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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Aquarius	27°Aq25'	6th	
The Sun	Sagittarius	2°Sg57'	3rd	read into 4th House
Mercury	Scorpio	13°Sc14'	3rd	
Venus	Capricorn	11°Cp53'	5th	
Mars	Cancer	18°Cn30'	11th	
Jupiter	Capricorn	5°Cp49'	4th	read into 5th House
Saturn	Capricorn	15°Cp33'	5th	
Uranus	Leo	25°Le47'	12th	
Neptune	Scorpio	9°Sc45'	2nd	read into 3rd House
Pluto	Virgo	8°Vi04'	12th	read into 1st House
Chiron	Aquarius	27°Aq34'	6th	
The North Node	Virgo	11°Vi45'	12th	read into 1st House
The South Node	Pisces	11°Pi45'	6th	read into 7th House
The Ascendant	Virgo	11°Vi58'	1st	
The Midheaven	Gemini	9°Ge19'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	The Sun	5°32'	Applying
The Moon	Semisquare	Venus	0°31'	Separating
The Moon	Opposition	Uranus	1°37'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	Chiron	0°09'	Applying
The Sun	Sesquisquare	Mars	0°33'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Pluto	5°07'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Chiron	5°22'	Separating
The Sun	Opposition	The Midheaven	6°22'	Applying
Mercury	Sextile	Venus	1°20'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Mars	5°16'	Applying
Mercury	Sextile	Saturn	2°19'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	Neptune	3°28'	Separating
Mercury	Sextile	The North Node	1°28'	Separating
Mercury	Trine	The South Node	1°28'	Separating
Mercury	Sextile	The Ascendant	1°15'	Separating
Venus	Opposition	Mars	6°36'	Applying
Venus	Conjunction	Jupiter	6°04'	Separating
Venus	Conjunction	Saturn	3°39'	Applying
Venus	Sesquisquare	Uranus	1°06'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	Neptune	2°08'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Pluto	3°49'	Separating
Venus	Semisquare	Chiron	0°40'	Applying

Venus	Trine	The North Node	0°08'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	The South Node	0°08'	Separating
Venus	Trine	The Ascendant	0°04'	Applying
Mars	Opposition	Saturn	2°57'	Applying
Mars	Trine	The South Node	6°45'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Pluto	2°15'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	The North Node	5°56'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	The Ascendant	6°09'	Applying
Saturn	Trine	The North Node	3°48'	Separating
Saturn	Trine	The Ascendant	3°34'	Separating
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	1°47'	Separating
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°40'	Separating
Neptune	Sextile	The North Node	2°00'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	The South Node	2°00'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	The Ascendant	2°13'	Applying
Neptune	Quincunx	The Midheaven	0°25'	Separating
Pluto	Conjunction	The North Node	3°40'	Applying
Pluto	Opposition	The South Node	3°40'	Applying
Pluto	Conjunction	The Ascendant	3°54'	Applying
Pluto	Square	The Midheaven	1°15'	Applying
The North Node	Conjunction	The Ascendant	0°13'	Separating
The North Node	Square	The Midheaven	2°25'	Applying
The South Node	Opposition	The Ascendant	0°13'	Separating
The South Node	Square	The Midheaven	2°25'	Applying
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	2°39'	Applying

INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

LIFE GOALS

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

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

Your Sun is in the fourth house of your birth chart meaning that your home and family play a powerful role in your life, as they are the vehicle for you learning about life. For this reason you expend much time and energy working out your role in the family. Family life, and even family conflict, provides you with opportunities to learn about your own resources. Love them or hate them, you can't seem to escape them unless it is to form a new family of your own. Although you do love your family members, as you mature you also feel a strong urge to leave the nest and put down roots of your own. You benefit from purchases of land, houses, and property, and may also benefit from working in jobs connected with property. You're likely to achieve your ambitions for a secure home, although at times you can feel quite unsettled if your housing situation is unclear. Astrologically speaking, the Sun is strong in the angular fourth house of a chart, and therefore whether you realise it or not you're likely to make a strong impact on your family members. You also benefit through inheritances from parents or family members.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Sagittarius indicating that you're a sunny and optimistic individual, with a love of adventure. In fact adventure plays a key role in your life, whether it be literally travelling around the globe, or metaphorically speaking exploring the world of ideas and philosophy. You're particularly enthusiastic about anything that expands your world and helps you forget about daily chores. Religion, law, sport, philosophy, academia, and ethics are just some of the many areas which provide a gourmet of ideas for exploration. For these reasons you're also likely to be attracted to people from foreign lands, who help to give you a fresh and different perspective on life. You also enjoy setting goals, as looking forward to a new vision provides excitement. Your excitement is contagious, and this can be uplifting and a lesson to those around you. But you need to beware of grandiosity, and remember to enjoy the present moment. In your eagerness to embrace life and all of its possibilities you need also to be aware that others may lack your enthusiasm. While you certainly have the ability to inspire and teach others, you need also to learn tact and diplomacy in your approach. You may be surprised to learn that you possess a tendency to be blunt which needs to be reined in from time to time.

