

BIRTH CHART

An Astro Gold Report for Erik Run Medhus



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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Erik Run Medhus

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Gemini	25°Ge33'	6th	
The Sun	Virgo	28°Vi48'	9th	
Mercury	Libra	05°Li09'	9th	
Venus	Scorpio	10°Sc48'	10th	
Mars	Libra	01°Li26'	9th	
Jupiter	Cancer	08°Cn41'	6th	
Saturn	Capricorn	07°Cp23'	12th	
Uranus	Capricorn	01°Cp23'	12th	
Neptune	Capricorn	09°Cp36'	12th	
Pluto	Scorpio	13°Sc22'	10th	
Chiron	Cancer	15°Cn42'	7th	
The North Node	Aquarius	25°Aq20'	2nd	
The South Node	Leo	25°Le20'	8th	
The Ascendant	Capricorn	10°Cp19'	1st	
The Midheaven	Libra	27°Li16'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects: Erik Run Medhus

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	The Sun	3°14'	Applying
The Moon	Sesquisquare	Venus	0°14'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Mars	5°52'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	Uranus	5°50'	Applying
The Moon	Sesquisquare	Pluto	2°48'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	The North Node	0°12'	Separating
The Moon	Sextile	The South Node	0°12'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	The Midheaven	1°42'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	6°21'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	2°59'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Mars	2°38'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Uranus	2°35'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Pluto	0°26'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Mars	3°43'	Applying
Mercury	Square	Jupiter	3°32'	Separating
Mercury	Square	Saturn	2°13'	Separating
Mercury	Square	Uranus	3°45'	Applying
Mercury	Square	Neptune	4°26'	Separating

Venus	Trine	Jupiter	2°06'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	Neptune	1°12'	Separating
Venus	Conjunction	Pluto	2°33'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Chiron	4°53'	Applying
Venus	Sextile	The Ascendant	0°29'	Separating
Mars	Square	Saturn	5°57'	Applying
Mars	Square	Uranus	0°02'	Separating
Jupiter	Opposition	Saturn	1°18'	Separating
Jupiter	Opposition	Neptune	0°54'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Pluto	4°40'	Applying
Jupiter	Conjunction	Chiron	7°00'	Applying
Jupiter	Sesquisquare	The North Node	1°39'	Applying
Jupiter	Semisquare	The South Node	1°39'	Applying
Jupiter	Opposition	The Ascendant	1°37'	Applying
Saturn	Conjunction	Uranus	5°59'	Separating
Saturn	Conjunction	Neptune	2°13'	Applying
Saturn	Conjunction	The Ascendant	2°56'	Applying
Uranus	Conjunction	Neptune	8°12'	Applying
Uranus	Conjunction	The Ascendant	8°55'	Applying
Neptune	Semisquare	The North Node	0°44'	Applying
Neptune	Sesquisquare	The South Node	0°44'	Applying
Neptune	Conjunction	The Ascendant	0°43'	Applying
Pluto	Trine	Chiron	2°20'	Separating
Chiron	Opposition	The Ascendant	5°22'	Separating
The North Node	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°01'	Applying
The North Node	Trine	The Midheaven	1°55'	Separating
The South Node	Sesquisquare	The Ascendant	0°01'	Applying
The South Node	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°55'	Separating

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, Elegiac Verse 1880.*

The Sun

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

The Sun is in the 9th House

Your Sun is in the 9th House of your birth chart meaning that you're likely to succeed through your involvements in the church, universities, publishing houses, law, or travel - or a combination of all of these areas. You're also likely to have a desire to explore philosophy or science, because you want to develop intellectually. You're searching for truths which can stand the test of time, either philosophical or scientific truths or both. Once you've satisfied yourself that you've discovered some truths, then you're likely to want to give others the benefit of your knowledge. Therefore you can be both the student and the teacher during your lifetime. It's possible that religion plays an important role in your life, whether it be orthodox or liberal religious ideals of your own or in your family background. Depending on other sections of your chart, you've a well-balanced approach to religion, and are tolerant of other people's beliefs. You're likely to benefit and succeed through your connections with foreign people or organisations and travelling abroad. You're a self-reliant, independent person who is also likely to move to a foreign country either for a short period of time or to take up permanent residence at some stage in your life.

