

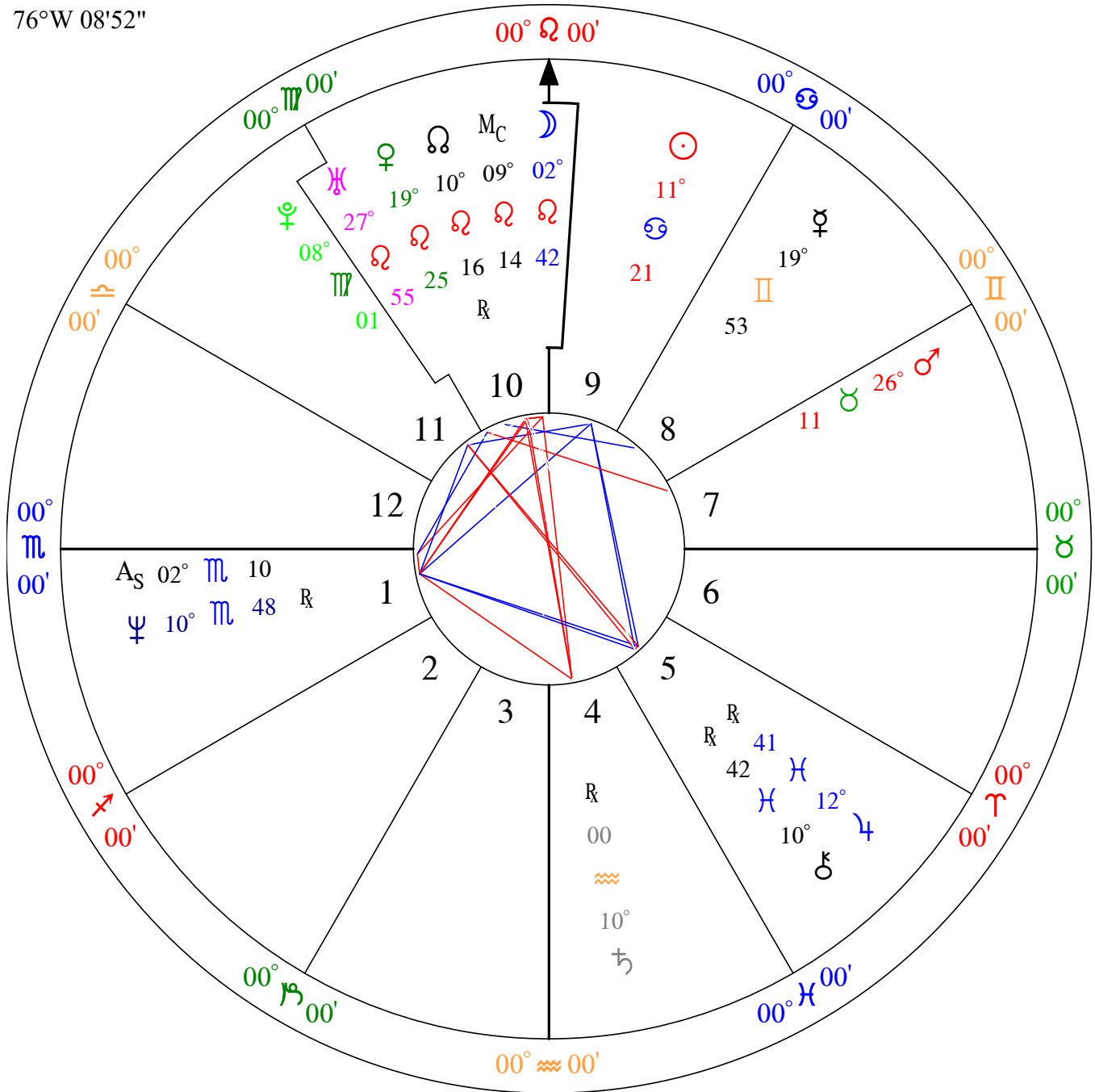
Professional  
Natal Report

for

Tom Cruise

Tom Cruise  
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Tropical  
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 Whole Signs



Symbols of the Planets and Signs				
☉ = Sun	♄ = Saturn	♁ = Midheaven	♈ = Aries	♎ = Libra
☾ = Moon	♅ = Uranus	♆ = Chiron	♉ = Taurus	♏ = Scorpio
☿ = Mercury	♆ = Neptune	♁ = Retrograde	♊ = Gemini	♏ = Sagittarius
♀ = Venus	♇ = Pluto		♋ = Cancer	♐ = Capricorn
♂ = Mars	♁ = N. Node		♌ = Leo	♑ = Aquarius
♃ = Jupiter	♁ = Ascendant		♍ = Virgo	♒ = Pisces

### *Planetary Positions*

<b>Planet</b>		<b>Sign</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Declination</b>
☉ Sun	is in	♋ Cancer	11° 21' 14"	+22° 57' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♌ Leo	2° 42' 56"	+18° 59' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♊ Gemini	19° 53' 22"	+20° 18' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♌ Leo	19° 25' 57"	+16° 40' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♉ Taurus	26° 11' 42"	+18° 46' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♓ Pisces	12° 41' 11"	- 7° 52' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♒ Aquarius	10° 00' 41"	-18° 22' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♌ Leo	27° 55' 45"	+12° 52' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♏ Scorpio	10° 48' 56"	-13° 21' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♍ Virgo	8° 01' 37"	+20° 36' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♌ Leo	10° 16' 59"	+17° 40' 00"
♈ Ascendant	is in	♏ Scorpio	2° 10' 37"	-12° 13' 00"
♍ Midheaven	is in	♌ Leo	9° 14' 30"	+17° 56' 00"
♄ Chiron	is in	♓ Pisces	10° 42' 38"	- 2° 23' 00"

### *Planetary Aspects*

Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Mars	The orb is	0° 10'
Your	Sun	is	Trine	Jupiter	The orb is	1° 20'
Your	Sun	is	Quincunx	Saturn	The orb is	1° 21'
Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Uranus	The orb is	1° 35'
Your	Sun	is	Trine	Neptune	The orb is	0° 32'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	3° 20'
Your	Sun	is	Semisextile	N. Node	The orb is	1° 04'
Your	Sun	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	0° 39'
Your	Moon	is	Opposite	Saturn	The orb is	7° 18'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	N. Node	The orb is	7° 34'
Your	Moon	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	0° 32'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	Midheaven	The orb is	6° 32'
Your	Mercury	is	Sextile	Venus	The orb is	0° 27'
Your	Mars	is	Square	Uranus	The orb is	1° 44'
Your	Jupiter	is	Trine	Neptune	The orb is	1° 52'
Your	Jupiter	is	Opposite	Pluto	The orb is	4° 40'
Your	Jupiter	is	Conjunct	Chiron	The orb is	1° 59'
Your	Saturn	is	Square	Neptune	The orb is	0° 48'
Your	Saturn	is	Quincunx	Pluto	The orb is	1° 59'
Your	Saturn	is	Opposite	N. Node	The orb is	0° 16'
Your	Saturn	is	Opposite	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 46'
Your	Saturn	is	Semisextile	Chiron	The orb is	0° 42'
Your	Uranus	is	Sextile	Ascendant	The orb is	4° 15'
Your	Neptune	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	2° 47'
Your	Neptune	is	Square	N. Node	The orb is	0° 32'
Your	Neptune	is	Conjunct	Ascendant	The orb is	8° 38'
Your	Neptune	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 34'
Your	Neptune	is	Trine	Chiron	The orb is	0° 06'
Your	Pluto	is	Semisextile	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 13'
Your	Pluto	is	Opposite	Chiron	The orb is	2° 41'
Your	N. Node	is	Conjunct	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 02'
Your	N. Node	is	Quincunx	Chiron	The orb is	0° 26'
Your	Chiron	is	Quincunx	Midheaven	The orb is	1° 28'