When the Sun and the Moon are combining unfavourably in your chart, it means that you're likely to have difficulty succeeding in life. You may have trouble in money matters, struggle with employment, and suffer at the hands of other people. You should be particularly wary of troublesome women, who could create obstacles to you achieving your goals. In some cases, this combination can also mean that you suffer from ill health, which further hinders your chances of success.

The Sun is making a difficult contact with the planet Mars in your birth chart meaning that your life goals are

constantly being challenged. This is most frustrating because you know what you want to achieve, but obstacles often seem to stand in your way. As a young child it's likely that strong parent figures or difficult circumstances prevented you from getting all that you wanted. Now as an adult the battle continues, and you feel that you have to fight to achieve your goals. You may not be aware of how often you're jeopardising your own success by trying too hard and tackling projects and other people too aggressively. You need to learn the difference between assertion and aggression. You may believe that you're simply stating your own case clearly, but others believe that you're being pushy and dogmatic. The positive side is that you've plenty of energy to achieve your goals, you enjoy taking risks and are not afraid of confronting difficulties. You simply need to find a healthy outlet for your enthusiasm and energy. The challenge is to use your will power so that you can achieve success through co-operation with others.

The road to achieving your life goals is going to be tough because the Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Pluto in your birth chart. On a positive note you're a powerful and ambitious person, who enjoys rising to a challenge. You enjoy tackling difficult tasks, particularly the projects which other people have put in the too-hard basket. You're likely to succeed where others have failed, but the path will be strewn with obstacles. It could be circumstances which stand in your way. Perhaps your childhood was difficult, failing to provide you with the support needed for a successful adult life. It's possible that a dominant father figure blocked your success, perhaps even abusing himself or you in the process. As a result you're likely to experience strong emotions, possibly anger, when you reflect on your experiences. You can be explosive and unpredictable and have trouble controlling your emotions, feeling that the world is opposing your deepest wishes. Your challenge is to be powerful in the most positive sense of the word. This way you achieve your life goals without causing too much damage on the way!

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

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

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Capricorn in your birth chart indicating that you're a serious and ambitious person, preferring to work slowly and surely towards your goals. You take life seriously and are more inclined to shoulder your responsibilities towards home and work, rather than pursue your own pleasures. If you travel abroad it's likely to be for business purposes, rather than recreation. Professional

goals are particularly important as you seek recognition from those in authority. You may have some setbacks early in life, suffering from a lack of recognition or struggling to get others to take you seriously. It's later in life that you really start to achieve recognition and results. You've integrity and traditional values, which are admired by others and which help you achieve your ambitions. Your organising abilities are also excellent. Astrologically speaking the planet Jupiter is considered to be ill-favoured in the sign of Capricorn and therefore you need to be wary of becoming discontent, peevish and autocratic.

The planets Jupiter and Pluto are making contact in your chart indicating that you've the enthusiasm to live life to the fullest and are likely to succeed in reaching your objectives. You are inclined to think big when tackling projects, preferring the satisfaction that follows the accomplishment of large projects. Whatever project you tackle, you do it in a big way. It's likely that you've many goals in life because you're progressive and ambitious, eager to make the most of opportunities that come your way. What you lack in attention to detail you gain in enthusiasm and energy. You're a natural-born leader or teacher, inspiring others with your grand schemes. You may teach a classroom of adults or children, or on a one-to-one basis or you may simply inspire others by example. You need only to be careful to keep your ego under control, and to make sure that you're not too grandiose. You're likely to succeed in achieving many of your hopes and wishes.