The Sun is in Virgo

Your Sun is in the Zodiac Sign of Virgo indicating that you're an analytical person with a keen mind, and will enjoy paying attention to detail. In fact you enjoy anything which requires close analysis ranging from pastimes such as mind-bending puzzles to more demanding work such as cataloguing data and scientific research. You excel in areas that demand concentration, organisation and rational thought. You love order, particularly in your daily life. This can include anything from an organised household to a properly-planned social calendar. Your loved ones will often rely on your organisational abilities, and these qualities may extend into your working life where others will come to appreciate your executive abilities. Hygiene will also

be of importance to you, as you've an excellent understanding of the need to take care of your body, and the importance of a healthy mind and a healthy body. "Cleanliness is next to godliness" may be a motto which rings a bell. You need to take care not to become too fussy, otherwise you may find that you become intolerant and critical of yourself and those around you. You would do well to remind yourself of the bigger picture every now and then so that you don't become too entrenched in insignificant details.

Sun is Conjunct Mercury

The combination of the Sun and the planet Mercury in your chart can vary depending on other influences in your chart. The planet Mercury is considered by astrologers to represent the trickster. Ancient astrologers also measured the beneficial or damaging influences of Mercury in terms of how close this planet was to the Sun's beams. The closer the planet to the Sun the more detrimental. Positively this combination can mean that you're likely to succeed in life through your quick wit and business acumen. You're studious, learning new subjects with ease, and are particularly adept in the scientific and mathematical fields. On the other hand you can be too fond of seeking stimulation, with the cost of failing to complete a task. You're the proverbial "Jack or Jill of all trades, master/mistress of none".

Sun is Conjunct Mars

The Sun and the planet Mars come into contact in your chart meaning that you're hard working and energetic, able to tackle most of life's challenges with confidence and a positive attitude. A natural-born leader, you prefer taking the initiative, rather than sitting back and waiting for things to happen. You're courageous and like to take a few risks in life, particularly ones that satisfy your sense of adventure and provide an outlet for your boundless energy. Self-motivation comes easily and you find it difficult to accept the motto that "all good things come to those who wait". You prefer to tackle a project or problem head on rather than wait around for a solution. While confidence and initiative are positive traits, you do need to exercise some patience and caution. Knowing when to take risks and when to wait are both vital to a successful outcome in any project. As long as you find positive outlets for your enterprising nature, and don't act too impulsively you're likely to stride forth and succeed in achieving your life goals.

Sun is Square Moon

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.

Sun is Square Uranus

The Sun is making a challenging aspect to the planet Uranus in your birth chart indicating that you're impulsive and determined to be an individual. This can be a positive influence, how at times you are your own worst enemy in that you want to do things your own way and will dig in your heels if anyone tries to stop you. You've the ability to be a unique and original leader, but you need to be wary of letting your impatient and excitable nature stand in the way of you achieving your life goals. If you're not careful you're easily embroiled in various dramas over perceived or, in some cases, real injustices. This could range from a minor conflict with a sales person or major battles with authorities. This tendency to clash with other people probably originates from your childhood relationship with your father or a father figure. It's likely that you were a willful child, who liked to have the freedom to learn through experience rather than through parental advice. Of course the extent of your rebellion depends on other influences in your chart. You may have clashed with a strong-minded male parental figure, either through head-on conflict or passive lack of co-operation. The loss, or absence, of a strong male during your childhood may have meant that you were given too much freedom and lacked appropriate parental guidance. It's also possible that in your mind you feel that you were not given enough freedom. Given your need for individual freedom, you may have felt trapped. Either way, as an adult, you struggle to curb a tendency to lash out whenever someone else or circumstances appear to stop you getting or doing what you want. This can result in a feeling of being isolated or separated

from loved ones or society. However, as you mature you learn that it's more likely that your own willful nature is preventing you from achieving your goals in life. You learn to find the right mix of respecting your own original identity while respecting the needs of other people. Once you've achieved this balance then you're free to pursue your unique talents, and to succeed in reaching your goals. As you grow older you are free to find places and people that offer a sense of belonging. You are innovative, inventive, and inspirational. You rely on your own resources, and show initiative. Others come to appreciate your unique talents and you discover more and more opportunities to express your unique personality.