### *Planets in Elements and Modes*

Fire : ☽ ♀ ♃ ♄ M<sub>C</sub> Total = 5 Weighted Score = 12  
Earth : ♂ ♀ Total = 2 Weighted Score = 4  
Air : ♀ ☿ Total = 2 Weighted Score = 5  
Water : ☉ ♃ ♅ A<sub>S</sub> ♁ Total = 5 Weighted Score = 15  
  
Cardinal : ☉ Total = 1 Weighted Score = 6  
Fixed : ☽ ♀ ♂ ☿ ♃ ♅ ♄ A<sub>S</sub> M<sub>C</sub> Total = 9 Weighted Score = 24  
Mutable : ♀ ♃ ♅ ♁ Total = 4 Weighted Score = 6

### *Weights Used Above*

Sun = 6 Moon = 6 Mercury = 3 Venus = 3  
Mars = 3 Jupiter = 2 Saturn = 2 Uranus = 1  
Neptune = 1 Pluto = 1 N. Node = 0 Ascendant = 6  
Midheaven = 2 Chiron = 0

## **The Main Emphasis in Your Chart**

*Before looking at your chart in detail, let's stand back for a moment to see whether there are any overall tendencies that stand out.*

### ***Greater planetary emphasis in the eastern half of the chart.***

With the bulk of your planetary strength in the left-hand half of your chart, you prefer to be in charge of your own destiny, rather than following someone else's dreams, adventures, projects or proposals. This tends to make you an outgoing, active person, in charge of your affairs. Independent and outwardly directed, you are conscious of the direction in which you lead your life. An entrepreneurial pursuit of some type will find you at your best. You need followers to help you, so be sure that you attract those who are willing to follow your vision. Be clear, however, as to who is in charge. Joining forces with someone as strong-minded as you are may cause the kind of stress that will distract you from your goals. Make all possible allowances for practicality; and then go ahead and pursue your vision.

### ***Greater planetary strength in the western half of the chart.***

With the bulk of your planetary strength in the right-hand half of your chart, you most likely prefer interacting with others, and delight in experiencing life in a social setting. The challenge of working out the intricacies and problems posed in relationships gives you a feeling of enormous satisfaction, especially when things work out in a positive manner. To be sure, seeing life through the eyes of others is a rare gift. Just take care that someone else's personality does not dominate you in such a way that you cannot grow and express your own self.

### ***Greater emphasis above the horizon.***

Since the upper, or outward-directed side of your chart is stronger than the lower half, you tend to identify who you are with what you have accomplished in the world. This may make you highly competitive in establishing yourself within a definable lifestyle or career. Your trophy case or the diplomas on your wall may be a source of great personal satisfaction. It is important to balance your need for outer-world- accomplishments with care for your inner self. Also, take great care not to lose sight of the needs of your loved ones.

### ***Fire signs are especially strong.***

With a main emphasis in signs like Aries, Leo and Sagittarius, you are likely to be one of the original self- starters. Passionate and full of strong feelings and ideals, you do not need external stimuli to get you moving in new directions. Drama is your mantra. Perceiving life as a game with high stakes, you are just as passionate when you win as when you lose.

In many ways you act and feel as if the world revolves around you, and sometimes it does. You tend to dominate your sphere, and when you come across other Fire types you instantly like or dislike them with no feelings in-between.

You are devoted to your ideals and beliefs, and will play the game to the end, displaying your boundless enthusiasm no matter what the outcome. You despise static, unchanging and unyielding situations, and will put forth your best efforts to change them. With your courage, energy and dramatic flair, you can be an effective leader, and will be the first in line to explore uncharted regions.

Your tendency to act first and think later, however, may lead others to accuse you of insensitivity. Learn to be more aware of others' feelings. Realize that your actions affect others' lives in ways that you may not have considered. Remember to develop sensitivity and appraise situations intellectually before you act with your heart.

***Water signs are especially strong.***

Having special emphasis in signs like Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces, you tend to move forward in life guided primarily by your feelings. Living in a world of emotion and change, you are extremely sensitive to "vibes." When you are overwhelmed with feelings, the reality of a situation is of little consequence, and intellectual abstractions have no meaning for you. You may misunderstand the passions of others, thinking that such outbursts are real emotional expressions when these people may be just trying to get your attention.

When you encounter negative emotional situations, it is best to get out immediately, because you tend to mirror whatever vibrations are occurring around you. Then you react unreasonably and create problems for yourself. When, instead, you are surrounded by emotionally healthy situations, you become emotionally healthy.

A motherly person, you can be extremely compassionate, empathetic and protective of those in need. This is because you sense things in an unthinking way. Learn to trust your emotions, intuitions, and psychic ability, because they are usually correct.

Do not, however, trust your fears. You probably have many, but they tend to be irrational and compulsive. Since you can become irrational when you carry your expression too far, learn to trust the middle way and not take things to the extreme.

Your greatest strength is your empathy with others. If you heed the unsaid influences in every situation, this talent will give you an edge in business, love and play.

***A strongly Fixed quality.***

Your strength in Fixed signs like Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius gives you the persistence to bring any project to its conclusion. You are the one who can be counted on to do whatever must be done. A preserver of old traditions and customs, you know that forward progress can occur only if there is a firm foundation to begin with. You are glad to build that foundation. Be aware, however, that others may sometimes view your noble persistence as stubbornness, cussedness or pigheadedness.

***Special strength in Leo.***

You do things with a style and flair that demand to be noticed. Indeed, when you are not noticed for who you are, you get morose and arrogant. Your overdeveloped and dramatic sense of "self" is probably quite appropriate, because you usually add honor, grace and integrity to any venture with which you choose to associate yourself. A shining source of energy around whom others naturally gather, you function best in positions of leadership. Sometimes your personal charisma is all that is needed, but in some situations, it is good to make sure that you bring to the role something more substantial.

## Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama

*In your birth chart, the Sun, Moon and planets play the central role. They are the actors in the drama, the moving figures on the stage, each with a character of its own. How these characters relate to each other, whether and how they clash or harmonize, whether they bring out each other's best or worst qualities, is shown by the aspects, or angles, between the planets.*

*Is the ongoing drama between two planets a continuing tension that periodically erupts into crises (conjunctions, oppositions and squares), a harmonious alliance where the two planets aid and abet each other (trines and sextiles), an uneasy truce full of ambiguities (certain other aspects in neither of these families), or simply indifference (no aspect at all)? Below you will see which pairs of planets are in aspect in your chart.*

*Each of the following sections lists the aspects in order of their general importance, with aspects involving the Sun, Moon and fast-moving planets coming first. You can get a further idea of their importance in your particular chart by going to the aspect table at the beginning of this report and finding the five or so aspects with the smallest number of degrees and minutes in the "The orb is" column.*

## Your Major Challenges

*We start with your conjunctions, oppositions and squares because these tend to point out the challenges that you have been set in life. Most people experience these aspects as problems, at least at first. Armed with awareness, however, you can come to view these so-called "hard" aspects as the blessings that they really are. These are the forces that spur you forward. When you face the challenges that these aspects pose, you grow in strength, confidence, wisdom and maturity.*

### ***Moon opposite Saturn***

It bothers you that your emotional responses are cooler and more detached than those of your friends and associates. You do not wear your heart on your sleeve, and it is incomprehensible and embarrassing to you when others carry on about emotional attachments. At times your inability to get close to others makes you feel ashamed and unworthy. You must try to stop judging yourself by the standards of others. Your own standards are probably quite high and very appropriate for you. It is best not to go out of your way to be what you are not. You will then feel much more comfortable with yourself.

### ***Moon conjunct North Node***

Your extended family is very, very important to you. You tend to treat almost everyone with whom you form any kind of non-causal relationship as if they were members of your intimate family. You delight in taking care of others, ministering to their needs, and generally making them feel comfortable. This applies to religious, political and charitable organizations and to anyone in your neighborhood. You're comfortable working behind the scenes as long as you know that you're making an impact. But be careful not to neglect the needs of those closest to you. They may tend to feel slighted if you spend a great deal of time away from home.



### ***Moon square Ascendant.***

Even though you are sympathetic of the needs of others and usually show it, you have a bad habit of making excessive emotional demands on them. You seem to want more in return than you are willing to give. This can manifest as possessiveness and jealousy. Learn to let others, even those very close to you, grow and develop on their own, in spite of your best intentions. If you are emotionally insecure yourself, you may have a tendency to want to withdraw from emotional interactions. Don't be afraid — people will usually respect and love you just as you are.

### ***Moon conjunct Midheaven***

You apply a great deal of emotional energy pushing yourself and your career forward. The content of what you learned early in life from your mother and family strongly affects the manner in which you deal with others and the public at large. You are generally sympathetic of the needs of people and can use this as a sort of sixth sense in guiding your career. Others sense that you can be trusted because of your sincerity — thus they can usually provide you with encouragement and much needed emotional support.

### ***Mars square Uranus***

You have a high level of energy, and it is rarely under control. You should be prepared at all times to face the unexpected, because the only thing that you can be sure of is that the unexpected will occur. Your daredevil, eccentric approach to life makes accidents (both of the physical and psychological variety) likely because you tend not to follow the dictates of common sense. Your natural rebelliousness pushes you to choose the more dangerous road, so remember to keep your seat belt buckled.

### ***Jupiter opposite Pluto***

You have big plans to get ahead and make your mark in the world. You want to grow and evolve, but others seem to keep standing in your way and blocking you. The reason is that they see you as a threat, because, in spite of your best intentions, you tend to be indifferent to the needs of others unless they exactly match your own. You tend to move through life like a bulldozer, knocking over whatever is in your path. You must learn to be more scrupulous and fair in your dealings. Then you will find others being cooperative rather than obstructive.

### ***Jupiter conjunct Chiron***

Generous and hospitable, you have strong social skills and an ability to put people at ease. If your confidence is challenged and you lose belief in yourself, though, you may fill the gap with destructive habits like eating, drinking or spending too much. Once your confidence is renewed, you can use your skills as a speaker, writer or teacher to instruct and help others. You truly like people and know how to be diplomatic both in giving to others and in getting what you want.

### ***Saturn square Neptune***

By nature you are withdrawn and introspective. This can be helpful to self-understanding when you are in control of the process. But often your deep-seated fears and anxieties seem to take control of your life and run it. When this happens, professional counseling may help you discriminate between what is real and concrete and what is imaginary and illusory and can restore your ability to function in the world. You must learn to trust that the world can indeed support and assist you. Above all, avoid any mind-altering substances, because these will only mask your problems.

### ***Saturn conjunct South Node***

You find it difficult to relate to anyone in a casual or offhand way and tend to be shy and fearful when it comes to initiating contacts with others. For you to feel comfortable, relationships must be built slowly, with trust developing layer by layer. When you try to force things and don't let the process evolve naturally, you can get yourself into situations where others take advantage of your lack of self-confidence. Then you may have to deal with unnecessary restrictions because others regard you as weak or ineffective. Don't give in to peer pressure to become part of the social whirl. You'll feel much more comfortable if you stick with relationships that have stood the test of time.

### ***Saturn conjunct Imum Coeli***

Aware of your own uniqueness, you feel that you come up short when you compare yourself to others. At your best, you have the ability to count on your own inner strength in spite of what the world might expect. You are not afraid to withdraw and go it alone. At your worst, you are so full of self-doubt that you become paralyzed and cannot act. When this happens, seek out competent professional counseling. These anxieties have deep roots, and it will take time and patience to understand them.

### ***Neptune square Nodes***

You tend to put very little ego attachment into interpersonal relationships — and that often causes you many problems. If you're detached totally from your relationships, you can end up exploiting others by lying or cheating (you think it's OK because "you" aren't involved). Or you can be on the receiving end of deception and deceit because you don't feel worthy enough to demand some respect for yourself. Relationships are often formed between those who are not truly equal, so that one of you becomes the victim and the other the savior. Ultimately, none of these scenarios is healthy and you should seek the help of a trusted counselor or advisor if you wish to develop a proper sense of self-respect.

### ***Neptune conjunct Ascendant***

You are known to others as being very imaginative and sensitive. An idealist, you always hope for the best, especially when it comes to relationships. You have the ability to see silver linings even in the midst of the most troubled times. You are naturally giving and unselfish, so much so that at times others may take advantage of your better nature. Try to make sure that the objects of your affection and attention are worthy of it. Also be aware of the reverse situation of becoming overly dependent on another or of misrepresenting yourself to someone. Be truthful at all times.

### ***Neptune square Midheaven***

You are unselfish and giving, but not very strong willed. This becomes a major problem when you are in an environment filled with negative energy. You have the ability to pick up "vibes" and will soak up the energy of those around you like a psychic sponge. Because you do not feel confident enough in yourself to take control of your life, you can succumb to the will of those who might take advantage of you, with all sorts of negative consequences. It is important for you to seek out objective advice at those times when you feel confused or when you feel that your best interests are being compromised — and follow that advice if at all possible.