HOME

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

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

The Moon is placed in the sixth house of your birth chart suggesting that health – intellectual, emotional or the physical component – is a major focus of your life. Other components of your birth chart may indicate whether intellectual, emotional and/or physical health is the focus. Whatever the focus your own health can be a constant source of pre-occupation forcing you to constantly adjust your daily commitments and to reassess your priorities in life. Sometimes it's other people's health that concerns you, particularly a woman close to your heart. It's possible that you suffered from ill health early in your life, or that you suffered emotional or intellectual setbacks in early childhood. Perhaps you're still bearing the brunt of childhood experiences. It's also possible that you've learnt a great deal about the relationship between the mind and the body. You may want to share your own discoveries about medical treatments and the healing process with other people, possibly through your work. Your health may disrupt your daily routine, or perhaps you've learnt to adapt your lifestyle. Either way your daily life is constantly undergoing change, routines being disrupted by unforeseen circumstances. Finding a way to serve your fellow humans may be more important, more so than shining in your own right. Therefore you're likely to choose an occupation whereby you can be of service to other people.

With the Moon in the sign of Aquarius you've an innate distrust of emotions, preferring the safety of intellectual analysis. It's not that you don't want to become close to your loved ones, it's just that they seem to be so emotional about everything. In fact you enjoy social gatherings with loved ones, but you prefer to talk about social issues and world events rather than touch on an emotionally intimate subject. You're most at home when analysing the world from an intellectual point of view. You're comfortable amongst friends, but find one-to-one intimacy a little threatening. In company you enjoy a good joke, and have a good sense of humour which helps you through the most awkward situations, which seem to crop up quite often in your life. In personal relationships, you need freedom. Your view of the world is often quite different. In fact you can feel quite strongly about some of the things happening in the world, particularly if you feel that events are detrimental to humanity as a whole.

The Moon and the planet Uranus are connected in your chart suggesting that your home life is unusual and changeable. It could be that you've difficulty settling down in one place, or that you live in extraordinary surroundings. In some way your family life is unusual. This isn't necessarily a negative experience, although it could be upsetting. Perhaps you, or a member of your family, have an unusual hobby which has taken over the household, or necessity requires that your family often changes residence. The erratic nature of your

household probably stems from your childhood experiences. Perhaps your family was different from traditional families, or circumstances led to emotional upsets in the family home. It's possible that you suffered from a sense of insecurity as a child as a result of changing family life. Your mother, or an important mother figure, may have been an unusual or unstable influence in your early childhood. A continuing sense of a lack of security in your home and family may be a source of emotional distress, as you struggle to come to terms with conflicting emotions. However, you're a resourceful, inventive and independent person, and will eventually learn to blend your individual need for excitement and stimulation in the home environment with a need for comfort and security.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

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

The planet Mercury in the third house of your chart signifies that your education is likely to be connected with many short journeys, much activity and writing. This could be writing connected with your profession or simply the frequent exchange of letters with friends. You have a lively and perceptive mind and enjoy studying new topics. You may be particularly adept at studying languages, not that you really need to talk in order to communicate. You can find a way to link up with other people even if you don't speak the same language. However, you are particularly gifted with words, whether it be the spoken or written word. And you are quite a talker! You may have heard your friends, or perhaps your siblings, tell you that you could "talk under water". You are also a born gossip, interested in all the affairs of your neighbours, and also keen to gather news from further abroad. An avid reader, you enjoy a good book and may have literary talents. You are actually very intelligent and are likely to accomplish quite a bit in communicating with other people. Perhaps you'll teach, lecture, write or succeed in your studies. You excel in all forms of communication.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Scorpio indicates that you're a resourceful person, adept at delving into the heart of matters. For this reason you're an excellent person to have around in a crisis. You know just the right people to call, and just the right resources to call on. You're also an empathetic listener, unafraid of confronting intimate problems. In fact you prefer to talk to people on a meaningful level, rather than communicate on a superficial level. At social gatherings you can often be found in an intense conversation in the corner of a room, rather than taking part in the general social chat. Communications with you are intense. While you're good at listening to others, you can also have a tendency to be obsessed with your own problems. You're a worrier. You do best when you can turn your resourceful and probing mind into a project which requires concentration and research. A little intrigue would also be welcomed. You enjoy reading novels with an intricate and absorbing plot.

Although not a major aspect of your birth chart, the planets Mercury and Venus are making contact indicating that communication and learning are one of your joys in life. You're amiable and cheerful, and usually express yourself in a loving manner. A charming person, you tend to shy away from conflict, preferring that other people respond to you in a pleasant and polite way. When faced with unavoidable conflict, you attempt to smooth over troubled waters rather than take a confrontational approach. You're a good talker and listener, and genial conversations are a source of pleasure. It's likely that you also enjoy studying, perhaps more for fun than for achievement, although this depends on other aspects in your chart.

