natal **Moon** ~ needing emotional freedom.

Uranus represents the freedom of ego self and the urge toward differentiation, originality, independence from tradition, as well as being the planet of extremes and sudden change. It is a force which destroys the old to allow room for the new, heralding change, excitement and expression without restraint. When **Uranus** aspects the **Moon**, it will impact immediately on your feeling nature, your feelings about life and how you feel about yourself. You will very likely experience a degree of emotional turbulence, as part of the emotional changes you are undergoing, stirred up by sudden events or powerfully jarring circumstances which require you to become a more independent person. This will affect all aspects of your life because emotional freedom is a very pressing need for you right now, bringing with it attendant turmoil and upset.

It is perhaps because of past mistakes that you seem to struggle now against personal restriction and some kind of separation could in fact occur, possibly because of your own stubbornness and pride. Working with these problems, however, would be better than ditching the relationship for a new one, for even though you feel restricted in that part of yourself which is most individual and unique, these may well be externalizations of some inner resistance that needs to be faced within. It will be the facing of these inner blocks that will free you from feeling held back, preventing you from being really free and independent, and they are the cause of your frustrations in expressing your individuality and creative ideas. You should examine yourself honestly, and ask if you are being too selfish. Are you emotionally mature in the way you relate to others? Are you asking for freedom with no responsibility at all? Do you give others the freedom you demand for yourself? Do groups and partnership limit your freedom? Are there problems in business and joint financial affairs? Are some of these due to your own selfishness and tendency to use people? Whatever the cause, if your behaviour has been overly erratic or self-serving, you

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may be called to account for your eccentricities.

Ultimately though, the passage of this transit will give you a better understanding of yourself and your emotions.

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A more in depth, detailed, blow by blow, month by month, look at all your transits over the next twelve months and their place within your life cycle, can be found in www.yourastrologyforecaster.com It is an in-depth look at what is happening now and, following the cycles of the planets, the flavour of the challenges and the promise of the next twelve months. Anticipating and understanding the meaning of the demands the time ahead enables you to flow more consciously, creatively, purposefully and above joyously through the cycles of your life.

Modern life can be so hectic that we often find ourselves pulled "off centre" and out of connection, both with what we are, and with what we might truly become. Astrology is a powerful tool that can get us back in touch with those deeper aspects of our being. *Thank you.*

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