

# Just for Women

Astrological Profile for  
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## Your Chart Data

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	Element	Mode
Sun	Sagittarius	21°Sg32'	12th	Fire	Mutable
Moon	Cancer	03°Ca30'	06th	Water	Cardinal
Mercury	Capricorn	08°Cp50'	01st	Earth	Cardinal
Venus	Aquarius	01°Aq55'	01st	Air	Fixed
Mars	Scorpio	26°Sc47'	11th	Water	Fixed
Jupiter	Cancer	07°Ca40' R	06th	Water	Cardinal
Saturn	Capricorn	13°Cp28'	01st	Earth	Cardinal
Uranus	Capricorn	04°Cp39'	12th	Earth	Cardinal
Neptune	Capricorn	11°Cp20'	01st	Earth	Cardinal
Pluto	Scorpio	16°Sc30'	10th	Water	Fixed
Midheaven	Scorpio	02°Sc27'	10th	Water	Fixed
Ascendant	Capricorn	08°Cp12'	01st	Earth	Cardinal

House	Cusp Position	Elemental Balance	Modal Balance
01st	08°Cp12'	1 Fire	7 Cardinal
02nd	18°Aq58'	5 Earth	4 Fixed
03rd	00°Ar19'	1 Air	1 Mutable
04th	02°Ta27'	5 Water	
05th	26°Ta45'		
06th	17°Ge23'		
07th	08°Ca12'		
08th	18°Le58'		
09th	00°Li19'		
10th	02°Sc27'		
11th	26°Sc45'		
12th	17°Sg23'		

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## **Just for Women**

An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Taylor Swift

Your astrological chart provides an amazing guidepost to the most important aspect of your life: an understanding of yourself. As a woman today, you face the challenge of discovering yourself within the context of many life experiences. You wear a variety of faces and play many roles, experiences which can both enhance and complicate your feeling of satisfaction with yourself and your life. Your astrological chart provides indicators which help to define who you are, strengthening an understanding of your needs on every level. Each chart is different in its make-up, and the myriad combinations of influences help to underscore the importance of each person as an individual. One thing you must remember when working with astrology: it is through your free will that you make choices. Your chart does not "make" you do anything!

We are finally acknowledging and realizing within today's world, that men and women experience life differently. The workings of your psyche, symbolized by your astrological chart, are likely to be experienced quite differently through your filter as a woman than they would be if you were born male. This report is designed for you, a woman in a world of change, a woman seeking to become whole.

Your natal, or birth, chart is made up of several factors. Drawn upon a circular wheel, your natal chart shows the positions of the planets relative to your place, date and time of birth. Everything is indicated symbolically, with each symbol having specific meanings. The planets, Sun and Moon are placed around the circle, and each is placed within a particular degree of a sign of the zodiac. The planets, Sun and Moon are energy bodies, and the astrological signs indicate how these energies work. Just as you are a complex of feelings, needs, drives and desires - your natal chart maps these qualities. You will also notice that the planetary symbols fall within particular segments of the circle. These segments, called "Houses", indicate the specific environments and relationships which are part of your life. You may find, upon reading your report, that there are a few contradictions. For example, one factor may indicate independence, while another shows strong dependency. It is not unusual to experience contradictions within yourself, and that is just what your chart illustrates about you! But when you reflect upon these qualities within the context in which they are explained, you may discover some self-illuminating facts about yourself. Self-understanding has a marvelous way of emphasizing your personal power!

## **An Overall Glimpse at Your Astrological Chart**

The astrological signs are defined by one of four elements: fire, earth, air or water. The fire and air elements have a yang (masculine polarity) quality, and tend to be more outgoing and assertive in their nature, whereas the earth and water elements have a yin (feminine polarity) quality, and are more receptive by nature. The elemental balance in your chart is determined by the amount of energy within each elemental sign. The factors added together to find this balance of energy include the Sun, Moon, planets and the angles of the Ascendant and Midheaven.

With a powerful emphasis on both earth and water elements in your chart, you may be very focused on achieving stability in the material world. Your needs for security are quite strong, and you may be especially capable of carrying on traditions. These elements here on the physical plane work together to form mud, and your life can become a quagmire of family, children, money, and responsibilities - leaving you feeling stuck. You may be seen as the woman who will always be there for everybody, but may wonder if you will ever receive the same level of support from them. If you find yourself feeling stuck in behaviors which are greedy or manipulative, take a look at the areas in which you feel threatened or unsupported. Maybe you need to get out of your rut and try something different - but first you have to remind yourself that change is safe.

The elemental balance in your astrological chart shows fire as a weak factor, which may inhibit your ability to take action some of the time. Challenges, or even the thought of them, can exhaust you, but avoiding challenges may also take some of the spirit out of your life! If you're feeling uninspired or lacking in motivation at times, and want to change it, expose yourself to situations which stimulate your sense of hope and optimism. Use fiery colors, candlelight, or even the glow of a fireplace on a winter evening to help re-focus your energy. Take time to exercise, since increasing your physical activity can also stimulate your mind and spirit. You may feel overwhelmed by others who are constantly on the go, even though your attraction to them can be immense.

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. Your strongest mode is Cardinal, indicating that your basic approach to life is one of getting things started. You're an initiator, and are happiest when you're beginning something new. This factor sometimes indicates an enhanced sense of courage and enthusiasm. A strong ability to get things going, maintain your inspiration, carry through with your commitments and complete projects. Your ability to deal with different styles and human diversity enhances your spirit of cooperation, and makes you a good choice for leadership positions. However, you also have an adequate level of fixed energy, which helps you maintain your focus and stability in the midst of change, and aids in your ability to complete your obligations. Your weakest link is in mutability, which indicates that you sometimes have trouble adapting to change or that you are somewhat inflexible in your attitudes.

When you view the whole picture of your chart, you'll see that there is an emphasis of planets on the left side of your chart. This hemisphere strength indicates that you are driven by a need for independence and autonomy, and that you feel most validated when you feel that you're living life on your own terms. You may find it difficult to allow others to support or help you, even when you want them to lend a hand, and can certainly have trouble asking for assistance (especially if you feel it diminishes your sense of self to do so!). Relationships can be difficult for you unless you are in a situation which allows equanimity and equality, but be

careful of your tendency to want to take the lead all of the time. True equality means that both partners are powerful.

You may also be concerned with the areas in your chart which appear to be empty. Never fear, these houses are not really vacant! You are just not placing as much emphasis in these relationships or environments, or you may be satisfying these needs through other dimensions of your life.

## **Projection of Your Real Self**

Sometimes showing the world who you really are is not easy, and sometimes the world may not respond as you had hoped! It's helpful to take a look at the differences and similarities between the attitudes, impressions and images you project and the person who resides at the core of your being.

With your Sun in Sagittarius you are a woman who thrives on the grand adventure of life. You may feed this urge through travel or education, but you also fulfill it through your spiritual quests. Your enthusiasm is difficult to miss, and you can inspire others to reach beyond their limitations through the example of your own life. But you can also be difficult to follow, and may head into a new territory before you've even warmed your chair.

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Capricorn. Your image may be one of seriousness, and you may appear quite sedate and controlled in your behavior and attitudes. Your need for respect dictates that you follow the rules, and even though you might like to go to work in jeans and a t-shirt, you're more likely to show up in an impeccable suit, which looks quite nice on you, by the way. Additionally, your dry humor and solid reliability are always welcome.

You have Saturn and your Ascendant in the sign of Capricorn. The set of standards which you hold for yourself can be exceptionally high, and you may not be happy unless you feel you are producing something. This can be quite helpful in some situations, but others may see you as excessively controlling if you carry things too far.

Your Moon is in opposition to your Ascendant, which can indicate that you have conflicts between what you need for yourself and what others demand or need from you. You may also place too much emphasis on living your life based upon taking care of others, and may feel emotionally drained as a result. Part of the undercurrent of this energy comes from wanting to be connected or needing a partner. This is perfectly okay as long as you create relationships in which your needs and desires count, too. But watch for a tendency for things to get one-sided, and remember to give yourself ample opportunities to fulfill your own needs.

With Mercury conjunct your Ascendant, others will always see you as a communicator. You could be in the grocery store minding your own business and someone is likely to ask you a question - and generally, you know the answers! Your personality is outgoing, and may even be somewhat mischievous. Sharing your ideas is natural and easy, and you may be quite talkative. To enhance your communication abilities, concentrate on becoming an exceptional

listener.

With Mars in semi-square aspect to your Ascendant you may rarely seem to stop, and can feel restless when you do. This restless quality can be filtered through different attitudes. When you're unhappy with something, your agitation or frustration will be easily noticed. You may say or do things which prove to be irritating to others, and you may draw others to you who are angry or frustrated themselves. To dissipate the potential hostility which can be present with this influence, it is crucial that you deal with your anger when it arises, and that you have ample opportunities to release any tension you feel.