The planets Mercury and Mars are making contact in your chart indicating that you've a razor-sharp mind and tongue, which you're not afraid of using. You're quick to grasp new ideas, and enjoy studying any subject that challenges your mind. You may have a keen interest in sports and military pursuits. You've good intellectual powers, and are witty, enthusiastic and ingenious. You're a forthright and powerful speaker, perhaps not realising the extent of the effect that your words have on other people. Others may react adversely to your feisty way of communicating, particularly if you fail to curb your tendency to speak first

and think later. In some way your communications with other people tend to involve conflict, a battle of words requiring strategic manoeuvres. On a positive note it's also possible that others appreciate your ability to speak your mind, particularly if you're fighting for a cause. You may become an advocate for individuals or groups of people, who are unable to stand up for themselves or who need a strong spokesperson. You're the right choice because you're perceptive, enjoy a thought-provoking discussion or argument, and are agile in most negotiations.

The planet Mercury is making favourable contact with the planet Saturn in your birth chart indicating that you've good intellectual abilities. Your mind is contemplative and profound, capable of concentration and comprehension. Therefore you're likely to shine in pursuits such as study, writing, publishing, lecturing, teaching, travelling, diplomacy, and business. You may be particularly interested in science, politics or medicine. You're fortunate to have good judgement and reasoning powers, as well as an excellent memory. You may have had difficulty expressing yourself as a child, but as an adult you're able to speak your mind in a logical and methodical manner. The saying "older and wiser" certainly applies in your case. You're a sensible person, able to make careful plans and carry them through to completion. Depending on other aspects in your chart you're more likely to take a traditional path in your education, rather than explore uncharted territory. The steady approach to education and communication suits you. You've the ability to become a voice of authority in your field of expertise, particularly a field which requires business acumen, good communication skills and common sense. In other words, you're capable of achieving whatever you set your mind to.

The planets Mercury and Neptune are making favourable contact in your chart suggesting that you've a fertile imagination which, if encouraged, can lead to success in education, communication and any creative projects. You're receptive to new ideas and have a resourceful mind. You may also be inspired by the beauty of nature and the expanse of the ocean. Although at times you can seem a little vague, it's more likely that you're lost in a world of creative thought. If left to your reflections, then you're likely to express your thoughts in an artistic or creative manner. This could be through art, poetry, literature, story-telling, or music. It's possible that you possess genius in one of these fields. You're also likely to excel in medical or spiritual circles, where your heightened sensitivity to other people can be truly appreciated. You're more likely to follow an unconventional, rather than orthodox, path if you become involved in medicine. This is because you're attracted in psychic and spiritual phenomenon. In fact you may possess psychic gifts in the form of clairvoyance, psychometry, crystal gazing, trance and inspirational speaking and writing, and prophetic dreams.

RELATIONSHIPS

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

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

When the planet Venus is placed in the fifth house of your birth chart, relationships with children are important. You've a gift for enjoying life's pleasurable pastimes, possessing an almost child-like sense of awe at all the world has to offer in the way of fun and beauty. You delight in social interactions and value outings to art galleries, the theatre, musical concerts and ballet performances. This joyful side of your nature is highly appealing, and you're never short of a playmate or two to join in your escapades. Children, in particular, warm to your engaging nature somehow sensing a kindred spirit. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by children throughout your life, either your own or other people's. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you're likely to enjoy a fruitful union resulting in beautiful children. These children are likely to be charming and possess artistic talents bringing you much happiness. You enjoy their company, encouraging their talents and providing them with plenty of cherished childhood memories. Your children are not the only ones with artistic or musical talents. It's also likely that you've creative talents, which you delight in for pleasure or as a profession. Love affairs also feature in your life, providing you with much pleasure and perhaps some creative inspiration.

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

"Lucky in love and money". This could be your personal motto because the favourable planets Jupiter and Venus are combining to shine good fortune on your relationships and finances. You're fun loving, generous and popular. With your sympathetic and kind nature, you've a talent for putting other people at their ease. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your

horizons, perhaps even joining your travels around the world. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals. Other influences in your chart may indicate that you prefer to keep the home fires burning, but it's more likely that you seek adventure and romance with your partner.