Sun is Semisquare Pluto

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!

Jupiter

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 in the 6th House

Jupiter is also in the 6th House of your chart signifying that you certainly know how to liven up a dull day, even if it does mean re-scheduling a few commitments and shaking up other people's routines. You like to live each day to the full, ignoring the rigours of "should" and "have to" in favour of comfort and fun. You're full of boundless energy and tend to complete the mundane jobs in a flurry of activity so that the rest of the day can be enjoyed in other ways. Fortunately you're usually healthy and your body is quite resilient, which means you've lots of energy for filling your day with fun-filled projects. You can achieve quite a lot in one day. Work and fun often mean the same thing to you, with you spending much of your time on the job. Mostly this isn't a problem as you enjoy your work and can make a good income, but you need to be careful not to overdo things. It's also possible that your work is linked to your own personal and spiritual beliefs, and these may be associated with caring for other people. You enjoy employment that gives you plenty of freedom to set your own goals, a job that doesn't tie you to a desk but involves some travel.

Jupiter is in Cancer

You've the planet Jupiter in the Zodiac Sign of Cancer in your birth chart indicating that you are an idealistic person, who has a strong humanitarian side to your nature. You want to take everyone under your wing, whether they be family members in trouble or victims of world disasters. You may feel the urge to travel overseas to take care of other people, possibly even becoming involved in a humanitarian or religious welfare group. It is also possible that you have a large family. If not your friends will become your family, and you've many friends. This depends on other influences in your birth chart. You're kind-hearted and popular and so attract friends from both the lower and higher echelons of society. Although you mean well, you do need to be wary of becoming too meddlesome in other people's affairs. You're likely to benefit from your connections with your loved ones, possibly through unexpected inheritances and legacies. Astrologically the planet Jupiter is considered to be in a favourable position in the sign of Cancer and therefore it is likely that you will achieve your goals.

Jupiter is Trine Pluto

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.

Jupiter is Opposite Saturn

You can succeed in achieving your life goals, but only after you've learnt to balance the conventional and unorthodox sides of your nature. This is because the planets Jupiter and Saturn are making a difficult aspect in your birth chart. There is a dissident side to your nature, which you've difficulty keeping under control. Unrestrained enthusiasm can lead you into trouble. At other times there's an orthodox side which is overly cautious, causing you to hesitate unnecessarily when action is required. Finding the right balance is hard work. Generally speaking you're a poor judge of when to take action and when to wait patiently. As a result you're likely to suffer financial loss if speculating in the business or financial world. You would also do well, if possible, to steer clear of lawsuits. On a positive note when you can blend the two opposing forces you're capable of great things. You can enjoy success in self-employment or be a valued member of a team, particularly in the business world. Once a balance is achieved you're sure of achieving your objectives in life.

Jupiter is Opposite Neptune

The planets Jupiter and Neptune are forming a difficult aspect in your chart indicating that you encounter difficulties early in life when expressing the creative side of your nature. It could be that you're not aware of your talents, or it could be that you're a dreamer who has trouble making practical moves to develop your abilities. Perhaps you're idealistic when it comes to assessing your options. The good news is that you're likely to overcome these difficulties as you mature. Whether you know it or not, you're a highly-talented individual. You're not necessarily a budding artist, but there's at least one area in your life in which you're creative. Of course you need to become aware of this talent before you can fully develop. You then need to acquire self-discipline if you're to make something of your gifts. Once you've made this discovery, whether it be in teaching, the arts, healing or spirituality, then you're capable of reaching for the stars. Your spiritual beliefs may also play a prominent role in helping you achieve your ambitions.

HOME

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

The Moon

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

The Moon is in the 6th House

The Moon is placed in the 6th 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.

The Moon is in Gemini

With the Moon in the sign of Gemini you enjoy nothing more than a good discussion, often taking a controversial tact simply to cross swords with others on an intellectual level. It also doesn't particularly worry you if the discussion becomes a little emotional, as you're adept at talking your way around most things. In

fact talking and arguing are activities at which you excel. You may even find yourself on a debating team. Your friends may label you a chatterbox as you seem to have something to say on every subject. You have a wonderful sense of humour which can get you, and others out of tricky situations. Your light-hearted approach to serious subjects can be a source of joy for you and your loved ones. You are a regular Peter Pan or Tinkerbell when it comes to life. You do not like to be bored and so need to keep your mind occupied with books, television, social activities and sometimes chores (as long as they are not too onerous or tedious). You're curious and seek answers to many questions, and often have several projects on the go at once. Telephones, televisions, newspapers, computers, radios and books may all feature in your life, as you investigate the many avenues capable of providing extra information. You also love travelling in your car, or by public transport, as it gives you a feeling of going places, although you can lose your sense of direction.