With Jupiter in opposition to your Ascendant you may have difficulty setting limits and can be entirely too scattered. The positive quality of this placement involves your ability to attract situations which allow you to reach beyond your limitations. However, in order to succeed you may have to limit the number of options you're pursuing at one time! Relationships with others can be a double-edged sword as well because you may gain great benefits through your association with a partner, but may not develop personal confidence in your abilities as an individual. Try to give yourself the same kind of enthusiastic support you offer to others and notice the difference!

The influence of Saturn in conjunction to your Ascendant can be especially powerful. You may project a conservative, stable energy and can be practical in your approach to life. Taking responsibility for yourself seems reasonable and natural, although you may sometimes get tired of feeling that you are the only grown-up among a crowd of perpetual children. Yet the power of self-control has been evident to you throughout your life, and you would much prefer to have control than to have others control you! Sometimes you may take yourself a bit too seriously, so remember to keep your sense of humor on call to avoid getting stuck in an attitude of depression or defeat when times are difficult.

The energy of Uranus conjunct your Ascendant adds a sparkle to your personality. Your unique sense of style can be seen in your manner of dress, which reflects your independence and autonomy. You're not interested in being a cookie-cutter image of anyone. You may also resent stepping into roles which require you to act or behave in a particular manner. In relationships you need plenty of room to be yourself, and will appreciate a partner who gives you plenty of room to exercise your autonomy. You may attract irresponsible people into your life, but you can accept their individuality, even though they might not always be good for you. Other people may rely upon your intuitive insights, and as you mature, you may realize that this is the quality which provides the circuitry for your personality.

With Neptune conjunct your Ascendant you may be especially sensitive to your environment and the people within it. Your psychic abilities are intensified through this energy, and your impressions about things may be exceptionally clear. This is a particularly excellent connection if you work in the arts or theater, and can be quite helpful in any healing or counseling work. Your ability to adapt to your surroundings, including adapting to the mood of other people, adds a chameleon like quality to your personality. The primary problem with this placement involves your ability to be seen, or to be seen as you wish to be. Others can project their feelings on you quite readily, and you may respond in such a way as to amplify their projection. Sometimes too, you may feel like the invisible woman. Your vigilance in maintaining your personal boundaries must always be strong, or you may fall into the role of the victim or martyr.

There are many different facets of the Moon in your chart. But when it comes to your identity, your Moon speaks volumes about who you are at the deepest level: the soul of your being. Your Cancer Moon radiates a quality of nurturant support to your personality. When you take someone under your wing, they know that you're there for them. But you can be guarded about showing your feelings, since you also feel vulnerability, and may be afraid of losing someone or something you love. Once you allow yourself to reach the awareness that everything changes, the fear of loss can transform into an acceptance and support of the true process of growth. It is that experience which feeds your soul and adds grace to your life.

## **Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self**

Although the temptation is to think that just because you are a woman you are in touch with your inner feminine self, this is a much more complicated task than it appears to be! First of all, the model for the true power of femininity has been lost over recent history and is now becoming re-energized. Recovering this power is a personal task for each woman, and learning to use feminine power constructively on a collective level is another challenge for today's woman. This process is the cradle of self-healing, and provides the essence of your personal security.

The primary energies associated with your inner feminine self are the Moon and Venus, but Neptune and Pluto are also significant in your experience and expression of this part of your psyche. The Moon is the energy which filters through your subconscious self, and tells the story of your connection to the part of you which provides nurturing, support, care and comfort. The person who projects the model for your Moon energy is your mother, and you see her through the lens of your own emotional matrix, signified by the Moon. As you mature, you learn to send this energy into the world, but to be truly effective, you must first own this energy and know how to use it to care for yourself!

Through your Cancer Moon, you connect to the essence of feminine soul. You feel the changes pulsating through life. You know the rhythm of your body. Your soul feels the essential shifts of the cycles which are the heartbeat of life. Providing nurturance is as natural to you as breathing, and you have your own special way of making others feel right at home when they're with you. Your emotional sensibilities can be especially powerful, and you may find yourself describing how you feel when someone asks what you think about something. It might be easier to minister to another's needs than it is to ask for help, since you are usually uncomfortable exposing your vulnerabilities. But you adore the feeling of being held in a tender caress and may long for the security which arises when everyone you adore is there, close to home, safe in the nest.

Your

reverence for the sanctity of motherhood, home and family is a powerful driving force in your life. Sometimes, it's easier to pull out all your old memories and stay in the safety of the past

than it is to move into new territory. Protecting yourself, and protecting those you love, can lead to a kind of stifled existence if you go to far. Learning to get back to that space which tells you that everything is okay, even if you are in the midst of a challenge or crisis, will give you exceptional peace of mind. Opening the doors just a little to allow those under your care to take a few risks on their own can be especially freeing to all concerned. You might also feel much more satisfied when you get out of your own shell and take the risk of letting go of the past and moving into the bright light of a new day. After all, it's only natural to change, just like the tides. Everything flows in and out.

With your Moon in opposition aspect to Mercury, you can use your feelings about something to add a different level of objectivity to your decision-making. It is also easy to let your feelings and thinking conflict with each other, and you may sometimes feel torn between being logical or rational and being sensitive. It probably upsets you when someone calls you overly emotional, since you really want to be clear and rational. Still, your feelings are your feelings, and finding a way to allow your feeling nature to play a part in your life is one of your challenges. One of the key qualities associated with this energy connection is an ability to find the common ground, or at least the joining point, of rationale and emotionality. You'll also find that your ability to speak with conviction makes you a very convincing woman. Because when you believe in something, when your heart is in it, there's no stopping you. Who can argue with that kind of power?

With your Moon in quincunx aspect to Venus, your sense of your own worth and beauty fluctuate. Once you get used to the idea that your changeability is a part of something positive, you can reflect a more positive level of self-esteem. It's like remembering to avoid trying on a swimsuit when it's two days before you start your period. You know you'll look and feel better about yourself in another week! This same energy is at work in your relationships. A healthy relationship is not the same from day to day, and if you expect that everything, including your feelings about someone, will always be the same, then you will never be satisfied. Once you realize that you may appreciate yourself, someone else, or your life situation in a cyclical or changeable manner, then you can make the adjustment, and your happiness is much more consistent!

With your Moon conjunct Jupiter, you are a die-hard optimist, and your energy can inspire and encourage others, too. More likely to think about conquering the horizon ahead than staying in the present moment, you are also quite independent and don't like to think about setting personal limitations. Consequently, it's easy to overdo it. Whether you make promises which are later difficult to fulfill or indulge yourself too frequently, you can get in over your head before you know it. Try to stay in the present moment some of the time. You can be difficult to pin down, and your adventurous spirit may be more at home when you're on the move than when you're in the kitchen.

Your Moon is in opposition to Saturn, which can add a level of seriousness or strictness to your personality. It may seem that you've always had to be responsible and may have carried responsibilities which were beyond your years when you were younger. You may also have felt

some disappointment when you were a young girl and have sensed that you were not good enough unless you followed a particular set of rules of behaviors. As a result, you may be overly cautious when it comes to allowing yourself to be emotionally open. You can also be too judgmental of yourself and of others and can block your feelings quite effectively when you are in a vulnerable situation. However, you may realize that what you thought to be a satisfactory control of your feelings was instead a repression of your deeper needs. And it is here that you have your work cut out for you.

Determining what is right and wrong at a deep level of truth, instead of at a level of fear or prejudice, requires a great deal of courage. This is especially true when it comes to knowing what you need, because you may feel that there is something wrong with being who you are or with satisfying your needs. You may also feel that you have been shortchanged by being born a woman. If this is the case, try to determine where you learned this. In your relationships you may opt for what is practical, and that may seem much safer than being too experimental. That's okay as long as you can still express your needs and fulfill them. And you may find exceptional healing through your experience of becoming a mother, but only if you can remove any resentment you may feel about the process! You can be a wonderful teacher, a protective guide and a steadfast shelter for your children, and may, through the experience, find that you are giving yourself that same support you so desperately needed when you were a child.

Your Moon is in opposition aspect to Uranus, adding a high level of unpredictability to your emotional nature and a need for personal independence. You need excitement, change and distraction, but at levels you can tolerate without totally disrupting your life. You may also be more comfortable when you're independent, instead of being tied to a set schedule, a certain role or a particular list of demands. As an independent woman, you are more likely to tolerate commitments. If you're expected or demanded to do certain things, you may just rebel for the sake of rebellion. After all, you're an individual! There may be other planetary aspects in your chart which add a level of focus and stability to your life, but this influence alone can disrupt even the best laid plans! At the level of your soul you cry out to be seen and accepted for who you are, unconditionally. That acceptance must first come from within yourself.

This influence also indicates the possibility of higher than normal fluctuations in hormonal levels, which can also stimulate more profound emotional changeability. Those who are close to you probably recognize a cyclical level to your alterations in mood, and you can probably tie them to a cycle yourself if you pay attention. You may or may not decide to choose motherhood as an option, and may be more comfortable in non-traditional relationships. To maintain a relationship you need plenty of room to be yourself. And to be the kind of mother you want to be, you need to develop a supportive relationship with your children which has some levels of consistency. You may relate to teen-agers more easily than to small children.