### ***Chiron opposite Pluto***

You may have faced an emotional loss that forced you to grow up at a very young age. Extremely serious and melancholy, you tend to spend many hours in deep contemplation. Fearful and obsessed with death, you may find it difficult to cope with the realities and stresses of everyday living. Therapy may help you celebrate life rather than fear death. You will then be more apt to relax and will be able to help others as well as yourself enjoy each day.

***North Node conjunct Midheaven***

You will succeed in attaining your career goals by consciously choosing the correct person or group of people to ally yourself with. You'll only tend to feel alone and vulnerable if you try to go it alone, but once your allegiance has been given to those who are like-minded, there's no stopping you. You need the give- and-take that good companionship provides to stimulate your enthusiasm and get you going. Should you make the wrong choice of associates, for whatever reason, you may feel quite stifled and frustrated and find it very difficult to break free and switch allegiances. So be very careful before making any serious commitments.

## Your Sustaining Strengths

*Trines and sextiles tend to work with a natural harmony that calls for little effort on your part. They show the things that you just seem naturally good at. Usually, they point to the more positive parts of your nature, and act as support that you can call on in difficult times.*

*Because these aspects are so comfortable, they are not likely to push you to expand your limits or cause you to change. It is actually helpful to have a balance of hard aspects (like oppositions and squares) to stimulate you to grow, and soft aspects (trines and sextiles) to ease your passage and provide places to rest.*

*If you are blessed with a predominance of trines and sextiles, your life may tend to be placid and your nature serene. If so, remember that the world around you is probably sorely in need of these qualities that are yours to bestow.*

### ***Sun trine Jupiter***

Your positive attitude is usually sufficient to allow you to do whatever you think will let you grow, expand and evolve at a reasonable pace. Your balanced outlook keeps your schemes and plans within the realm of reason — most of the time. But, at other times, you get a bit sloppy and extravagant because you tend to think you can get away with just about anything. When you notice this happening, just pull in the reins a little bit — you'll get where you're heading, perhaps a little slower than you'd like. And then, my friend, on to the next challenge ...

### ***Sun trine Neptune***

There is an airy, ethereal, dreamlike quality about you, as if your hold on consensus reality were only temporary. You have a vivid imagination and the ability to interpret the transcendental meanings behind ordinary events. Your sensitivity and compassion allow you to deny your own basic needs in favor of the needs of others. At times, your sense of discrimination is not always sharp, and you can be taken in by con artists. Therefore, be very careful when it comes to making major decisions or signing contracts. Always seek out the advice of a trusted friend or advisor.

### ***Sun sextile Pluto***

You love the challenges that life brings you and are at your best when you can tackle something that has never been done before — “the difficult is easy, the impossible just takes a little longer.” Your inner intensity and total commitment to whatever interests you is a little frightening to those who have a more casual approach to life. Your strong will and charisma give you excellent leadership potential.

### ***Sun trine Chiron***

A born leader, you are highly driven and are capable of achieving everything you want in life. A touch of humility, however, may be in order before success is yours. At times, being in charge is frightening because you know that you can easily abuse power. Instead of cowering from responsibility, take advantage of your impact on others by working and fighting for your ideals. It is your ability to command the loyalty of others that enables you to achieve all that you desire.

### ***Mercury sextile Venus***

You have a keen sense of proportion and balance. This is why you are so diplomatic in speech and manner. You prefer things to move smoothly and will take the necessary steps to see that they do. Once you have focused on an object of affection, you have the ability clearly (and seductively) to express yourself to the lucky person. You are also gifted aesthetically and can communicate your ideas easily through writing, arts or crafts.

### ***Jupiter trine Neptune***

You are full of big ideas about how to make things better for yourself and for those you love. Unless you also have a strongly practical streak, these plans rarely amount to anything. However, that never stops you from dreaming on. The problem is that you are so inclined to totally believe in your grand schemes that you often take unwise risks and have a hard time learning from your mistakes. Remember never to bet the mortgage, no matter what.

### ***Uranus sextile Ascendant***

You are known to others as being a bit of a flake due to your tendency toward erratic and eccentric patterns of behavior. But you prefer it that way. Relationships must be constantly stimulating for you to keep your interest up. When the excitement dies down or the novelty wears off, you simply (and unemotionally) move on to someone else. This does not mean that you are not a caring person, just that you have an unusually short attention span.

### ***Neptune sextile Pluto***

You, and society as a whole, are witnessing a gradual spiritual transformation that affects everything that you encounter. A solid foundation for protecting the rights of individuals (and especially the underprivileged) was being laid in the era when you were born, so that those in the future will have an equal opportunity to grow, evolve and gain greater understanding.

### ***Chiron trine Neptune***

Optimistic, spiritual, and idealistic, you have a never-ending faith in the human spirit. Compassionate and sympathetic, you always keep your door open to those in need, including stray animals and others not as well off as you. Your naivete and sweetness endear you to whomever you meet. Since you always lend an ear and a helping hand, people enjoy being in your company. Professions that utilize your admirable qualities include being a religious leader, teacher, counselor, evangelist, or spiritual healer.

## **Rounding Out the Picture**

*Two other families of so-called “minor” aspects add yet more information about the way the planets relate to each other in your chart. Semisquares and sesquares (also known as sesquiquadrates) share the dynamic, crisis-prone nature of the square but need to be quite exact in order to be felt.*

*Semisextiles and quincunxes connect signs that are totally unrelated to each other. They can have an odd, unsettling quality, indicating problems or issues that it’s hard to get a grip on. They are like interesting puzzles that call for a creative solution.*

### ***Sun semisquare Mars***

You are known for being bold, blunt and direct when dealing with people. While it is refreshing to be so honest, you are often lacking intact and can become quite offensive, especially to those with delicate feelings. Learn to notice the reactions of your associates. If they start avoiding you or if they become argumentative, you are probably coming on too strong, even though you personally do not think so.

### ***Sun quincunx Saturn***

Your conscience always seems to be working overtime, and this annoys you a great deal. It seems that you can never allow yourself to do anything that seems in the slightest frivolous without feeling enormous pangs of guilt. This can make you feel quite uncomfortable and then you become withdrawn and frustrated, preferring not to act at all rather than compromise your high standards of conduct. When this happens, look around you. The action that you are worried about is probably not very daring when compared to what others do. Let yourself have a little fling once in a while — savor the forbidden fruit and then fall back into your usual pattern.

### ***Sun semisquare Uranus***

You hate rules and regulations or anything that attempts to bind you to structures created by others. At times, you rebel even though you basically agree with what you are rebelling against. This seemingly irrational response to certain life situations can gain you a reputation of being unpredictable and unreliable — you must then be prepared to face the consequences of your actions. You love to be free, but certain elements around you will always be trying to deny that to you unless you can make your life as unstructured and free flowing as possible.