Moon is Square Mars

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Mars in your chart indicating that arguments and emotional disputes abound in your home life. These upsets could be caused by another member of your family, but it's more likely that you're quick-tempered and intolerant around your loved ones. Your intentions are good, but you've difficulty containing your anger in certain situations. At times you feel as though you've been unfairly misjudged and this adds fuel to your already well-lit fire. Unfortunately your impatience and irritability can result in periods of loneliness because others would rather leave you alone than bear the brunt of your bad moods. You may also find that your loved ones are angry at your attitude or it could be that they simply find it impossible to relax in your company, which is a problem if they want peace and quiet at home. You need to find an outlet for your nervous tension. For instance, letting off steam in sports or activities that demand high energy or concentration will help. Finding an absorbing project which can be based in your home could also prove beneficial. You certainly have plenty of energy and this could be directed into new enterprises or working around the house.

Moon is Opposite Uranus

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.

Moon is Sesquiquare Pluto

The Moon and the planet Pluto are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're an intense and emotional person, prone to extreme highs and lows. You love drama and intensity, because these give you a sense of being deeply connected to your loved ones, and to the world. It's likely that your family and home life are periodically emotionally volcanic. This can be problematic if other members of your family don't desire the same level of intensity, particularly if they're seeking peace and quiet at home. If this is the case your needs are directly opposed to your loved ones', which may not concern you, but could result in dramatic changes in your personal life. This is also a problem because you've a deep sense of commitment to your personal relationships, and feel betrayed if others don't share this commitment. It's likely that your need for emotional intensity originates from an early childhood experience, probably linked with your mother or another strong woman figure. Your relationship with your mother is likely to be immersed with intense feelings, perhaps even stemming from a life-or-death situation. You may feel positively or negatively about

your mother. Either way your feelings are likely to be strong. You're a resourceful person, and can rely on your own resources to solve most problems. You need to find a creative outlet for your intense nature, something that will totally absorb your attention. Perhaps you would enjoy property development, or renovating your house. You're a powerful person with leadership skills, and a need for a challenge.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION



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

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 9th House

The planet Mercury in the 9th House of your chart signifies that you're keen to explore the realms of knowledge - anything which expands your mind and gives you an idea of the bigger picture of the earth and its activities. In fact why limit yourself to the earth, when there are whole galaxies out there waiting for exploration. You're not really interested in discovering more about life's details, rather you're curious about the bigger picture. "What makes people act the way they do?" How did ancient civilisations differ from modern ones"? "Is there life on Mars?" and other such questions are likely to be intriguing. You've a natural ability to expand your thinking through study, reading, travel and perhaps writing. You're fascinated by foreign cultures and religions, and are keen to experience the joys of foreign lands first-hand. For this reason you're eager to travel abroad, and perhaps even study in overseas universities or schools. You've a keen and studious mind and are capable of developing your intellectual abilities. It's likely that you spend at least a few years studying at an institution of higher learning. Religious topics may also hold an appeal, although you're likely to be interested in studying more than one way of life rather following a single religious path. Publishing, law and philosophy may also appeal as areas to explore.

Mercury is in Libra

The planet Mercury in the Zodiac Sign of Libra indicates that you love to talk with your friends and loved ones, particularly in peaceful and pleasant settings. You're a good communicator with an ability to put others at their ease. Your listening skills are equally as good, as you enjoy hearing what your friends have to say. For this reason, friends enjoy dropping in for a chat. Professionally, you may also find yourself in roles that require good listening skills and sound judgement. As much as you enjoy pleasant conversation, you also dislike arguments. You've an ability to see all sides of a story, and therefore often find yourself in the role of peacemaker or go-between when arguments arise. However, disputes have a tendency to upset your equilibrium, even if you do manage to find a good resolution for all concerned. While you're gifted at solving other people's problems, there are often times when you find yourself sitting on the fence unable to make a decision for yourself. This can be quite uncomfortable as you toss different options over in your mind. At

times like this you can seek the counsel of friends.