Your Moon is opposition to Neptune, indicating that you are profoundly sensitive at an emotional level. Your imagination, creativity and spirituality are important elements in your life, and you need ample outlets to develop them. Although it may be somewhat difficult for you to maintain your emotional boundaries, you do need to find a way to determine the difference between your real feelings and the feelings you have because of your association with others. Your sensitivity draws others into your life who may be in need of acceptance, support and rescue. In fact you feel that you are a magnet for people who need help, and may be drawn toward work which allows you to give of yourself to the world. You are a woman who feels everything, and your compassion can be immense. But in order to avoid drowning in the

woes of the world or in the miseries of life, you need to develop an emotional filter. Part of that filter is structured through your creative expression, since when you're flowing with this energy, you can release and open your energies toward healing. Another element of your filter can be strengthened through meditation, or taking time to separate yourself from the demands of the world.

In your intimate relationships you are a prime candidate for co-dependency, so be on the alert. You may always be working to keep your awareness levels clear, so that you know your real feelings. It is so tempting to rescue others. Before you dive into the turbulence, can you swim? Sacrificing yourself can be quite costly. If you are confused about what you need, you are likely to be too deeply immersed in something or someone, and can benefit from developing some outlets which provide objectivity. As a mother, you may be especially sensitive to your children and their needs. In fact, your psychic sensitivity to their feelings can be amazing. Your spirituality and compassion can be a wonderful comfort for them. You can also allow them to take advantage of you, since you are susceptible to their emotional blackmail - so be on the alert, especially when your children get older.

Your Moon is in the Full Moon Phase of the Lunation Cycle, signifying that you are in pursuit of illumined consciousness. This phase stimulates a quality of idealism, and you may feel most alive when you are somehow connected to the world around you in some way. Your objectivity may be one of your strongest qualities. The archetypal quality associated with this phase of the moon is that of "The Lover," the part of you which knows and shows the power of attraction, sensuality and desire. Through these qualities, you can create a level of eroticism and high romance.

This sense of relatedness can stimulate a powerful desire to find your soul mate, and you may be more driven than many women to make that connection. But it goes beyond a singular relationship, since you are also capable of becoming intimately connected to the world in some manner. Communal experiences are quite empowering for you. Whether you're participating in rituals in church, sharing a group consciousness experience at a retreat, or caught in the thrill of cheering for your favorite team - you can ride the wave of energy, and add your own vitality and strength to carry it further. The process of evolution and growth are extremely important, and despite your biological age, you will be most satisfied when your days and nights create a rhythm of continuity, completion, objectivity and connection.

Through the energy of Venus you express your feminine wiles, and also locate the part of yourself that needs to be emotionally expressive. Your sense of inner beauty and feelings of personal worth are also functions of Venus. Venusian energy is part of your connection to other women, and the placement of Venus in your chart can tell you a lot about your openness and acceptance of your own femininity. Although your Moon may indicate your basic emotional nature, the manner by which you express your feelings is frequently through Venusian energy.

Through the energy of Venus in Aquarius you harbor a sense of unconditional love, and need love relationships which allow you to feel free, open and expressive. Your capacity for friendship is immense, although you may have only a few special friends who share your intimate thoughts and secrets. Yet everyone who meets you may feel that they have found a friend, and you are likely to be sincere in your desire to acknowledge the humanity in everyone. Although your feminine nature is quite strong, in some respects, you may feel almost

androgynous, since you may be able to relate to men and women with a clear understanding and connection. You may have quite a broad appeal, and if your career places you in the public eye, men and women alike may respect and admire you. Your sense of personal style is likely to be quite unique, and you may look great in clothing which is trend-setting or unusual. You may even create some of your own styles, or have someone create them for you alone. Translucent colors like violet, turquoise and purple stimulate your energy.

In relationships you may find it difficult to focus on just one person until you know for sure you've found someone who understands and accepts your uniqueness and individuality. The man who is looking for the "regular" wife has not found his answer in you! You are most likely to exchange vows you've written yourself than to feel at home with the old standby of "love, honor and obey", and certainly would leave out the obey part. You may also prefer to avoid marriage altogether unless it serves a reasonable purpose and is addressed on your own terms.

There are no major aspects to Venus in your chart. To a large extent, this indicates that the energy of Venus is empowered, because it operates without undue influence from others energies in your chart. You may find it easier to develop a strong sense of self worth, but only if you are clear about your true values. Feeling loved is very important; the way you go about it centers in your ability to confirm that you deserve the love you need! The qualities of this energy may be an outstanding force in your life, and this is the energy which people frequently associate with your identity.

Although the planets Neptune and Pluto move very slowly and are generational in nature, they do have an influence upon your psyche. These energies define much about the collective experience which shapes your inner self. You're experiencing Neptunian energy when you're in the midst of reverie, when you're deep in dreams and when you're feeling compassionate. Neptune drives your imagination, the realm of illusion and your psychic sensibilities. Because Neptune is difficult to grasp on a physical level, there is a lot about this energy that can be problematic, and when you are caught in the negative grasp of Neptune, you can give in to addictive behaviors, escapism and deception manifesting. But you do have a way of channeling this energy. It is through Neptune that you find the heart of compassionate love and understanding. This is the doorway to your inner self.

With Neptune in Capricorn, you are part of the generation of young women born from 1984 through 1998 who will carry the torch for the new structure of modern society. It may be your job as a collective to bring order out of chaos. One of the primary dilemmas you will face involves the importance of productive lifestyles and responsible choices. You will also be surrounded by a large number of people who are of the "older" generation. Institutions (including government and educational institutions) can be especially powerful during your lifetime, so when you're creating them try to be aware of the functions they can serve within society which will further the development and evolution of humanity.

Pluto represents the primordial essence. It is from this level that all transformation occurs: birth, death, illness and healing. It is also here that the powerful kundalini force continually regenerates itself. This is the space of all creation and all power. It is the space of origin: the Great Mother.

You are part of a generation of young women born from 1984 through 1995 who have Pluto

in Scorpio, and you will play a key role in understanding the true nature of healing. The advances in medicine developed by your generation will have far-reaching effects on the quality of life. But you must also heal the environment, and may feel that you're spending a lot of time cleaning up the mess wrought by the generations which preceded you. In order to assure the survival of humanity, you may have to face exceptional challenges, but you're up to it!

## **Owning Your Inner Masculine Self**

For centuries, women were not allowed to assert themselves in the world, and carefully learned the role of supporter of their "men." Those who failed to respond in this manner were frequently shunned or punished, although there have always been women who defied convention! During this century particularly, women have broken out of their strictly "conventional" roles, and have been making their way in the world. Because of this, women have been successful at fulfilling more of their needs, and owning their own power more readily. As a result, a woman's relationship with the men in her life has also changed. Despite women's collective knowledge about the need to be whole persons, it is still sometimes easier to allow men (fathers, brothers, lovers and husbands) to "own" certain qualities. (They, in turn, prefer that women own certain qualities - like emotions!) But to become truly whole and functional, it is necessary to find and incorporate your inner masculine self into your sense of wholeness, instead of projecting that part of yourself onto others (most usually men) in your life.

Through the process of becoming at home with your ego, you gain a true sense of personal strength and power. To own this power, you must learn to acknowledge that it is okay to be recognized for who and what you are. Your Sun energy is the primary factor in the expression of ego needs. As a young girl, you may have seen your father through the filter of your Sun. His power of getting out into the world, and the manner by which he did it, have shaped your own sense of personal identity. And today, the Sun in your chart may symbolize significant men. But this energy is, in itself, the core of your spirit.

Since you've always wondered about everything, a certain level of personal assertiveness has always been part of your personality. Your Sagittarius Sun energy is a powerful driver, stimulating your sense of adventure and endless questioning and giving you an air of excitement. You're the woman who has been comfortable venturing out on your own, particularly if you have a strong interest driving you. As a young girl your experience of your father may have been especially connected to his interest in learning or his philosophical or religious teachings may have been a stronghold in your life. But you may also have a desire to develop these elements of your life in your own way, and in searching for the truth of yourself are likely to discover some differences from your upbringing. Developing your individual identity may be easier said than done because you may always have a tendency toward extreme reverence for your teachers and may take the teachings too literally. Task one: separating the teacher from the teaching will allow you to gain confidence in your individual ability to develop a connection to divine truth. Then, as you explore the vast nature of spirituality, you

may discover a path which is uniquely your own. This in turn influences your sense of who you are, not just as a woman, but as a human being on a quest for the ultimate.

There are no major aspects to the Sun in your chart. To a large extent, this indicates that the energy of the Sun is empowered, because it operates without undue influence from others energies in your chart. Your ego self can be very strongly developed, and you may feel more comfortable creating life on your own terms. You can be who you want to Be! The qualities of this energy may be an outstanding force in your life, and this is the energy which people frequently associate with your identity.

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not "feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!