### ***Sun semisextile North Node***

Community service is likely to occupy much of your time and energy, and you find it both a blessing and a curse. You see that you can actually make an impact by doing it but tend to regret how much time this activity takes away from your home, family and loved ones. You may grumble about what you’re doing, but your associates usually just give you a wide berth because they know that you don’t really mean it. Try not to let your anxiety and tension show to those you are attempting to assist, as they don’t need more unpleasantness in their lives. You might feel more comfortable working behind the scenes.

### ***Saturn quincunx Pluto***

You tend to think that all of life is hard and difficult and that you can only make your way by overcoming overwhelming odds. Everything that you do seems to be an uphill battle and, if you continue to accept this as an inevitability, your thoughts will ensure that it will indeed continue as a never-ending pattern for you. The only way to work around this tendency is to realize that it is self-created. You must accept that things can be better and will be better, only more gradually for you than for most others. At your best, you have the toughness to weather any storm.

### ***Saturn semisextile Chiron***

To compensate for a lack of structure in your early family life, you may become compulsively organized and intolerant of anyone who is not. Fearful of relinquishing control, you may avoid long-term commitment. Learning the art of compromise may be a great struggle, but once you master giving and taking, your personal and professional relationships will greatly improve. You will also become a much better teacher and a more patient parent.

### ***Pluto semisextile Midheaven***

The way that you want to proceed in attaining your life goals is often at odds with normally accepted patterns of behavior. At times, you are so concerned with getting to your objectives that you will trample on the rights of others, perhaps doing underhanded or sneaky things behind their backs in order to gain the upper hand. You must learn the lessons of tact and humility if you want to truly succeed. It would be a hollow victory indeed if you attained your goals but had the respect of no one, including yourself. The temptation to manipulate others for your own good will be strong but resist it you must.

### ***Chiron quincunx North Node***

Obsessed with being the best at everything you do, you can be extremely demanding of yourself and others. You have the reputation of being a hard taskmaster who demands nothing less than perfection from your personal and professional relationships. Striving for excellence is admirable, but it can alienate those who want to be close to you. Accept your strengths as well as your weaknesses, and you will be much more pleasant to be around.

### ***Chiron quincunx Midheaven***

Rather than run from a situation in which you must take orders, take advantage of the opportunity to learn skills that can expand your horizons. Playing the victim is a thing of the past. Unless you take control of your life, you will never fulfill your lofty ambitions. Thinking positively and surrounding yourself with supportive friends will drastically improve your resolve.

## Houses: Bringing the Planets Down to Earth

*The positions of the planets in the zodiac, and the aspects between the planets, are nearly the same for everyone born on a given day. But the houses reflect how the planets were arranged around you and you alone, at a given hour and minute, and at a given place on Earth. Houses therefore personalize the planets, showing how they relate to your own particular life.*

*The meanings of the twelve houses echo those of the twelve zodiacal signs but are more specific and concrete. For example, the second sign, Taurus, is much concerned with the material world, whereas the second house deals with your actual possessions: how you feel about them, and how you acquire them.*

*The house delineations that follow show how the affairs of each house are flavored by the sign that lies on its cusp. Since houses are sometimes larger than signs, a house may also have one or more signs completely enclosed or “intercepted” within it, in which case you will find additional material about the intercepted signs in a house. Most important, you will learn below in what areas of life the planets — the main actors in your drama — are disposed to be most active, and how the way each planet operates is influenced by both its house and its sign.*

## Your Interface with the World

*The first house focuses on the basic equipment that you have been given for interacting with the world: your body and your physical constitution, your face, your appearance, your personality, mannerisms and the way you present yourself. It may not be how you see yourself, but it is how others tend to perceive you, and you should be aware that it has an important effect on how you are accepted in social situations. Planets in the first house tend to be strong and “out-front,” especially when they are close to (that is, conjunct) your Ascendant.*

### ***Scorpio on the First***

You tend to be quiet, reserved, secretive and, at times, difficult to understand. Others notice your deep, intense emotions and wonder how to draw you out. Stubborn and tough, you fight for any position you believe in, and are formidably resourceful when you become angered or upset about something. Because you are easily hurt by others, you may strike back with bitter sarcasm. For you, life must be experienced intensely and totally, and you enjoy living life at the cutting edge. Possessed of great courage, you are willing to take calculated risks. With your sensitive curiosity, you are concerned with the deeper mysteries of human psychology. Once you have become interested in any subject, you pursue it fanatically.

### ***Neptune in the First***

You are an extremely impressionable individual. You are so sensitive that you can easily pick up on the moods and feelings of others, whether they be good or bad. As such, you should try to avoid negative or pessimistic people because they seem to drain you of all your energy and initiative. Your ability to allow your ego to become transparent makes you good at acting or imitating. Try not to hide behind these alternate personalities too often, however, or you may become confused as to what is real and what is not. Above all, try to be truthful at all times because it will be tempting for you to use your acting abilities to lie or to be deceitful. As a rule, though, you are a very kind, aware person.



### ***Neptune in Scorpio***

You, and your entire generation, are extremely interested in anything deep and mysterious. You will explore and idealize the benefits that can accrue from the study of the occult, healing and psychology. You are willing to experiment with substances like drugs in order to push your understanding of your inner being to the extreme.

## **What You Own and Value**

*The second house goes a step outward from your own person and has to do with resources that you possess, including money. It shows your attitude toward what you own or would like to own: what you crave and covet, what you most value, how you go about getting it, how you take care of it, and whether or not you hang on to it. By extension, it can also indicate your sense of values: not just material things but also the attitudes and ideas that you hold dear.*

### ***Sagittarius on the Second***

You have an optimistic, upbeat attitude toward money and possessions. You tend to think big about what is possible, and you have the required energy and initiative to work eagerly to satisfy your goals. However, beware of becoming too overextended financially — you have a tendency to have too many irons in the fire at once and you do not always have enough discipline to make sure that they are all working to your benefit. You will be more comfortable with having more than one investment or source of income — you tend to fear the sense of restriction that would come from putting all your eggs in one basket. Warm and generous with whatever bounty you have, you delight in assisting those in need.

### ***No planets in the Second***

The second house of your horoscope contain no planets. This means that you tend not to be overly concerned about what you own, and that your attitudes and value structures are most likely integrated into your character as a whole. If outside influences upset this balance and cause these issues to become more important than usual, it will probably be only temporary.

## **Your Immediate Surroundings**

*Going a step further out from your own body and possessions, the third house has to do with your immediate surroundings and how you interact with them. The first “social” house, it describes brothers and sisters, neighbors and anyone who just happens to be near you on a daily basis. It also describes daily communication and transportation: letters, phone calls and emails, and routine journeys such as commuting to shopping, school or work. The first “mental” house, it governs early education and basic skills training, paving the way for higher education in the ninth house which is directly opposite it in the chart.*

### ***Capricorn on the Third***

You are not a quick study at anything. You need time to work out the complexities of any problem and you have to understand a solution totally before you can implement it. Also, you are not very good at abstract thinking because you are only interested in whatever you can actually use in your day-to-day life. You tend to be a listless student until your goal structures have fully formed — and then you zealously learn whatever is necessary for you to get ahead. You prefer a functional and orderly daily lifestyle. You trim away anything that might distract you from your ambitions.