The planets Venus and Saturn have combined in your chart indicating that you're seeking commitment and security in your primary relationship. Positively speaking this can be a rewarding, long-term relationship with someone trustworthy and reliable. You're faithful and loyal, a dependable, stable and dutiful partner. You value a long-lasting relationship, and are willing to take your time in establishing a permanent partnership. As a young adult you may favour a traditional marital relationship, complete with a formal ceremony and traditional wedding vows. This could change later in adulthood, when you're more likely to consider commitment in other forms. You're likely to achieve your objective of a worthwhile, long-term relationship after careful consideration and planning. On the other hand if you're not careful you may become involved with someone who tries to control your movements and behaviour. Depending on other influences in your chart you may be shy and inhibited in your personal relationships, and be fearful of standing up for your rights. One of your parents may have been too strict, eroding your confidence and ability to make your own way in the world. Consequently you fear expressing yourself, particularly in intimate relationships, and harbour feelings of being unattractive. While your personal relationships may prove difficult you've the ability to form good business partnerships. This is probably because business partners don't require intimacy or emotional vulnerability, which you find frightening. It's also possible that you're attracted to someone much older or perhaps your primary partner is also your business partner. The good news is that once you overcome your feelings of inadequacy you've the ability to form secure and long-lasting relationships based on firm foundations. As your confidence grows you may also enjoy organising social occasions.

The planets Neptune and Venus are connected in your chart indicating that you yearn for romance in your primary relationship. Whether you realise it or not, you're seeking an ideal and perfect partner, who may only exist in fairy tales. If you're not careful you'll become disillusioned with the imperfections of relationships and seek solace in a fantasy world. You need to face the realities and imperfections of yourself and your partner as much as possible. This doesn't mean that you need to completely rule out romance and idyllic love. In fact it might help if you're able to escape with your loved one to a romantic setting, away from the demands of everyday life. Coming to terms with the reality of your relationship simply helps you obtain a better understanding of your primary relationship, and helps prevent you becoming disillusioned. In other words taking off the rose-coloured glasses means that you can make a proper assessment of your primary relationship. As a result you'll experience fewer feelings of resentment and disappointment because your partner fails to be perfect, and you won't be in danger of overlooking some major flaws such as drug addiction or deceit. With the right partner you'll enjoy a sense of peace and fulfilment. You may also enjoy artistic or spiritual pursuits together. You're ardent and loving, responding quickly to your partner's need. In turn you benefit from acts of kindness, love and appreciation.

The combination of the planets Venus and Pluto in your chart indicate that you enjoy commitment and challenge in your personal relationships. Unlike many other people, you're not afraid to make the necessary changes demanded within close relationships. In fact you prefer change, especially if the alternative is a staid and steady relationship. You like to be consumed with love and passion, and are happiest when with a partner who feels the same way. You can be disappointed when others fail to soar to great emotional heights and plummet the emotional depths by your side. You want intensity, perhaps even a little drama, in your primary relationship. You're fiercely loyal and committed, and expect as much from your partner. Problems can arise when you don't feel a strong bond with your partner, or if that bond is threatened, particularly by another person. You're a jealous person, and quite capable of seeking revenge when wronged. You need to be careful

to choose the right person as your primary partner – someone who reciprocates your love and passion. Otherwise you can waste a lot of time and energy trying to make a doomed relationship work. You may also benefit from directing some of your energy into an all-consuming project, such as fighting for human rights or an intensely creative pursuit.

You're likely to experience problems in your relationships, particularly your relationships with women. This is because of the difficult combination of the Moon and the planet Venus in your chart. On the one hand you could tend to take your relationships for granted, spending little time or effort on improving yourself or your friendships. As a result you're likely to be somewhat unpopular and lose face. If you're looking for favours from your friends, or for a satisfactory primary relationship, then you need to take stock and improve your attitude. On the other hand it's also possible that your friends tend to take you for granted. On a more positive note you enjoy the company of other people, and may benefit through your relationships with women, but probably only with some effort on your behalf.

The planets Venus and Mars are combining unfavourably in your chart indicating that you struggle to balance your own needs and the needs of your partners in relationships. You see-saw between wanting closeness and freedom. On the one hand you seek adventure on your own, on the other you want to be close to your partner. The ideal is a balance between the two. You're charming and assertive, passionate and alive, and admire these qualities in a potential intimate partner. You love to share your adventures with your partner, and it's likely that your relationship will inspire both you and your partner to explore new territory. However, you may become impatient with your partner, or aggressive and irritable when he or she fails to keep up with your activities. You can be equally impatient with yourself, but this isn't necessarily any comfort to your partner.