With Mars in Scorpio, you're determined to fulfill your desires, and can be unstoppable in your drive to achieve your aims. You're not likely to deny your sexuality as part of your personal magnetism and can be strongly aggressive when you know what you want in any circumstance, including the bedroom. But you are also the mistress of control and can be cold as ice when you've been hurt. You understand the power which surges in the soul of a woman because you've harnessed it more than once.

You may be very disciplined, at least some of the time, with Mars semisquare Saturn. It's that "some of the time" which is at the core of the problem. Consistent effort is not your strong suit unless you really want what you're going after. When you want something badly enough, you can be quite persistent, sometimes to the point of compulsive. If you expect that men are the only ones who are really supposed to be responsible for all the difficult concerns in life, you'll be frustrated when you realize that he (or they!) are taking charge. You can be quite good at being in charge once you learn the difference between focus and restraint. Until you are taking responsibility for your own actions, you are only functioning in a limited capacity. Fearing the effects of taking assertive action is a denial of your own power and stifles the development of your inner masculine strengths.

Sometimes, you just cannot locate your assertive self with Mars in semisquare aspect to Neptune. This is particularly troublesome when you really want something, but do not know how to go about making it happen. Focus your actions by becoming aware of your tendency to vaporize your own energy when someone else more influential than you enters the picture. That's just an illusion anyway: you are the one creating your life, how much more influential can you get? So, when you're involved with a man and lose yourself in his desires and attitudes, you're giving away your power. There is a big difference between adding your support and losing your own life direction. Your struggle is very centered around this issue.

## Developing Your Mind

Education and learning are lifelong processes. Your approach to developing your intellect is multifaceted, but there are special indicators in your astrological chart which help you understand the best ways to develop your mentality. Improving and strengthening communication skills is also part of developing your mind, since connecting to others is certainly improved if you can effectively illustrate your point of view!

Although the energy of Mercury is traditionally considered to be the main indicator of your mentality, there are also other qualities which are part of your mental and intellectual self. First, let's look at Mercury, which is the energy through which you link your thoughts and ideas with others. Your practical approach to learning is stimulated by your Mercury in Capricorn. You prefer to deal with the facts, and may be uncomfortable when faced with purely theoretical possibilities. For this reason, you're more interested in knowing about things you can grasp with your physical senses. Participating in learning is crucial for you, and situations which give you a hands-on opportunity will afford faster, more efficient assimilation of information. You can also be an exceptional teacher because you know how to structure the presentation of material and information in a manner which will build a solid foundation for understanding. Earning respect for your knowledge may be important for you, and you may be drawn toward developing a definitive career path which affords you the respect you desire to achieve.

You can be quite abrupt with Mercury in semi-square aspect to Mars. When you're eager to say something, you may just blurt it out without thinking. Although this can add a quality of spontaneity to your personality, sometimes you may feel that you've just put your foot in your mouth! Jumping to conclusions can also interfere with your learning process, in that you may sometimes find it difficult to complete a task or finish an assignment.

You may always feel that you want to know more than you do. The influence of Mercury in opposition to Jupiter stimulates a powerful desire to gain greater understanding and to improve your intellectual abilities. It also stimulates a sense that you will never reach the horizon. In some respects, this influence can be quite helpful, because you will always be seeking new information and inspired by new circumstances. However, the restlessness associated with this influence can lead to a kind of wanderlust, in which you are never quite satisfied with your knowledge or abilities.

You're a serious and critical thinker with Mercury conjunct Saturn, although you may have a well-developed sense of humor. Sometimes, your dry humor is misunderstood, especially by those who take you too seriously. You do have the ability to discipline your mind and focus on whatever you're studying. As a result, you may be a good student, but perform best in subjects which hold your interest and have a practical application to your life.

You're an inventive thinker with Mercury conjunct Uranus and may be fascinated by new ideas and unusual people. You may learn best in an open environment with few restrictions and prefer to operate independently in your career. Sticking with the same old routines everyday is boring, so you're probably quite good at creating distractions.

Your psychic awareness opens your mind to a different realm of thinking with Mercury conjunct Neptune. Your imagination and creativity flow readily through your communicative self, and expressions such as writing, music and photography provide excellent outlets for you. You may love poetry and are fascinated by anything spiritual or otherworldly. Acting is a good outlet since you have the ability to immerse yourself into the development of a character.

The energy of your Moon also has a mental component. The Moon is the realm of thought, the process of subconscious thinking, and plays a strong role in intuitive thinking. Your thinking processes are quite comprehensive, and through the influence of your Cancer Moon, you tend to think in terms of continuity. This allows you grasp the deeper meanings of history, and to develop an appreciation for the ever-changing development of humankind on the planet. You may also have excellent powers of mental retention. Your teachers will always be an important part of your life, and your appreciation for their efforts is not likely to go unnoticed.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! Your philosophical approach to life and learning may be very much like mother taught you with Jupiter in Cancer. Your adherence to some of the attitudes which shaped earlier generations has great value for you, and you may have a keen understanding of the importance of learning from history. Sometimes, however, your emotional attachment to your philosophies can get in the way of the essence of how and what you believe.

Sometimes, you may feel that you're pulled between two poles with Jupiter in opposition to Saturn. On one side is your desire to do everything according to the rules, and on the other side is your desire to feel free as a bird. There is a middle ground, but it can seem like an unhappy compromise if you are trying to satisfy too many other people. Your need to establish your expertise is important, but you may also want to carry yourself further than your teachers or guides taught you. That's okay. It's called progress.

Your strong will and independent way of thinking may have made it difficult to adhere to the educational plan set forth by traditional society. With Jupiter in opposition to Uranus, you need to learn in the school of life, although you can also accomplish an education within the system if you must. Your need to break free of dogmatic thinking is powerful, and you will probably rebel against any school of thought which tries to label you in any way. After all, you're here to break the mold, right?!

You're an idealist with Jupiter in opposition to Neptune. Since you want to believe the best in people, you may get into situations where you are deceived, especially where legal agreements are concerned. It's crucial that you consult an impartial third party on any decisions which can affect your long term future, and especially in circumstances which involve finances. In learning situations, you may have difficulty separating the teacher from the teaching, particularly in spiritual teachings. Your emotional attachments can get in the way of your clear judgment.

The purpose of Saturn is to provide clarity, structure, form and discipline - elements which are certainly important to learning. Saturn functions primarily as your inner teacher. Mothers are the most influential Saturnian models in western society. They provide the structure, guidance and support for their children in the realms of learning, socialization or personal growth. Once you enter society as a child, teachers play the Saturnian role. But the role of

mothers and teachers in relationship to Saturn is to help you define the structure upon which you will build your life. Then, you "own" your Saturn, and know how to discipline and focus your own energy.

You're likely to do whatever is necessary to help you accomplish your aims with Saturn in Capricorn. If that includes extensive education, then you're on track, but you may also discover that the things you need most to learn are in the school of life. You can be highly disciplined, and may have a desire to achieve mastery in your chosen field. You also appreciate the practical side of life and might enjoy learning skills which help you maintain control over your life - like knowing how to change your own tires or repair a leak in the kitchen sink.

The areas of your chart which are connected most strongly to mental and intellectual development are the 3rd, 9th and 11th Houses. The 3rd House of your chart deals with communication and the development of concepts.

Your approach to communicating and making contact with the world is direct and to the point with Aries on the cusp of your 3rd House. Your mental activity level can be consistently strong, and you have the potential to be a dynamic speaker or writer. Mental challenges, such as puzzles and brain teasers, can be enjoyable, but you may also get fired up in a good debate. You can be argumentative with Mars ruling your 3rd House, and are uncomfortable when you have to stay on a schedule. Learning things on your own and striking out on an individual path can be very exciting and may be the most mentally stimulating challenges of your life.

There are no planets in your 3rd House, indicating that developing your communicative capacities is not one of your highest priorities. However this does not indicate an impairment in your thinking or a lack of intellectual development. To further understand your approach to communication reflect upon the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house, explained above, and study the influence of Mercury in its sign and house as indicators of the best ways to develop your intellect.

Your 9th House shows your approach to higher learning, which is usually accomplished through a college or professional degree program. Subjects like philosophy, religion, political science, cultural pursuits and the like are strongly associated with this facet of your development.

You may see education as a means of refining your innate ability to learn and understand with Libra on the cusp of your 9th House. Your love of literature, philosophy and fine arts may lead you to study them further or to become quite adept in developing your own esthetic abilities. The social aspect of higher education may have been quite enjoyable during your college days, and you may still love to be around others who are fascinated by ideas. Study groups, community or church activities, and politics may be allow you to further your interests. With Venus ruling this house your own sensibilities may be a bit more refined. Coarse speech or destructive behavior may fly in the face of what you feel is proper and socially acceptable.

There are no planets in your 9th House, indicating that extended education in a formal setting may not be your highest priority. Although you may be quite philosophical or approach life itself as a learning experience, you may have interruptions in formal education or may find that you learn in different ways than those found in more academic settings. To further understand your approach to education study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of the 9th House explained above, and reflect on the energy of Jupiter and its sign and house placement as indicators of the development of your higher mind.