Mercury is Conjunct Mars

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.

Mercury is Square Jupiter

The planet Mercury is making an unfavourable aspect to the planet Jupiter in your chart indicating that you're likely to encounter obstacles in your education. This could be for a number of reasons. Perhaps you've so many ideas and plans that you're not sure which ones to follow, and as a result never seem to get started. It's also possible that you've many unfinished projects, because your attention span is limited. Perhaps you lack good judgement. In all of these scenarios your intentions are good, but you lack the discipline to accomplish your goals. You make promises you can't keep and are prone to exaggeration. As a result your credibility is generally low. You may even become the subject of scandal and gossip. Of course this all depends on other influences in your chart. And the good news is that you learn a great deal from your mistakes, growing older and wiser with each passing year. As a result you're likely to overcome your obstacles, and achieve your goals, particularly in the areas of communication and education. It's also possible that you choose to communicate your experience through teaching, writing or public speaking.

Mercury is Square Saturn

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

Mercury is Square Uranus

The planets Mercury and Uranus are making unfavourable contact in your birth chart indicating that your education and communications with other people are fraught with difficulty. Although you've an active and intelligent mind, you've so many original thoughts and ideas that you find it difficult to express them. This is true for your verbal and written communications. You also have trouble concentrating for long periods of time, needing the stimulation of constant change and new topics of interest. For these reasons you're likely to encounter problems in your early childhood education, particularly if you attend a school that has a traditional approach to education. You're more likely to shine in an education system which encourages independent and free thinking. At any age you're likely to react to authority figures, showing a defiant and audacious attitude. Perhaps you don't realise that you've a tendency to thrust your own radical thoughts and ideas onto other people, without listening to their own opinions. You wilfully defend your right to have different views and can fail to appreciate other people's points of view. You need to learn to respect all forms of communication and thinking. You don't mean to be thoughtless, it's simply that you're so often restless in your search for stimulation. One of your major struggles in life is with discontentment. In fact you may be ahead of your time in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. With a little patience and tolerance, you'll be successful in helping others understand your unique and innovative ideas. Writing, publishing, advertising, science, astrology and electrical affairs may all be of interest, although any unusual subject will catch your attention.

Mercury is Square Neptune

The planets Mercury and Neptune are forming a difficult pattern in your chart suggesting that your mind is sometimes confused causing you to suffer setbacks and delays in your education and communication with other people. At times you're vague, lacking concentration and resolution. It's possible that you've spent many hours day-dreaming, lost in a world of thoughts and ideas which seem to have amounted to very little. This is partly because you lack the ability to make decisions, doubting your own abilities and relying too heavily on the influence of other people. It could also be a result of your lack of self-control. On a positive note other influences in your chart, or the development of self-discipline, can help you achieve your dreams. If this is the case 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 phenomena. In fact you may possess psychic gifts. You may also enjoy reflective periods near the water, or with nature.

RELATIONSHIPS



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

Venus

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

Venus is in the 10th House

When the planet Venus is placed in the 10th House of your birth chart professional relationships are important. Success and honour are likely to favour your doorstep. Both your career and your primary relationship are favoured by this beneficial placement of the planet Venus. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you succeed in your professional ambitions and in attracting a primary partner of high status. It's possible that you marry above your station. You enjoy pleasurable professional relationships, particularly with women, and can create a harmonious and comfortable atmosphere in the workplace. This leads to greater productivity, either your own or other people's. Your professional attitude to work, and harmonious working relationships, usually results in good promotional prospects and increases in salary. Your career may be linked with decorating, beauty products, women's interests, personnel management or any field that requires teamwork. The planet Venus is considered to be in a powerful position in the angular 10th House of a birth chart, meaning that you're likely to succeed in your ambitions.