The planets Venus and Uranus are combining unfavourably in your chart indicating that you're restless and often lack commitment in your personal relationships. This can lead to disappointments and complications in love and marriage, particularly in your early adult life. It's also possible that your roving eye can lead to scandal. You're wilful and often perceive your primary partnership as demanding too much time and effort, an obstacle to your freedom of self-expression. You seek spontaneity and intellectual stimulation from your primary relationship. Unless other influences contradict this aspect of your birth chart, commitment is not a major part of your vocabulary, and can be something that you tend to avoid, preferring to be "footloose and fancy free". This isn't to say that you don't have many offers. Quite the contrary. Your bright and magnetic personality attracts potential life partners like moths to a flame, but you prefer to keep your options open rather than be pinned down. Depending on other aspects in your chart you may be satisfied with a gypsy-like approach to relationships. You may also like intrigue and secrecy in your relationships, perhaps even taking part in a secret organisation. However, if other influences are calling for commitment and permanency in a primary partnership, then you need to choose a partner who is able to give you plenty of freedom. You're more suited to an unconventional relationship. You also need to learn to compromise, restrain some of your wilder urges, and enjoy your partner's unique contribution to your life. It's possible that the restless side of your nature is more prominent in relationships which have formed through friendship or through fleeting attraction rather than through true love. With the right person, you're able to develop your talents and strengths in a positive and supportive relationship.

MOTIVATION

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

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

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

The planet Mars in the sign of Cancer indicates that you have powerful emotions which can be used to protect and nurture your loved ones close to home, or to fight for a cause further afield. You're not afraid to use your strength to battle against injustice on other people's behalf. You can also be very protective of small or defenceless animals. You can move mountains when your powerful emotions are channelled into a positive cause; however, you need to be wary of misdirecting your energy and becoming vengeful. You're so vehemently opposed to injustice that you can nurse ill-feelings towards those you consider to be the perpetrators of wrong-doing. This can result in outbursts of temper or plans for revenge. Although you're assertive, even aggressive, when it comes to protecting the feelings and rights of others, you're likely to retreat into your shell when personally hurt. You find it much more difficult to stand up for your own personal rights than you do for others. Astrologically the planet Mars is considered to be in a difficult position in the sign of Cancer meaning that you could have some difficulties directing your energies into positive pursuits.

Conflict is likely to be a key feature of your life because of the influence of the planets Saturn and Mars in your chart. When these combine in an unfavourable manner it leads to troubles and discord. You're probably well aware of the difficulties that you face in some areas of your life, finding it difficult to motivate yourself to overcome them. Other people and circumstances seem to stand in the path of your success, which is frustrating. In some cases you could be frustrated by a physical illness, which prevents you working towards your ambitions. It's true that you shouldn't neglect your physical health, because you could be prone to illness and harm through accidents. You may find that resentment and thoughts of revenge are ways in which you motivate yourself into action. Of course you would do well to avoid acting on these feelings, otherwise you could end up in violent disputes or in trouble with the law. This influence in your chart can indicate achieving

notoriety, which is very different from achieving success. It's possible that you've difficulty remembering a time when life didn't have its problems. Perhaps you had a tough life as a child either through difficult family circumstances or because of a strict and harsh parent figure. Of course much of this scenario depends on other influences in your chart. On a more positive note you're confident and ambitious, capable of driving yourself and others to achieve your objectives. You can be motivated by the thought of achievement, and are likely to succeed through hard work and self-discipline. In fact you're determined to succeed in certain areas of your life. Your will power can be indomitable, particularly when you've determined on a course of action.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

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

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

The planet Saturn placed in the fifth house of your birth chart suggests that you find it more difficult than most to experience joy in your social life. This possibly stems from your childhood. While all the other children seemed to be living a happy, carefree life, something was weighing on your spirit preventing you from fully enjoying your childhood. This could have been an event associated with your father, or the repressive nature of a parental figure, again probably father. It's also possible that a death of someone close to you, perhaps father, had a marked effect on your early life. As a result you're still inclined to hold back rather than fully let yourself go and have some fun. It's even possible that a sadness is still hanging over your life, preventing you from fully experiencing joy. You're more tuned in to the hardships of life, rather than the lighter moments, and need to take some time out to reflect on this part of your life. For this reason you might find it easy to enjoy your work, but difficult to experience the same pleasure after working hours. While your friends and workmates are out partying, you sit home and catch up on a few leftover tasks from the office. The saying "all work and no play makes for a dull person" could be something to watch out for in your life. It's possible that, with awareness, you can gradually make changes in your life to incorporate more fun. It's unlikely that changes happen spontaneously, but with a little careful planning you can learn to enjoy some rest and recreation without worrying about other people.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Capricorn signifies that conservative values play a strong role in your life, although you're able to embrace new ideas when practicable. You strive to have a fair balance because you're pragmatic. You're quiet and, reserved, although by no means a pushover. In fact you've a strong, ambitious side to your nature, and in your own quiet way you work towards achieving your goals. Astrologically the planet Saturn is considered to be favourably placed in the sign of Capricorn, which means that you're likely to achieve your life's ambitions through quiet persistence. You're serious and cautious by nature and can experience moments of anxiety, but you're likely to overcome these worrisome traits, particularly later in your life. You possess tact and diplomacy. This, coupled with your tenacity, will result in success. You've a tendency to work alone rather than depend on other people. This could be a sign of your reserved nature, or it could be that you've been let down by co-workers and acquaintances in the past. On the whole you're wise to rely on your own resources, because acquaintances could prove a disappointment from time to time.