Through the 11th House you learn from peers, and connect with your community. The 11th House involves your special interests, too. This is very much the school of life, because this is also the area which relates to developing your goals.

Although you probably have rather well-defined goals, you don't always let other people know about them with Scorpio's influence on the cusp of your 11th House. You have a lot invested in achieving your aims and may not welcome the emotional input others have to offer, particularly if it undermines your plan of action. So, you've learned to give only so much information about where you're going and to keep the rest to yourself. Pluto's energy rules this house, adding an intensity to your focus when you're on the path toward realizing your accomplishments. Sometimes you can be so obsessed with getting there that you miss something else along the way. It's probably a good idea to step back and alter your perspective from time to time.

When you have a goal, your action, energy and courage play a significant part in achieving it with Mars in your 11th House. You may enjoy challenges and can accomplish more if you are met with situations which require you to rise to the occasion. You may also prefer to stir up activity levels when things start to get a little boring or stale. Choosing the outlets within your community and among your friends and professional associates which will allow you to make a difference can be very important. But you may also find that you become too involved in the social side of life and lose track of your larger goals. When you do focus on your aims, you have no trouble doing whatever is necessary to make them happen.

## **Your Special Edge**

It's true. Women are definitely the intuitive sex. The process of intuitive awareness may be more developed for you as a woman because you are more cyclically aware, thanks to your anatomy and hormonal changes. But there is something more. As a woman, your natural affinity with the energy of the Moon increases your receptivity, an important ingredient in opening to the intuitive process. Intuitive awareness is multifaceted. You can use it when you're dealing with emotional and psychological issues, you can apply it to your creative expression, and you can take advantage of your intuition in your work as part of your decision-making. Developing your intuitive process is like developing any other sensibility - you have to concentrate some time, effort and energy in order to finely hone this element of your psyche. Although some quality of intuition may be there innately, to make the most of it, you must learn to trust, listen and incorporate it into your life.

The parts of your chart which are most strongly associated with intuitive sensibility are the water houses: the 4th House, the 8th House and the 12th House. The 4th House is connected to your soul history. It is here that you seek a sense of home, a connection to your family, and a feeling of safety and comfort. It is here that your soul remembers your past, even if your conscious mind cannot fit the pieces together.

With Taurus on the cusp of your 4th House, you may feel a powerful drive to create a stable, secure base of operations. Sometimes, however, you can be so focused on external values that you forget the importance of forging a meaningful connection to the deeper purpose of your life. With the energy of Venus influencing this house, you are learning that one of your keys to unlocking the mysteries of your soul history is through your heart. When you can open to the essence of love which resides in the center of your being and allow this love to flow into your environment and those within it, your soul is nourished and you are whole.

There are no planets in your 4th House indicating that you may not assert a strong level of conscious energy in building a connection to your soul. This does not mean that you cannot achieve an inner sense of recall regarding your soul's history or your deeper needs, but indicates instead that you may find the doorway through other activities or experiences beyond your connection to your family of origin or their traditions. To further understand this gateway to your soul, study the sign on the cusp of this house explained above for the influences which will help you remember your spiritual past.

The 8th House brings you into your deepest emotional attachments, and is the space where you are alchemically transformed. This is the seat of your magical power: your ability to change yourself in order to become whole. Here is the heart of healing, but here you also hide your greatest vulnerabilities. Most people shy away from dealing with 8th House issues like sex, death and taxes. After all, there can be problems with any of them, and they are not easy to explore out in the open. But there is more. For your intuitive development, this area represents the part of you which holds your power, and you must learn to accept and embrace this side of yourself to feel truly satisfied with your life.

With Leo on the cusp of your 8th House, you may have a lot invested in trying to understand the deeper mysteries and questions which surround birth, death, sexuality and personal alchemy. You may feel that the importance of developing a connection to these levels will strengthen your personal power, but must safeguard against trying to control the outcome of things you cannot influence. The influence of the Sun on this house adds a desire to employ your willpower to deal with these ultimate life experiences. Although you do know that your energy is responsible for creating your life circumstances to a certain extent, you may not like the times when you have to surrender to a higher power. Yet, there is some comfort in knowing that if you release your attachment to your own will as the ultimate and allow a higher will to guide you, that you can create an even more rewarding experience of life which affords true healing and regeneration of your spirit.

Since you do not have any planets in your 8th House you may not feel very strongly driven to probe into the mysteries of life. Perhaps you do not have issues in this regard, but there may also be other factors in your chart which drive you in this capacity, and do not need the additional focus in this particular area. To further understand your 8th House study the sign associated with it explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

The 12th House is the space of your dreams. Here, you surrender your conscious self and float into the beyond. This is also the place in your psyche which contains your past, and where you are one with all humanity. Your super conscious self rests in this part of your psyche: the part of yourself that transcends your everyday reality.

Underneath it all, you have a deep faith in the natural order of things with Sagittarius influencing your 12th House. Although other elements in your personality may prompt you to fight against your sense of a higher power, when you surrender to life's flowing energy, the

struggle becomes much easier. Your ability to look back into history, human history and your own, and learn from your trials and errors can give you a remarkable edge in your determination to transcend the ordinary. The energy of Jupiter rules this house in your chart, adding a capacity for vision and broad-minded confidence to your subconscious self. You intuitively know that when you are focused upon Truth, everything else pales in its light.

The energy of your Sun in the 12th House can produce a desire to close away from the rest of the world - at least part of the time. You may enjoy giving energy to spiritual pursuits throughout your life and may feel most at peace when you can create a positive filter between your consciousness and the cacophony of the world. Your ability to experience an inner awareness can be quite profound, but you may have a few bumpy paths along the way before you achieve a true peace with yourself. Giving of yourself to the world through healthy channels can strengthen your sense of personal evolution. But simply withdrawing, escaping, or falling into addictive patterns will accomplish little more than wasting your vitality.

Your intuitive self can be highly stimulated with Uranus in your 12th House. You may have flashes of insight which vanish as quickly as they come, and may need to develop some manner of focusing your mind in order to take advantage of your sense of knowingness. Your meditations can be freeing, but you may have trouble just sitting quietly. An active form of meditation, such as hatha yoga, tai chi, chi gong or even dancing can be both inspiring and clearing for you.

The energy of your Moon plays an important role in your intuitive development. Since your Moon is related to your subconscious mind, it should not surprise you that this is the part of you that contains all knowledge about yourself and your life. Occasionally it's a good idea to purge from your psyche the things you no longer need - much like an internal house cleaning. Your hormonal cycles provide an excellent opportunity to do just that, and by using this natural rhythm to release, you can feel much more open to clearer transmission of intuitive thinking!

Since your psyche is rather impressionable with your Moon in Cancer, you may be rather sensitive to the emotional energy around you. Your intuitive insights are more on an emotional level - like knowing what's happening with your children, or feeling something strange when your mom is not well. These connections are not unusual for you, and if you develop them, they can provide a great deal of comfort and clarity. But if you become too emotionally involved in your personal impressions, you can overreact or become upset. Keeping your emotional boundaries is important if you are to use your 6th sense to your benefit.

There are other points related to the Moon which you'll find in your chart. They are called the Moon's Nodes, and are not planets, but points in space. The influence of the Moon's Nodes is felt on an inner level. From the South Node, you learn about your past and the natural inclinations which may influence many of your subconscious choices. In some ways, the South Node suggests old habits. The North Node of the Moon suggests a spiritual and emotional challenge, and represents the directions you may feel compelled to follow in your evolutionary path.

Your spiritual path carries you into a true understanding of the need for the human race to be humanitarian with your North Node in Aquarius. Of course, there is a difference, and your frustration with the fact that people are frequently the problem with humanity can gnaw at your soul. By seeking opportunities to serve the whole of society through your creativity and ingenuity, you grow and experience strong evolutionary leaps. But your South Node in Leo

may tempt you to make choices which would give you the glory, and in which you would be tempted to take it for yourself alone. By developing true unconditional love, you'll experience ample support and at the same time will be able to keep your heart open and alive.

Uranian intuition is the flash of insight. Sometimes that flash is so brilliant that you change your entire life to follow its glow. This is also the part of you which defies restraint, and certainly your intuitive mind can celebrate that possibility!

The influence of Uranus in your 12th House has been explained earlier in this section of your report.

Neptune's energy takes you into the world of the etheric - the place beyond the physical which is filled with mystical wonder. You surrender to this part of yourself when you meditate, when you give in to your creative muse, and when you give of yourself to others. In developing your intuitive and psychic sensibilities, Neptune provides a primary ingredient: letting go. Through this energy you surrender yourself to the greater truth. But be careful: you can also surrender your will to the power of deception and abuse through another of Neptune's doorways!

Your compassionate sensibilities can be projected through your own actions and words with Neptune in your 1st House. Since you're highly sensitive to the vibrations around you, it is imperative that you live and work in an environment which feels good. Harsh circumstances, negative people and overly intense situations can have a detrimental effect upon your health - on every level. You may be psychically gifted and have a powerful sense of the energy of those with whom you make contact. However, you can be deceived or may deceive yourself by seeing only what you want to see.