Venus is in Scorpio

With Venus in the Sign of Scorpio you're ardent and passionate in your primary relationship, and insist that your partner returns the intensity of your emotions. You're likely to enjoy the heights of passion if your love is matched in its intensity, finding yourself thrust into a world of almost painful pleasure. Sensual pleasure is important to you, although you also like to discover your partner's innermost thoughts and feelings. Problems can occur when your love isn't returned, or if your partner can't keep the intense fires of passion burning. Then you're likely to suffer the depths of despair, perhaps even resorting to manipulation in order to keep your partner's attention. Secret liaisons could play a part in your relationships, either your own or your partner's, particularly if the intensity becomes too claustrophobic. Jealousy and thoughts of vengeance can be a problem, although you would be wise not to give in to follow these avenues. Your challenge is to use your

resources to find a middle path between the highs and lows of intense emotions within relationships. Your relationships can then flourish as important resources in your life. At some stage in your life you may benefit financially or through a legacy from an important relationship.

Venus is Trine Jupiter

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

Venus is Sextile Neptune

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.

Venus is Conjunct Pluto

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.

Venus is Sesquiquare Moon

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.

MOTIVATION



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

Mars

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

Mars is in the 9th House

With Mars placed in the 9th House of your birth chart adventure in many forms is a feature in your life, because you like to live life to the full. In particular you like to travel abroad, taking adventure holidays in out-of-the-way places or visiting religious communities in foreign places, sometimes exposing yourself to dangerous situations. You enjoy the challenge of meeting new people and experiencing different cultures. You also enjoy competitive sports or competitive debating, which also expose you to people from different walks of life. Although you like to be exposed to different lifestyles, you can be fixed in your own beliefs. You have quite forceful religious or philosophical beliefs, even though they might not be orthodox, and you're determined to stand up for your own beliefs. You need to be careful of becoming fanatical and alienating other people, in particular the relatives of your spouse. The ability to stand up for one's own beliefs can be considered a strength, but you need to avoid being too rigid, especially if it means ending up in court. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you could experience difficulties and loss through law suits.

Mars is in Libra

The planet Mars in the Sign of Libra indicates that you have a strong desire for diplomacy and justice, and these can be major themes in your life. You strive for harmonious relationships and justice in your own life, and yet they often seem elusive. Perhaps this is because you're so sensitive to the injustices of the world that they take on larger proportions than they need, or perhaps it's simply that it's your role to notice and fight against wrongdoings. Either way you're often asked to take on the role of mediator and diplomat even though you may prefer to be pursuing your own creative pursuits rather than solving other people's problems. There are always plenty of people surrounding you, because you pursue friendships with many different people. On the whole you're a courteous person, but you do have a passionate side to your nature which can erupt in bursts of anger. You have a strong creative urge, which may be channelled into artistic or creative activities such as art, theatre, design, writing or dance. You have refined tastes, and seek to share these with other

people. Astrologically speaking the planet Mars is considered to be in difficulty when in the Sign of Libra which probably explains why you experience some problems in your relationships with others.

Mars is Square Saturn

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.

Mars is Square Uranus

The unfavourable combination of the planets Mars and Uranus suggests that you're often restless and unsettled in your life. On the one hand you seem to have plenty of energy and drive, but on the other you're not always sure what to do with these qualities. Life also has a tendency to upset the very best of your plans through sudden and often inexplicable events. This can be exciting or disturbing depending on other influences in your chart. You're enthusiastic and highly self-motivated, if somewhat impulsive, enjoying adventure and new horizons. You're full of good ideas, and once you've determined on a course of action then you've plenty of motivation to see it through to successful completion. You're independent and prefer to be given plenty of room to carry through your own ideas in your own way. Be careful that a stubborn streak in your nature doesn't prevent your overall success. It's likely that some of your friends think that you're a little odd or eccentric, but you're not overly concerned. You like to make your own way in life, even if it does mean that you stand out from the crowd. Full of paradoxes, you can be both arrogant or charming, which can make you an effective salesperson.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS



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

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 12th House

The planet Saturn placed in the 12th House of your birth chart suggests that you're likely to work behind the scenes of an organisation, or in solitude rather than taking the limelight. You're somewhat reserved, preferring periods of solitude during which you can contemplate your own life, and life in general. Seclusion offers moments for reflection that are to be treasured. For this reason you seek a home or workplace that gives you time away from the rest of society. Unobserved by the world, you can work happily and peacefully on your own. It's possible that an early childhood event, such as the death of or separation from a parent, has prompted this need for isolation. Therefore you need to be careful that you're not hiding from the world through an inability to face the demands of daily life. However, it's more likely that you simply enjoy your own company. In some cases you could be falsely accused of a wrong-doing, even resulting in a period in jail, but this is unlikely.