The planets Venus and Saturn are combining favourably in your chart indicating that you've an appreciation of the artistic side of life, perhaps even an ability to work in an artistic field. You've a good eye for beauty and structure, which may be reflected in your ability to create a beautiful home environment, or which could be reflected in your career choice. The arts, interior decorating, hairdressing, beauty therapy, architecture or creative design may appeal. Whatever your choice of career, it's likely to reflect your ability to successfully combine work and creativity.

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a birth chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words how we

are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

With a Midheaven in the sign of Gemini and ruled by the planet Mercury, stimulation and activity are required in your professional life. You prefer a career that is versatile, busy and yet gives you plenty of flexibility. Communication is also important, and you're likely to be drawn to writing, teaching, public relations and various types of networks, including transport. Any avenue that links you with other people will suffice. You're known in the workplace for your adaptability, and willingness to try your hand at most things. The ruling planet Mercury is known for duality and therefore it's also possible that you'll have difficulty choosing between two careers, or perhaps you'll enjoy having two careers at once, juggling your time between both. This also applies to your role as a parent. Perhaps you're juggling your parental responsibilities with your career demands. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include American talk show host Oprah Winfrey, actress, dancer and author Shirley MacLaine and UK comedian and actor John Cleese.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY

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

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

The planet Uranus is in the twelfth house of your birth chart suggesting that you often experience intuitive flashes, on which you rely to guide you through difficult situations. While it's true that you do possess psychic abilities that enable you to foresee troubles, you also need to be wary of falling prey to thoughts of doom and gloom. You're likely to suffer at the hands of secret enemies at some stage of your life, perhaps even being forced to flee from your home. It probably comes as a complete surprise to you that you've secret enemies, but on reflection you can see how your own actions may have stirred up resentment in other people. It's possible that you've been conducting a secret love affair, which suddenly becomes public, or it could be that you've been secretly plotting to undermine someone else. Either way these things have a habit of suddenly becoming public and leading to your downfall. Fortunately, you possess an unusual ability to overcome these challenges. You're not easily deterred from exploring your original talents. Your challenge is to put your talents to good use, which you may do by working in an unusual institution or taking an interest in occult studies. Your psychic and mystical experiences can be ultimately of great benefit to humanity.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Leo from 1956 - 1962. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Leo indicates that you belong to a generation which seeks freedom of individual expression. Positively this means that your generation recognises that true individual creativity is important, particularly through culture and the arts. However, negatively this can be the selfishness of a generation that is focussed on individual rights rather than communal co-operation.

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

The planet Neptune placed in the third house of your chart means that you're full of creative ideas, and may excel in artistic or spiritual pursuits. You're most effective when listening to your intuition, rather than trying to pursue a logical train of thought. You enjoy investigating spiritual truths and phenomenon, or applying your understanding to a creative pursuit. Your insights into human nature and spiritual matters, and your ability to communicate these insights are quite astounding. You've an almost psychic understanding of other people and events. For these reasons you're likely to be drawn to activities or work that require psychological insight, spiritual perception or artistic inspiration. Depending on other aspects in your birth chart, you may also suffer from moments of confusion, particularly if you're trying to listen to logic rather than intuition.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Scorpio from 1955 - 1970. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Scorpio indicates that you belong to a generation which has the ability to passionately pursue spiritual values. You face a battle between your material desires and the desire for a spiritual way of life. You know the value of regeneration rather than stagnation, and may play a role in changing the world.