Pluto's insight is on the deeper psychic level. Through Plutonian energy you can read between the lines. You see the twitch of an eye that tells the truth, you read the movement of hands, the tone of voice that betrays what words fail to say. Developing your Plutonian energy requires that you reach into the very depths of yourself and become familiar with your entire being. Yes, that includes your shadow self, your darker side - and it also encompasses your passion, your strength of survival and your ability to heal.

As a powerful investigator and researcher, you can apply your penetrating insights through your life work with Pluto in the 10th House. Finding a path which will allow you to uncover the power at the core of yourself may encompass every aspect of your life, and you can become quite influential in your career or within your family or community.

## **Nurturing and Creating a Home**

Nurturing. Mothering. These experiences are associated with womanliness, but are not the sole definers of your womanhood. Although women are the only ones who can become

mothers, it is not necessary to be a mother to become an exceptional nurturer! Nurturing is a natural expression for women - but the manner in which it is done is very individualized. Whether with children, lovers, partners, friends - or even with your own parents - you have ample opportunities to nurture others. The person who needs your nurturing most, however, is YOU. Although caring for others can fill a special place in your soul, the way you care for yourself is especially important. You may derive nourishment from developing your talents and skills, or through your work. Study or travel can be nourishing. And something as simple as a long soak in the tub can refill your spirit. Part of nourishing yourself is physical, part emotional and part is definitely environmental: what you create in a home. In exploring these factors together, you can begin to see the link between these different levels of personal fulfillment.

Yet another facet of your Moon beyond what you've already explored, is what your Moon shows about your deepest needs. You can only feel whole when these needs are answered and fulfilled. Although it is tempting to look outside, your wisdom tells you that a great part of the responsibility for nourishment comes from within yourself.

You may enjoy the experience of creating a home, carefully building your nest with a focus on comfort. The energy of your Cancer Moon stimulates a need to be close to those you love, and your soul is soothed when you share a warm embrace. Hug therapy is one of the best ways to nourish your soul. Whether you're cuddling a baby or in the arms of your lover, when you surrender to embrace you feel safe and alive. You can impart the same warmth and support to your family or your lover, and caring for those you love can be mutually nourishing. Wonderful food is also nourishing for you on many levels, and if you enjoy cooking, you may feel especially satisfied when you sit down to enjoy one of your own culinary creations. You may also love eating food grown in your own garden. If a man wants to win your heart, it helps if he knows how to cook! When you need extra support during those times when life is wearing you down, take the time to do things which make you feel warm and safe. Cozy up in your favorite chair with a romantic book, fill your tub with fragrant bubbles and settle in for a long soak, get a massage, have lunch with a good friend - or make a list of your favorite things and do some of them instead of wondering if you're ever going to get a break.

Saturn also plays a positive role in nurturance. Despite the bad rap Saturn sometimes receives, this energy is necessary to your stability and growth. Through Saturn, you learn to take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Saturn also seems to be the repository of your fears, and it's important to understand and deal with these emotions in order to be whole. Trying to repress such feelings blocks your ability to feel the positive, supportive energy that life has to offer. In many respects, the energy of Saturn is played out in your life by your experience with authority figures. Your mother and father, extended family and teachers were your primary Saturnian influences when you were a young girl, and their direction and guidance still whisper in the way you approach establishing your personal security. As an adult woman, you express Saturn through the manner in which you take responsibility for yourself and your needs for stability and security.

You may be most comfortable with a predictable pattern and schedule and are definitely at ease when you're in charge of a situation. With Saturn in Capricorn you're a capable teacher and may achieve the greatest success in situations which allow you to create a structure or plan for others to follow. You may be right at home in traditional roles of wife and mother, but you can also do quite well following a career path. You need to achieve, and may be driven by a desire

to gain respect. A common sense approach to dealing with life's challenges is your mainstay, and if you're balancing many roles, you can carry through successfully by keeping your priorities clearly in order.

Your 4th House illuminates what you need in a home environment, where you will feel most comfortable and how you like to live. It is here that you create a feeling of safety, where you can let your hair down and be yourself.

A stable home life is very important to you with Taurus influencing your 4th House. Your home is definitely your security base, and you may like the idea of staying in one place long enough to build and feather your nest. The energy of Venus also adds her influence to this house, adding a need to create true beauty in your personal environment. Surrounding yourself with the things you love, including your collection of sentimental favorites, makes you feel much more secure. You might enjoy living in an environment which seems more natural rather than living in a city. Trees, lots of green and beautiful gardens are nurturing to you. If you do live in the city, you'll still need to have something alive and growing around you. Earth colors are the perfect compliment in your decor, as are natural wood surroundings and furnishings.

Just because you don't have planets in your 4th House don't think that you will not have a home! The sign on the cusp of this house, explained above, gives you clear information about your approach to building your nest, and the planet associated with that sign indicates the energy you use to accomplish that task.

## **Meeting the World on Your Terms**

Career and financial arenas were for many years primarily part of the "man's world." Women stayed at home, cared for children, and took care of the social needs of the family. Now that so many women are in the work place, and with the advent of more open relationships where both partners are likely to share paying bills and making financial decisions, the world is changing. You can define your identity in the world in many ways today, including developing a career. Meeting the world on your own terms involves uncovering the manner in which you might shine most effectively and the way you use your resources, and creating a pathway which allows you to realize your goals.

The Midheaven, which is usually near the top of your astrological chart, is signified by an astrological sign. This point in your chart represents your vocation, your calling in life, and the sign at the Midheaven gives you several clues about your path in the outside world. Just as importantly, the Midheaven signifies your blossoming into wholeness and the manner by which you might best accomplish this experience. Your 10th House also provides information about your career path.

With Scorpio on your Midheaven, you are fascinated by a life path which allows you to experience transformation and which supports change and rejuvenation. In your career, you may experience fulfillment in the healing arts, but you can also be a catalyst for change in

business endeavors. Whether you're restoring furniture, houses, appliances, businesses, governments or people - you may gain great satisfaction delving into problems and discovering what lies at the core. You may also prosper from a livelihood which involves mystery, intrigue, investigation or research. The energy of Pluto plays an important role in your ability to achieve personal fulfillment and recognition, and you may have to deal with power struggles more than once during the pursuit of your aims. Even when power plays arise which you have not created, you always have a choice about your responses.

With both your Midheaven and Pluto in Scorpio you may feel a powerful calling to a career which is focused upon bringing about deep level changes in the world around you. Whether you choose the healing arts (including psychology and alternative medicine), business, the computer industry or science - your influence can be one of true restoration and healing.

The process of work itself is usually seen through the 6th House in your chart. Through this facet of yourself, you express your approach and attitudes about working, and your ability to cooperate with others is also indicated here. This house is related to your physical health, and it's no surprise that you might hear the complaint (or feel it yourself), "I'm sick of my job." Instead of feeling thrown off balance by the tasks required to get through life, there are ways to use this part of your time and energy to strengthen your life.

You may actually enjoy and look forward to work which stimulates your mind with Gemini ruling your 6th House. You may have good manual dexterity and can be adept working with your hands, writing, and communicating. In fact, your people skills may give you the edge you need to achieve success. You have great versatility and will perform best in jobs which allow you to exercise it. Mercury's influence in this area adds a high capacity for learning, interaction and diplomacy.

The energy of your Moon in the 6th House brings your nurturant abilities into the field of work and service. Those area traditionally associated with nurturing, like the restaurant or grocery business, can be excellent options. You may also be drawn to work as a counselor, social worker, nurse or in fields such as child care, elementary school education or domestic service. Learning how to keep your emotional boundaries concerning your job is important. If you're too emotionally sensitive to those in your care on the job, and don't know how to draw the line, you can compromise the quality of your work. You might bring your problems home, which is okay if you have a positive way to release them. If you're projecting your worries, concerns or difficulties on the job into your personal life, you can create a new set of complications. However, you must always be honest with yourself about your feelings concerning your work - even those everyday chores. Your emotions have a powerful impact upon your health, which, in turn, impacts your ability to perform your job to the best of your ability.

Work which provides an opportunity to travel, enhance your mind and feed your spirit is most appealing and satisfying. Jupiter's energy in your 6th House brings a high level of confidence and good humor which is always appreciated on the job. You may be perfectly suited for work in academia, whether in the roles of teacher or professor, administrator, or board member. Work in diplomatic relations, sales, promotion, fund-raising and fields which are related to religion, publishing and travel are all excellent choices. Environmental and nature-related fields may also be good choices, and you may have a special affinity for animals which can be translated into your job. Whatever your choices, you need to feel that there's ample room for growth, expansion and a positive future.

As a woman, you are innately creative. Although you may not consider yourself an artist, your creative spirit and drive are the mechanisms through which you shape your own life. Creative self-expression is seen strongly in the 5th House of your chart, and by incorporating these elements into your career, you will gain greater satisfaction from your work. If you have the time to concentrate on more recreational forms of creativity, this is the part of your chart which indicates what brings you pleasure. Life itself can certainly be a pleasurable experience - all the time, not just on holidays!