### ***No planets in the Third***

Your third house is not activated by planetary activity. For the most part, how you order your daily life activities is not an issue for you. It is something that you rarely think about or have to plan consciously.

## Where You Come From

*Being at the very bottom of the wheel, the fourth house is both where you originate and where you come to rest. As such, it describes your parents and ancestral background, and later the home or protected space into which you retreat each day for nourishment and sleep. A deeply personal house, the fourth is concerned with security and peace of mind, the safety of loved ones, and how you care for others and yourself. The place of your roots and the earth beneath your feet, the fourth house rules the house or apartment where you live and also real estate in general. In your trajectory through life, the fourth house shows your origins and where you are coming from, just as the tenth house and Midheaven describe your career and where you aim to go.*

### ***Aquarius on the Fourth***

You are rather detached and unsentimental about your home and family. You have clear judgment and objectivity not to allow emotional storms and tensions to get in the way of the efficient functioning of your home life. You have high expectations for your family and family members and hope that they will be able to advance themselves and the world at large by their contributions. You tend to intellectualize your relationships with your family to such an extent that you may be unable to react spontaneously when emotional support is needed. This may cause members of your family to distrust you and find solace elsewhere.

### ***Saturn in the Fourth***

At your best, you have very disciplined emotional responses to situations. This means that you can usually be trusted to remain calm and cool, especially in stressful situations. But, at your worst, this detachment and objectivity is taken to extremes, and you tend to feel empty inside and completely lacking in self-esteem. Perhaps an unfortunate early home life without much emotional support taught you that you were not worthy of love. It will be important for you to meet a positive parent substitute, perhaps a teacher or counselor, who can boost your self-esteem. If you can do this, the world will seem to be less of a bleak and barren place for you.

### ***Saturn in Aquarius***

Your personal sense of values is a reflection of the value structures of your peer group and of those you respect and admire. Try to be more critical in your acceptance of these values — you tend to prejudge the abilities of those you trust and then follow what they say blindly. Basically, very conservative, you prefer orderly, systematic changes and fear doing things rashly or impulsively. Ideas and philosophies must have some sort of immediately realizable, utilitarian function in order for you to pay any attention to them.

## Playtime

*After being nurtured and restored in the fourth house, you are refreshed and full of energy for play and creative pursuits. Replenished by dreams, you have creative ideas. Nurtured by your parents, you are ready to have your own children. Fresh from the security of home, you are ready to trust the universe and take risks. For all these reasons, the fifth house traditionally rules the child in you and the children around you, your own personal creativity and self-expression, plays and amusements of all sorts, gambling and speculation, and courtship, love affairs and romance. This is an outgoing house, but it is still beneath the horizon, in the territory of your heart's desires.*

### ***Pisces on the Fifth***

You have a vivid imagination, and you enjoy rich inner visions — they are your personal playground, and they provide hours of amusement for you. If you are so inclined to share these images with others, writing or the arts would be a proper means of self-expression for you. You tend to be shy and retiring when in love — you love the romance of lovemaking, but the physical realities often disappoint you. You are devoted to your children, should you have any, and will tend to sacrifice your own welfare to see that they can have a better life. Try to realize that you too have a right to have a little fun once in a while. Let yourself have a fling, even if you feel you have to keep it a secret.

### ***Jupiter in the Fifth***

Very optimistic and cheerful by nature, you love to play and have a good time, especially if it can be done on a grand scale: “Let’s not just go out to a show, let’s take the Concorde to Paris and go to the opera.” You demand the right to live a free and unrestricted lifestyle, but you have to watch your budget to be sure that you can afford it. Try not to get too carried away by your current enthusiasms. Recreational contact sports may be a good way for you to get rid of some of your profuse and vigorous energy.

### ***Jupiter in Pisces***

You are at your best when you give of yourself and what you have — try to avoid being a martyr about it, though. You’re a true idealist, but you must learn not to be upset when life does not cooperate with the way you think things should be. Very concerned with spiritual truth and growth, when you practice what you preach, you make an excellent role model for others. You are so devoted to altruistic ventures and concerns that you tire easily at times. It then becomes necessary for you to go off by yourself to recharge your batteries.

### ***Chiron in the Fifth***

Deciding whether or not to have children could be the most important, yet difficult, decision you will ever have to make. You love being the center of attention, and the creative arts fulfill your need for self-expression and adulation. Instilling and encouraging creativity, optimism and laughter comes easily to you. A love of risk-taking may get you into trouble from which there will be no easy way out. Be certain to look before you leap.

### ***Chiron in Pisces***

Intuitive and imaginative, you may have difficulty in verbal communication. This often gives the false impression that you are confused and unintelligent. You may have been teased by other children, leaving you feeling vulnerable and distrustful. Retreating into the sanctity of your own world may have filled many lonely hours. Your compassion and sensitivity can contribute to your success in the helping profession. You are a wonderful friend who is ready to answer the call when anyone needs you. Therapy is an excellent way to improve self-esteem and to view yourself as the remarkable and unique human being that you are.

## Taking Care of Business

*After the candle-lit dinner comes the credit-card bill. Courtship is followed by the nitty-gritty of married life: babies, diapers and saving up for college. After your creative impulse comes the need to learn the technique of actually making something. And if you overexpend your energy, you get health problems. The sixth house rules taking care of business on an everyday level. This includes your job, paying bills and keeping the house clean. It also includes maintaining your body with medical checkups and a daily regimen of nutrition and exercise. In the old books it ruled servants, and it can by extension rule the way you offer service to others. It also ruled useful animals, particularly small ones like cats, dogs, chickens and pigs. Today this usually means small pets, which exist in the personal, intimate part of your life that is signified by houses that lie below the horizon.*

### ***Aries on the Sixth***

Generally speaking, you are a good worker. You love a challenge and will eagerly attempt things that are difficult or supposedly impossible. Very competitive, you work well if you have someone to push you. But you are not always good at finishing what you start and are better off as a team leader, with minions at your disposal to clean up after you. As to health and nutrition, you always want to be the first of your peers to try the latest fads and gimmicks when it comes to diet or exercise. You are very restless and need to be kept physically active or your health suffers. You may suffer from tension headaches when you work too hard or, at the other extreme, when you are in a rut.

### ***No planets in the Sixth***

Your sixth house is not activated by planetary activity. Health and work-related issues are not usually paramount concerns for you. Of course, outside influences can temporarily upset this balance, causing you to devote more time and energy to these parts of your life, at least on a temporary basis.