Saturn is in Capricorn

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.

Saturn is Conjunct Uranus

You're recognised in your career for your ability to plan and organise, making the most of available resources while adopting new and innovative approaches to tasks. This is because of the combination of the planets of Saturn and Uranus, which indicate a mix of initiative and good old-fashioned common sense - a formidable blend. You're independent, resourceful and self-motivated, all of which enable you to achieve success in whatever you turn your mind to. You may discover that you've natural abilities in the fields of science, mathematics, research, business organisation, industry and metaphysics. It's likely that you'll succeed in any career that utilises your gift for blending the old with the new.

Saturn is Conjunct Neptune

The favourable combination of the planets Saturn and Neptune indicate that you've the ability to be both practical and creative. If you have musical or artistic talent you have the self-discipline to make something of your gift. Whereas other people may give up in despair, you're likely to endure through long hours of practice in order to perfect your skills. As a result you could make a career from your artistic talents, such as performing on stage, designing for a theatrical production, or teaching your craft. You've a good sense of values, and an innate sense of timing. Both of these traits stand you in good stead in your career ambitions. It's also possible that you've a firm set of spiritual beliefs which guides your choice of life direction. In some cases you could enjoy a career directly connected with your spiritual beliefs.

Saturn is Square Mars

An unfavourable combination of the planets Saturn and Mars can indicate difficulties in your profession, particularly in partnerships or companies. You need to be careful to avoid litigation, which you're like to lose. Of course this depends largely on other influences in your chart. Nevertheless you need to act with the utmost integrity within your career to ensure success rather than scandal.

The Midheaven

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

The Midheaven is in Libra

With a Midheaven in the Sign of Libra and ruled by the planet Venus, you're attracted to a profession that best utilises your social or artistic skills. You're charming and diplomatic in your professional life, and these skills will be prominent in whatever career path is chosen. This could be a profession which directly utilises your talents in the areas of diplomacy, design or beauty, such as working in fashion design, interior decorating, modelling, the arts, diplomatic circles, or public relations. Alternatively you could benefit indirectly by employing these skills in a different career. This largely depends on other influences in your chart. Either way it's likely your profession reflects your need for harmony in the work environment, which is vital to you achieving your career goals. You like to create a harmonious working environment wherever you're employed, and enjoy good social relationships with your colleagues, in particular women. If your workplace lacks fellowship then you're likely to have difficulty accomplishing your tasks. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include American film actress Elizabeth Taylor, UK singer and actor Sir Bob Geldof, French fashion designer Coco Chanel, and American first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY



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

Uranus

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

Uranus is in the 12th House

The planet Uranus is in the 12th 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.

Uranus is in Capricorn

The planet Uranus was in the Sign of Capricorn from 1988 - 1996. 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 Capricorn indicates that you belong to a generation that will introduce new structures, possibly governmental or business structures. It indicates a generation which will consolidate original ideas and introduce a practical building of new ways. This is also a period of the breaking down of old structures such as the dismantling of the Berlin Wall.

Uranus is Conjunct Neptune

The planets Uranus and Neptune are combining in your chart suggesting that your creative urges are strong. You enjoy exploring new territory, either through studying or travelling and your talents may lie in writing, healing, social welfare, healing or spiritual fields. You may be keen to explore metaphysical matters, perhaps even belonging to a secret society or a group dedicated to global healing, charity or spirituality. Your psychic abilities and intuition are likely to be heightened, and this may help you explore your creativity.

Neptune

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

Neptune is in the 12th House

The planet Neptune placed in the 12th House of your chart means that you often feel overwhelmed by the realities of the modern-day world, and yearn for seclusion. These feelings hamper your creative projects, and spiritual process in life. You may spend much of your time day-dreaming or fantasising about possibilities, rather than acting. If you immerse yourself in these fantasies then you're likely to be escaping from reality, which doesn't help you live your true potential. However, you're likely to benefit from moments of seclusion which enable you to reflect before taking action. You're a compassionate person, with a talent for caring for other people. You may enjoy investigating your psychic abilities, or working behind the scenes.