Taurus' influence on your 5th House brings a love of the good life. Your enjoyment of the arts, theater, fine dining and comfort can actually inspire your own creativity, not to mention filling your senses! Creative outlets which allow you to get your hands into something may feel best, since just watching may never be quite enough. You may have a special knack for sculpting, pottery, carving, gardening, wood-working, flower-arranging, or related areas. You may even enjoy building houses, doing landscaping or other grand-scale projects. It's also possible that you are recognized for your voice, which you can use quite effectively in either singing or speaking. Venus influences your 5th House, adding a need to extend your creativity into areas which truly fill your heart.

Just because there are no planetary energies in your 5th House, do not despair. This does not indicate that you are somehow lacking in creativity. As you see from the sign on the cusp of your 5th House, your creative inclinations are driven by particular qualities and needs. Explore the different dimensions of the planet associated with your 5th House to gain insight into your creativity. By following these you'll find that you easily unlock your creative potential.

One of the most powerful creative drives in your chart is your Sun. Since this is the energy which can drive you to be noticed, learning to cultivate this aspect of yourself in a positive manner can amplify your success in life.

You're probably pretty intelligent, like learning, and have an adventurous drive with your Sagittarius Sun. But you may be afraid of success. It's that unknown question about where to aim. If you aim for your high ideals, you could possibly fall short, so you might compromise for something else, just because it's quickly reachable. Then what's that yearning in your heart? Could it be the desire for something more!? There is your drive to success, and it's the adventure itself which gives you the feeling that makes the light in your eyes. After all, when you do reach that pinnacle, you'll just aim for something new!

Your individuality is expressed through many different energies in your chart, but the energy which is most closely associated with the unique and individualistic part of yourself is Uranus. Through Uranian energy, you display your ingenuity and make the breakthroughs which allow you to move into new experiences. Uranus also prompts your rebellious nature, and the placement of this energy in your chart shows you where you are staging your own personal revolution.

You have Uranus in Capricorn, igniting a revolution in your relationship to authority and the established order. This revolution takes shape in board rooms, houses of government and banks, and affects society through their chosen (or self-appointed!) leaders, teachers and law enforcement agencies. If you are among the older generation of women with Uranus in Capricorn, born from 1904 to 1912, you have been part of the evolution which has seen women rise into positions of authority. If you are among the new generation of women with Uranus in Capricorn born from 1988 to 1995, you will probably rise to power in a world where women are expected to take positions of leadership and authority. Your own attitudes toward authority

are crucial if you are to be successful. You may feel that it is important to completely change the system, yet there may be a part of you which resists those changes. The best place to start is by learning about the system itself and then making changes which allow society and her systems to grow positively into the next millennium. The area in which you must address your own conflicts and needs to create change is represented by the house in which Uranus is found in your chart.

The energy of Uranus in your 12th House indicates that you may not always show your unique talents to everyone. However, you can be quite effective in bringing innovative changes even in such situations as institutions, and may be rather adept at working within a system to bring about alterations or modifications. You may also be a natural psychologist, whether you work in that field or not!

The energy of Chiron is also a powerful factor for your outreach into the world. Through Chiron, you discover both strength and vulnerability. The vulnerability represented by Chiron is, in many ways, like a doorway which allows you to penetrate a deeper level of personal mastery. This is the process of initiation not unlike that which a Shaman must endure in order to learn how to travel between the worlds. Through Chiron, you learn how to travel between the world of your inner self and the world outside to achieve a sense of true purpose and wisdom.

You have Chiron in Cancer, strengthening your need for a life purpose which is centered around stimulating growth and providing a safe home and positive relationship with family. This may extend to the family you develop at work or in your community, or can reach into the family of living things. Your talents may rest within your understanding of the way support systems operate, and you may be a natural therapist. You may not find the inner peace you hope to achieve until you've built a safe nest for yourself and those you love.

With Chiron in your 7th House a significant element in achieving your life purpose revolves around your connection to human society. Your personal relationships, especially partnerships, are part of this experience. You may also find that developing a real sense of objectivity about your own talents and abilities allows you to move further along the path toward experiencing a truly purposeful life.

## **Opening Your Heart**

Ah, Love.... Songs, poems, novels, fairy-tales, movies all extol the power and pleasure of love - and for good reason: love is the food of life! There are many opportunities to love, in fact, a love affair with life is not a bad idea. But you also may need to "grow" love by sharing it, and therein is the seed of all relationships.

The planetary energies which are most usually associated with love are Venus and Neptune.

Venusian energy radiates directly from your heart, from the center of yourself, where love resides deep within. Loving is an inner experience. The more you open to the love you hold within yourself, the more it grows. Your feelings of worthiness are represented by Venus, and as you grow to understand and appreciate your own value as a woman, it becomes easier to let this love energy flow through your life. Neptunian energy is Divine compassionate love - the love which does not judge and readily forgives. Neptune is the realm of romance, mysticism and heavenly perfection. Truly transcendent Neptunian love arises when you have healthy boundaries of your own, otherwise, you can become a victim of your own illusions!

You have a deep desire to know a true sense of unconditional love with Venus in Aquarius. This begins by developing self-acceptance and eliminating excessive judgment or prejudice toward others. To open your heart to love, you begin by creating a friendship. To sustain love, you need to know that you are always true friends. You may find it difficult to relate to a man who needs a mother, since you need a partner who can be your equal. However, you can be tender and loving, and may show your love most clearly when you help to foster and stimulate the hopes and dreams of those who share your life. You are usually quite clear about how you feel towards someone, although you may need to work toward developing a real understanding toward those who are more emotional than you. You may approach love in a "non-traditional" fashion, and may be capable of sustaining a relationship only if you feel that you are free to be yourself. By finding the flame of love within your own heart and reaching out toward others without asking anything in return, your life will undergo amazing changes.

Love relationships can keep you a little off balance with your Moon in quincunx aspect to Venus. You may find that you are frequently attracted to someone who is not easily attainable, or that your timing seems to be a bit wrong. You may not trust your own judgment in matters of the heart, and it is easy to try to fill your own needs through someone else instead of filling them yourself. But every time you go too far, the Universe seems to slap you, just to get your attention. Eventually you do get the point, and as a result you may become quite adept at handling affairs of the heart. But you may always find that there is a tendency to get yourself into a bit of trouble, especially when you are feeling needy, ignored or lonely. If you can identify the source of your yearnings, you'll be much more successful at really satisfying them!

You can be a bit frustrated by your love experiences with your Sun in semi-square aspect to Venus. Part of the problem resides in your impatience. When you have a strong attraction to someone, you may want resolution about the outcome immediately. If you can work toward maintaining a bit more objectivity when your heart begins to open to a loving relationship, you'll be more satisfied with the end results.

You're attracted to relationships which are out of the ordinary with Venus in semi-sextile to Uranus. Maintaining your autonomy is paramount, and you may have such a strong need for independence that you're willing to function without a sense of commitment - for a while, at least. What you really need is a situation which allows you to keep your options open, and that can be created within the context of responsible, committed relationship - but on terms which fit your individual needs. The standard contract - love, honor and obey - is not really your style. Particularly the "obey" part. What you're seeking is a love of free expression and unrestrained possibilities. That is something you'll promise, because that is something you can deliver!

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Capricorn, you may be most comfortable in relationships which are based upon values which have been proven over time. This does not mean that you will have to follow the same patterns your grandparents followed,

but that, instead, you can create new avenues which are based upon the lessons learned from past experience. You may be tempted to try to put all relationships into categories but are likely to find that they simply do not fit, since some relationships cross a few of the lines! What you can accomplish successfully is a return of personal responsibility to intimate relationships within the structure of the family. Perhaps you can create a non-dysfunctional family process, which allows mutual support for all concerned and which utilizes the power of each individual to create an integrated whole that is virtually invulnerable.

With your Moon and Neptune in opposition you have a strong need to find your soul mate. That sense that you are not complete until you've merged with your perfect partner may drive you into relationships which are a far cry from your real needs, until you've made some changes within yourself. If you're too needy in your relationships, you will lose a part of your self esteem. Nobody else has the other half of your soul - it's there in the center of your being. But there may be a partner who can help shed light on that aspect of yourself, and this can be a healthy connection only if you are both honest about the realities of each of your lives.

With the energy of Mercury and Neptune in conjunction, you'll wax poetic when you're in love. Even if you've never seemed to be lyrical, when you're in love you may find yourself humming those love songs or doodling love poems while sitting in reverie at your desk. You adore hearing the whisper of those magical words and will feel rather complimented when your sweetheart names your special song. You lose your boundaries when a man writes the most beautiful words about you, composes a song inspired by you, or dedicates his artistic outpouring to you. Even if it's never happened (yet), you can still dream, right?