The planets Neptune and Pluto both move slowly through the zodiac, and therefore any connection between the two planets affects birth charts for a short period of time. You were born in such a time. This combination in your chart means that you're interested in opportunities to bring about fundamental change to human values. You are aware of injustices in society and, depending on other influences in your chart, may prefer to fight against them rather than sit back and accept the ills of society. Your creative urges may be linked to politics, or expressing your political views through the arts or spiritual or charitable organisations.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

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

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

The planet Pluto is in the first house of your birth chart indicating that you're a powerful person, who really makes an impact on your surroundings. You may be surprised to realise just how powerful an effect you've on those around you. You're constantly challenging yourself and other people to embrace all that life offers, and to forge ahead towards goals. You're likely to be a trend-setter in your field, embracing new methods of approaching projects and people, and breaking down barriers that stand in your path. You need to be careful that you don't push other people too far, but that you respect their limitations. As a leader you need to find the right mix of progress and stability, otherwise you could be faced with a mutiny. You may be a pioneer in an area of your life, enjoying the challenge of being the first, but you need to remember that not everyone shares your zeal.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Virgo from 1957 - 1972. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Virgo suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global health and environment. Your generation possesses the ability to transform the way the world sees health. Medical research, world-wide diseases, medical discoveries, and the links between mind and body are focuses for this generation.

PURPOSE AND JOY

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

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

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

Your North Node is in the first house and your South Node is in the seventh house of your birth chart indicating a quest for identity. You need to leave behind habits of becoming overly dependent on other people in order to become more independent. You're destined to discover the balance between self-assertion and giving to others.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Virgo and the South Node in the sign of Pisces denoting that you're destined to become dedicated to the service of others. You'll need to overcome the tendency to daydream and feel overwhelmed and to put your compassion and wisdom to practical use for humanity.

The North Node and the planet Mercury are combining to indicate that you're being urged to develop your communication skills. Your destiny in this life may be linked to some form of teaching or communication, with individuals or groups.

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

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

You're being challenged, through the combination of the North Node and the planet Saturn, to take a

responsible role in groups. You may prefer your own company, but you need to work steadily with others in order to achieve your goals. You may experience periods of isolation, perhaps through physical illnesses, but these force you to reassess your life so that you can fully appreciate your responsibilities.

You're on a spiritual quest, and your destiny is linked with expressing your artistic and creative talents. This is indicated by the association of the North Node and the planet Neptune. Your challenge is to discover your highest potential, which may be expressed through spiritual or artistic groups.

You're on a quest to use your insights and personal experience to help others. This is because of the association of the North Node and the planet Pluto in your birth chart. You may encounter traumas during your lifetime, which will ultimately help to develop your resourceful nature.

The South Node and the planet Mercury are combining in a way that suggests your communication skills are highly-developed, but you need to avoid your tendency for talk rather than action. You're being challenged to stop scattering your energy in all directions and put your communication skills to good use so that you can achieve your purpose.

The South Node and the planet Venus are combining in your chart to suggest that relationships play a key role in either helping or preventing you from achieving your purpose. Perhaps you struggle to relate intimately with other people, or perhaps you need to learn independence in order to focus on your own objectives. Either way, a major part of your life is spent learning about personal relating skills so that you can achieve your mission.

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

You've a tendency to daydream and live in a fantasy world, possibly even escaping into the world of drugs and depression. This is because of the association of the South Node and the planet Neptune in your chart. Your quest in this life is to put your creative talents to positive use.

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

The sign of Virgo is considered "feminine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're not a risk-taker, but are more likely to wait until you feel comfortable before pursuing your purpose. You're also likely to depend on other people to take the initiative. Virgo is also a Mutable sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety.

You've a quiet, reserved, retiring and receptive side to your nature. Although you're not strongly ambitious you do persevere to accomplish your goals in life. You're economical, thrifty, hygienic, tidy in body and

mind. Order and precision are your preferred modes of self-expression, and you like other people to follow your lead. In fact you can be quite critical and judgmental of those less organised and efficient. Perhaps you've forgotten that not everyone has your ingenuity and ability to work hard. Other people will appreciate your practical approach, and usually do their best to help, even if it's not quite up to your exacting standards. Your fate could largely depend on your circumstances, but is likely to be linked to your organisational ability. Your intellectual ability could also feature strongly in your life, perhaps through research.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Virgo is linked with purity, humility and practicality. Your purpose is connected to striving for spiritual knowledge, and ensuring a practical manifestation of this knowledge.

CONCLUSION

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Stephanie's background in medieval astrology can be detected in the direct style of the report. Medieval astrologers differed from modern-day astrologers in several ways. They didn't have a psychological approach to chart interpretation, but took a much more literal approach. They were very much concerned with the fortunes of an individual, whether a person would survive or not, and whether or not the person would experience good or failing fortunes. The author's particular area of interest in Esoteric astrology can be mainly detected in the section labelled "Purpose and Joy". In Esoteric astrology the purpose of an individual is linked to the soul. In other words it is believed that our souls determine our sense of purpose in the world, motivating us to put our gifts to good purpose.

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

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