## Relating One-to-One

*If you courted in the fifth house and woke up in the sixth yoked to another in a daily routine, the seventh house gives you a chance to hammer out a relationship of true equals. The goal is wedded bliss and a true sense of relatedness, but along the way there may be fights as you each define your individuality and establish your own territory. Not only is the seventh the traditional house of marriage, but it is also the house of open enemies, your sparring partners in life. In general, since the first house is you yourself, the seventh house, directly opposite, is the other person in a variety of situations. Besides signifying a marriage or sparring partner, the seventh house rules business partners, or those on the other side of a desk, such as consultants, lawyers, therapists or astrologers.*

### ***Taurus on the Seventh***

Very cautious and conservative when it comes to relationships, you are not impulsive about forming them. You prefer long courtships or friendships before making any contractual agreements, either for business or personal relationships. But once your loyalty or truth is given, you are onboard for the long haul, and will weather many storms and tribulations for the sake of trying to fulfill your vows. Your practical streak often leads you to liaisons that are based more on materialistic concerns than emotional ones. You will work long and hard to support and protect your partner, no matter what problems may arise.

### ***Mars in the Seventh***

You are very competitive, and love to be involved in personal and business relationships where you can observe your partner and then act or react each time, he or she decides to do something. This may make your relationship seem more like a battleground. If you are both aware that this is what is really going on and enjoy it, this should work out all right. Still, cooperation is not one of your most noticeably positive character traits. If you make a special effort to see things from the other's point of view, life with your partner will go a lot smoother.

### ***Mars in Taurus***

You tend to be careful, slow and thorough in most things that you do. At times, you are willful and stubborn when others try to alter your course. You are definitely not a quitter and will work long and hard to get what you want. Your possessions are important to you. One of your continuing problems is that you tend to regard the significant people in your life much the same way as you do your possessions, becoming overly attached to them and much too jealous. You repress your anger when you get upset and that is not healthy. Try to learn to show your anger immediately in order to avoid painful explosions later.

## **Merging into Something Larger**

*Having achieved a relationship of equals in the seventh house, you are ready to give up your separateness in the eighth, merging in sexual union and becoming one on a deep emotional level. If the second house was about grasping and possessing, the eighth is about sharing and letting go. While the second rules your own money, the eighth rules how you deal with other people's money and how you pool resources. On a mundane level the eighth rules taxes, but on a fundamental level it can rule giving up anything you value, including your ego and even your body. In relaxing your grasp on what you find most dear, you may find that you are really not as dependent on it as you thought. In relinquishing, you achieve a new level of freedom, and feel lighter, renewed and more alive. Related to all this, the eighth signifies mysteries such as death and resurrection, magic and the occult, and the deep parts of the psyche that are beyond our conscious grasp.*

### ***Gemini on the Eighth***

You have a very intellectual approach to the deeper mysteries of life. You have an insatiable curiosity about sexual matters that may lead you to a considerable amount of experimentation with numerous partners. But you find it difficult to really settle into a permanent liaison with anyone, partly because you have a short attention span, but also because you tend to seek mental stimulation in a partner more than you do physical satisfaction. You are more likely to be comfortable with a variety of investments than you would be in sinking everything into any one particular vehicle. Your wide-ranging knowledge may make you a good business advisor. But your innate restlessness about financial matters does not allow you to keep your resources in any one place long enough for you to show much of a return on your money.

### ***Mercury in the Eighth***

When you find a subject that interests you, you pursue it with a great intensity, at times to the point of obsession. You have the inquiring mind of a natural psychologist. You are fascinated with the deeper levels of human motivations and are not afraid to explore the more private, personal and potentially embarrassing areas of human conduct. Your probing mind sometimes asks questions of others that they would rather not answer. As for you, you tend to be quiet and mysterious. This is because your thoughts and emotions are extremely complex and not easily expressed.

### ***Mercury in Gemini***

Your mind is active, quick and agile. You are very restless, and you get bored easily. Unless you receive constant mental stimulation, you become extremely nervous and begin to act in an unstable manner. You are probably a good student because of your natural inquisitiveness. You also love to travel. Your learning tends to be superficial, though, because you have a relatively short attention span. Try to develop the mental discipline to finish what you start. Also, at times you tend to talk on and on, seemingly just to fill up the silence. To keep others from avoiding you, make sure that when you speak, your conversation has some substance to it.

## **Expanding Your Conscious Awareness**

*Approaching the highest point in the sky, the ninth house wafts you up and out of your rut, giving you a broad and lofty view of the terrain beneath. Whereas the third ruled basic schooling and short trips, the ninth rules higher education and long-distance travel. It removes you from your everyday routine so you can see the overall pattern, the overlooked connections between things. It rules all-embracing concepts (such as your philosophy of life) and institutions (like religion and law) that stand over society and keep it bound together. It can also signify your teachers and mentors, your library, and all else that broadens your outlook.*

### ***Cancer on the Ninth***

You tend to be emotionally involved in any higher causes that catch your attention. Should you espouse a particular religion or philosophy, you do so to the extent that any criticism raised against it is taken by you to be a personal attack — you react quickly and unthinkingly as you attempt to come to its defense. You are a zealous and enthusiastic convert to any cause and will work long and hard in its service. You enjoy travel, but usually only within the bounds of service to some higher cause — you love to go on pilgrimages to visit important and significant places.

### ***Sun in the Ninth***

By nature, you are inquisitive and restless. You enjoy asking questions about broad and far-reaching subjects such as law, religion and philosophy. A good scholar, you love to read widely, and you may also travel widely in order to satisfy your insatiable curiosity. Generally optimistic, you tend to be quite tolerant of the faults of others. You hate the stultification of outworn habits, preferring to act immediately on your many enthusiasms.

### ***Sun in Cancer***

Very emotional and sensitive, you have an intuitive understanding of the “vibes” around you. You tend to be quite generous, giving, loving and caring, but only when your own needs for emotional support, love and security have been met. If they are not met, you tend to withdraw into yourself and become very insecure and selfish. Your home and family (especially your mother or the person who played that role for you early on) represent security for you and thus assume a larger-than-life importance. Very sentimental, you have vivid and long-enduring memories of the past. No matter how well adjusted you are, you will always need a secret quiet place of your own in order to feel at peace. Feeding others can give you great pleasure you would enjoy being part of a large family.

## **Your Public Self**

*If the fourth house showed your roots and where you came from, the tenth shows what you are ultimately aiming at in life. Whereas the sixth shows your daily job and how you make a living, the tenth signifies your career, your personal contribution, your reputation and what you become known for. Some astrologers also believe that the fourth house signifies one parent, and the tenth signifies the other. The tenth-house parent is most likely the one who prepares you for the world. The closer a planet is to the Midheaven, the more likely that planet is to be the major significator of your life's direction.*

### ***Leo on the Tenth***

You are a born leader and will function much better if you are in a position of responsibility where your decisions will have a direct effect on the lives of others. You have the breadth of vision to be able to organize large-scale projects. You have very high aspirations for yourself and a strong need to climb the social ladder. Make sure that you do this with grace and civility, though — avoid your tendency toward snobbishness and displays of cocky behavior. Generally, though, you epitomize self-confidence, optimism, generosity and cultured good taste.