Neptune is in Capricorn

The planet Neptune is in the Sign of Capricorn from 1984 - 2000. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the Sign of Capricorn indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the ability to apply discipline on the spiritual path. You'll possess the wisdom to incorporate both the old and new spiritual values to form a firm foundation for future spiritual growth.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE



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

Pluto

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

Pluto is in the 10th House

The planet Pluto is in the 10th House of your birth chart indicating that you'll be a powerful leader in your chosen career. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you may be a strong public figure, or it could be that you're working behind the scenes pulling the strings for a powerful employer. Your profession will present you with many challenges, and this is usually the way you like it. However, you're keen to embrace the more positive challenges of achieving your professional goals, rather than the hurdles that often seem to be strewn in your path. In particular you may clash with other powerful figures in your chosen career. Your challenge is to be able to co-operate with others, respecting their rights while not forgoing your own rights. It's also possible that one of your parents plays a vital role at some stage in your life, either through a dramatic event or crisis, or through demanding your attention to the temporary exclusion of your career ambitions.

Pluto is in Scorpio

The planet Pluto is in the Sign of Scorpio from 1984 - 1995. 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 Scorpio suggests that you belong to a generation possessing the ability to initiate change on a world-wide basis in order to rise above the basic desires of humanity. Your generation may experience conflict on a world-wide basis, and will be forced to learn the right use of the world's resources. This generation is also concerned with changing sexual relationships.

PURPOSE AND JOY



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

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

The North Node

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

The North Node is in the 2nd House

Your North Node is in the 2nd House and your South Node is in the 8th House of your birth chart indicating that you're destined to develop a set of personal values, which can be relied on throughout your life. You need to face the fact that you may not have always followed your conscience, and consequently develop a firm set of principles on which to base decisions in life. You need to also make sure that you utilise other people's money in a fair manner. This includes money loaned from institutions, resources shared with personal and business partners, and government taxes. You need to handle your financial affairs with utmost integrity. There may be moments of personal financial loss, which challenge you to re-think your values.

The North Node is in Aquarius

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Aquarius and the South Node in the Sign of Leo denoting that yours is a quest towards service to humankind. You'll experience a struggle between your own personal needs and a sense of dedication to others. You need to set aside your personal need for honour and prestige and use your

talents to serve the world.

North Node is Trine Moon

The North Node and the Moon are combining to suggest that you're being urged to come to terms with the emotional side of your nature. You may have difficulty expressing your emotions, particularly in groups of people. This is an area which you need to develop throughout your life, so that you can learn to use your intuition. This will better help you to pursue your purpose in life.

South Node is Sextile Moon

The South Node and the Moon are combining to suggest that you're particularly aware of the importance of emotions, and are being encouraged to use your knowledge in a constructive way. However, there is a tendency for you to become stuck in negative emotional patterns of relating to other people. In other words you have difficulty expressing your emotions, and this may lead to periods of self-imposed isolation and needless worry about the future. This also creates obstacles for you achieving your purpose in life. Your challenge is to forge ahead with your life without relying too heavily on your emotions, and yet remaining responsive to other people.

The Ascendant

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

The Ascendant is in Capricorn

The Sign of Capricorn is considered to be "feminine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're 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. Capricorn is also a Cardinal Sign denoting enterprise, enthusiasm, self-assertion and initiative.

You're ambitious, persistent, cautious, prudent and self-reliant. Responsibility and reserve often feature as your first choice of self-expression. You approach most things in life cautiously, making careful plans before starting anything new. You're a plodder, and take life rather seriously. You may have been shy as a young child with a serious nature and a maturity beyond your age. It's not until you're an adult that you grow in confidence, and find productive outlets for your wisdom. Your ambitions are attainable through hard work and perseverance. Others come to appreciate the fact that, in your own quiet manner, you can be relied on to complete a task. You earn the respect which is so important to you.

In Esoteric astrology the Sign of Capricorn is linked with spiritual initiation and the cycles of the universe. Your purpose is connected with showing other people the spiritual path through the example of your own life. You're also likely to play a part in building positive, possibly spiritual, structures in society.

CONCLUSION

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Stephanie has a background in medieval astrology which 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.

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

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