### ***Many planets in the Tenth***

You want to get ahead in the world, to be noticed for your achievements, and you will work hard and long and tirelessly to achieve your goals. Your experience of your father (or the person who played that role in your life), whether it was positive or negative, will play a very important role in determining how you will react to the need for discipline and structure that will be required in order for you to realize your goals. You are at your best in highly structured situations and can be counted on to carry out a project fully and completely.

### ***Moon in the Tenth***

Your mother (or the person who provided comfort and nurture for you early in life) has been very important in shaping your life goals. Your heightened awareness of the needs of others allows you to be successful in most careers that involve a great deal of interaction with the public. It will, however, be a temptation for you to merely reflect the feelings and needs of others. Try to be yourself — your opinions and wants are important, too.

### ***Moon in Leo***

You always want to be proud of yourself and will never do anything that will make yourself look bad. You need the respect and admiration of others and enjoy attracting attention to yourself. Everything you do tends to be self-emphasized and self-exaggerated. Very stubborn, willful and independent yourself, be sure to allow others who are close to you the similar right to “be themselves.” Your need for love, affection and reassurance, and your tendency toward vanity, allow you to have your head easily turned by flattery. The more insecure you are, the more you tend to be a showoff. You love games and sports, as a matter of fact, you would usually rather play than work. Be careful of a tendency to be snobbish and uppity — it does not become you.

### ***Venus in the Tenth***

You see the world as being a beautiful, friendly and enjoyable place. The warmth, love and support provided by your home situation as a young person has had a great influence on your outlook as an adult. But you are not very aggressive and tend to think that the world should come to you rather than you going out to it. One of your better qualities is your ability to relate well to others. You are quite popular due to your personal warmth and gracious charm. Careers that involve a great deal of interpersonal contact should appeal to you.

### ***Venus in Leo***

You have a striking, regal appearance and demeanor that attracts others to you. Your friendship is highly sought, and you tend to take friendships quite seriously — you remain loyal and true to those to whom you are attached. For you, love is mixed with pride and respect. Relationships are over when you lose respect for your partner. Be careful of a tendency to relate only to those who make you look good — the powerful, important and influential. This can lead to arrogance and selfishness, and neither of these qualities becomes you.

### ***Uranus in the Tenth***

You tend to get very nervous and feel totally unfulfilled whenever you try to follow the beaten path. Extremely restless and very independent, you must do things your own way and follow your own path. Your career goals will be unorthodox, unique and maybe quite offbeat. You are attracted to highly technological fields where your ability to quickly grasp complex subjects allows you to shine. You bring creative, fresh solutions to problems, but your work habits are often sloppy, erratic and undisciplined.

### ***Uranus in Leo***

You are part of an age group that demands complete and total freedom of self-expression. You and your peers want to make your mark in the world according to your own lights and will brook no interference from traditional authority figures, especially if they attempt to mold or shape you in any way. You are honest and forthright, but a bit offbeat and eccentric. The lack of self-discipline may hinder you from reaching your goals as quickly as you would like.

### ***North Node in the Tenth***

You tend to have a very practical approach to the way you deal with other people. You rarely, if ever, form casual relationships, and need a real and identifiable purpose for spending time with anyone. While some may regard you as cool and calculating, you're an excellent companion to those who can be of assistance to you, especially those who can help you move ahead in your chosen career. To avoid acquiring a reputation as a backslapper or social climber, in return you must offer real value to those with whom you want to associate.

### ***North Node in Leo***

When it comes to dealing with others, you prefer to take the leadership role, and you enjoy administering and organizing group activities. Others tend to listen to your suggestions because you tend not to be domineering or patronizing. You love to entertain in a big way and are at your best when throwing a large and lavish party. Your popularity and social success are assured as long as you don't take others for granted. Do resist any temptation to become snobbish and arrogant.

## **Your Circle of Acquaintances**

*The eleventh is the last house of relationships: not brothers, sisters and neighbors who just happen to be around you, not one-to-one partners, but the circle of friends and associates whom you actively choose. It shows the way you make and keep friendships, the organizations you join, the networking you do, and the general way you interact with groups. After you have established yourself as an individual and learned to form personal relationships with others, you are ready to think about the common good. This is why the eleventh often signifies groups dedicated to social or other sorts of collective improvement.*



### ***Virgo on the Eleventh***

You are quite fastidious in your choice of friends, associates and group affiliations. You have very high standards of acceptable behavior and conduct and will submit to those in whom you are interested to a long and drawn-out period of probation before lending them your full support. Once you have done so, your support becomes total and unquestioning, and you tend to serve your friends selflessly and vigorously. You prefer to avoid the limelight and, within a group structure, will perform duties willingly that others consider dull, boring or demeaning. You are the one who can be counted on to address the envelopes, clean up after the meeting and invisibly make sure that everything is always just so. On the other side of the coin, you are also the one who nags and complains whenever established rules are being bent or broken.

### ***Pluto in the Eleventh***

Friends and associates play powerful roles in your personal growth and development. You tend to attract those who are very powerful and influential and who can assist you along your path. This is a potentially dangerous energy, however — be careful that friends do not try to manipulate or control you, and, reciprocally, do not succumb to the temptation to use them the same way. For the most part, you are not a joiner of groups, unless they happen to support your own notions of far-reaching reform.

### ***Pluto in Virgo***

Your entire generation was born at a time that saw profound changes in society's attitude toward work, duty and responsibility. There were also fundamental changes in attitudes toward personal health and nutrition.

## **The Hidden You**

*The twelfth house is where planets go just after they have risen. Here planets are still wet behind the ears, blinking in the sunlight and unsteady on their feet. Feeling completely vulnerable, planets in the twelfth tend to hide. Their energies can become repressed and secretive, and sometimes they lurk as complexes in the subconscious. This is why the twelfth is associated with self-sabotage, with hidden enemies, and with prison and whatever else makes you feel confined. The traditional association with hospitals and prisons suggests that constructive ways of dealing with twelfth-house problems include helping others who are similarly repressed or confined. Also, some with a strong twelfth-house emphasis become successful as undercover workers or as the power behind the throne.*

### ***Libra on the Twelfth***

You have an inherent problem in dealing with the issue of relating to others. Normally, you prefer to be aloof from people because you fear the awesome responsibility of dealing with them fairly and objectively. Yet you are drawn to experimenting with relationships, often pulling back just when things are about to get serious. You must learn to lighten up a bit about this issue. Other people are only rarely going to be as demanding of you as you tend to think they might be. Also, they are much more forgiving than you usually give them credit for being. Go on and take a chance on someone else — you will be surprised to realize just how resilient you really are.

### ***No planets in the Twelfth***

Your twelfth house is not activated by planetary activity. This does not mean that you will never have to deal with energies in your life that are difficult to understand, although most people would consider this a blessing. It merely means that these will not be paramount concerns for you. Occasionally, due to influences that come from outside of yourself, you will find yourself in situations that prove to be temporarily uncomfortable or even mysterious, but these incidents should not dominate your life as they do for some others.