With Mars in semisquare aspect to Neptune, you may attract men who are dishonest with you. That dishonesty can range from minimal to extreme and depends to a great extent upon your ability to be honest with yourself about what you want from a man. To avoid falling into disillusion in your relationships, allow ample time to discover your real feelings and motivations before you become deeply involved. If you've already jumped into a situation which leaves you barely treading water, do what you can to extract yourself before you are exhausted. Act upon your hopes and dreams but always remember your humanity and the humanity of others in the process.

With Jupiter in opposition to Neptune you need to be very clear about your ideals and aims in relationships. It's easy to misplace your values and become devoted to someone who seems to share your ideals, but who does not really reflect the principles and teachings in your life. If you avoid the importance of spirituality within the context of your relationships, you may wake up one day to discover that there is a huge gap between you and your husband or lover.

The energies of Saturn and Neptune in conjunction generate an internal conflict between material issues and spiritual concerns. You can be quite idealistic, but you're also impressionable. It's sometimes hard to see things or people as they are, and you can be easily influenced by others when it comes to determining your priorities. When you're in love, you may fly into the world of fantasy and forget about your responsibilities, since it's so much more fun to feel ecstasy than it is to worry about paying the bills. When making decisions about relationships, you tend to rely more on your emotions than upon practicality, which can result in disappointment in the long term. In order to have a more balanced life, you can benefit from integrating some form of meditation into your routine as a means of gaining clarity and objectivity. You may also need to develop relationships with friends and counselors who can provide a different perspective. In all matters, though, it is crucial to remember that the choices

are yours, and that you will be the one who has to live with them!

You have Uranus conjuncting Neptune. These two outer planets come together by conjunction about once every century, and provide an influence which affects a generation of men and women. You're here to break some of the old fantasies about love and perfection and to create a new approach to spiritual ideals. These changes will, of course, affect the way you relate to others. Your parents may not understand some of your choices, particularly those which cross philosophical or religious barriers, and you may not always be at ease with others whose ideals challenge your own.

The houses in your chart which amplify love relationships are the 5th, 7th, and 11th Houses. Through the 5th House, you experience giving love. It is through this facet of yourself that you have love affairs, playful and recreational relationships and where you produce the offspring of loving. The offspring can range from artistic endeavors to children. But when dealing with relationships, this is the space which is usually occupied by loving another in an intimate sense.

Your sensuality takes center stage when you're in love. The influence of Taurus on your 5th House adds an earthy nature to your experience and expression of the pleasure of loving. When you open your heart, you can become strongly attached and prefer to love fully and completely. You need plenty of time and space to explore the physical side of your love relationships, and enjoy sharing quiet time in comfortable surroundings with your lover. Since Venus influences this house, you may prefer to play the role of enticer in your love relationships, and can send very well defined signals to your intended target. For you, it's safer to let the man be the pursuer, although you can become impatient if he takes too long. The connections you make through opening your heart are powerful enough to sustain through time. If a love affair ends, you may have trouble letting go, since you feel that you invest so much of yourself in loving. You may also struggle with changes within your relationships, but need to recognize the importance of changes which stimulate growth. The experience of loving will never leave you, even if your lovers do change.

You have no planetary energy in your 5th House. There is no need to be alarmed, because this does not indicate that you will be without love in your life. As you've seen above, you have definite inclinations in love relationships. To further understand what you need from a lover and how you can become more adept at giving love, study the planet associated with this house.

The 7th House of your chart illustrates what you're seeking from a partner. More importantly, this part of your chart also tells a story about the kind of partner you really want to become. This is also the realm of social contact, and provides information about your approach to socialization. Although marriage agreements are shown through the 7th House, planets here (or a lack of planets here) do not "promise" marriage or its lack. But if your 7th House is highly activated, you may be more motivated to find a partner.

You have Cancer on your Descendent, signifying that you need a partner who will help you create a real sense of home and family. If your aims in this area are not mutually supportive, then you will experience internal and external conflict. You may be very sensitive to the needs of your partner, although it may not always be easy for you to illustrate that sensitivity, especially if work or children demand much of your time. Sorting your priorities is crucial to the sense of success you experience in your personal relationships. With the Moon's energy influencing this area, you also need to feel comforted by your mate or husband, and may expect

that the unwritten law of marriage involves providing this support. If your mate is not particularly demonstrative, you may be disappointed. Expressing what you really need from your partner is the best way to assure that you might actually have those needs fulfilled. You also need to encourage your partner to do the same - then there's no guess work! Although this means creating a certain level of vulnerability, it is a necessary element toward achieving a real sense of connection and understanding.

The lack of planetary energy in your 7th House does NOT indicate that you will be without a partner, or that marriage is not suitable. There are millions of married women with no planets in their 7th Houses! To better understand how you approach finding a partner and the type of partner you wish to be, study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house and the planet associated with that sign, noted above.

It is through the 11th House that you learn about unconditional relationships, and where you open to receiving love and support from others. Here you find your friends, your supportive professional allies, and your community. Through this facet of yourself you develop your special interests. And here you set your goals for the future. It's wonderful the way friends can support your aims, provide feedback when you need objectivity, and comfort you when you're facing challenges. Your approach to friendship is also seen through this part of your chart.

You have Scorpio influencing your 11th House, signifying that you tend to shy away from friendships until you know you can trust someone. You may spend a great deal of time observing the way a potential friend behaves, and will certainly notice whether or not she can keep a secret. You're not likely to open your heart to anyone who would divulge your confidential information. You'll probably approach special interest groups or political situations with a bit of skepticism in the beginning, but if you do have a strong interest or cause, once you're involved you can be extremely influential. With Pluto's energy connected to this area you may find that more people confide in you than you confide in them. This is good if you work as a counselor or advisor, by the way. For those few special friendships you do develop, you will have a deep connection and hold them in a special place in your heart. It's simply not easy for you to allow love to flow into your heart - receiving love can be a challenge. That may seem strange, but when you take a careful look, you'll find that you find it much easier to give than to receive. But you do want to feel support, tenderness and care. You just don't like feeling vulnerable!

Participating in activities with your friends can be invigorating with Mars in your 11th House. You may even rely on your friendships to motivate you, although you can be quite a motivator yourself when others are counting on your support. Your display of courage and strength attracts friends, and working together to accomplish something important can forge a powerful bond with your friends. You may have several male friends, and will probably like women who are rather independent and assertive. If you're uncertain of your own power or do not stand up for yourself, you may attract "friends" whose influence can bring turmoil and disruption into your life. Also, if you've not found positive ways to deal with your anger, you may attract other people with whom you create destruction. These disrupters are not really friends in the truest sense, especially if they're always helping you get into trouble. It may be up to you to develop your Mars assertiveness powerfully enough so that you can break your ties.

## Power Issues: Sex, Money and Control

Personal power is an individual expression, and has different meanings for each person. As a woman in the world today, your opportunity to experience and express your personal power is largely dependent upon the manner in which you develop it. Particularly in the Western World, as times have changed and the power base has gradually evolved beyond the patriarchal control of the last centuries, women are seeking to define their place in the world: collectively and individually. Gaining influence in the world through career and financial development, you begin to understand the different levels of power. Within the family, your roles are also evolving. You are also more free to express your sexual needs and desires, and demand that you are respected as a person and not sexually abused. But everything stems from your ability to identify, embrace and assimilate the true nature of your power as an individual woman.

On a personal level, you can begin to identify much about your own power by looking deeply into the meaning of your 1st House: Your Personality Self. Early in your report you read about what you project about yourself as identified by your Ascendant. Your first House further defines that projection of the Self, and is an area where you carve out much about the way you show yourself to the world on your own terms.

Through the qualities of your Capricorn Ascendant you show a strong need to establish a sense of control in your life. You feel most powerful when you are in charge, and have the essence of "executive" or "director" or "boss" in your manner and attitudes. The problem arises in knowing the difference between control and excessive restraint. Trying to fit yourself into a mold that really does not fit will diminish your sense of personal power. You need to let your own stripes define who you are. It's wonderful when your parents, husband or children have good feelings about who you are, and that will probably always play a part in your choices. But you have to feel good about the woman you see reflected in the mirror too! Otherwise you'll operate from the attitude which stems from feeling controlled by others, and that can lead to a very sour disposition or depression which are definitely not empowering. Your attitudes toward the responsibilities you've taken on is also a crucial factor in the way you create power. You will always attract situations which require you to be responsible, but that does not mean that you have to be responsible for everyone else and their inabilities, dependencies or problems. You can be the support when someone needs to recuperate. You can be the teacher when someone needs a guide; you can be the dominant leader when there is a lack of direction. Each of these experiences allows you to use your power in the most positive sense. But staying stuck in something you do not need, resenting the choices you have made, or hating your life situation does nothing to empower you as a woman. You can create a structure which will allow you to stand tall, and from that position gain strength and experience a real sense of power.

Mercury's energy in your 1st House brings an opportunity to strengthen your personal power through enhancing your communication skills and improving your mind. Learning may be a lifelong passion for you, and others will learn to look to you to provide information, clarification and understanding. If you're confident in your abilities as a communicator, you may gain power through writing, speaking, public relations, or teaching. However, if you do not

yet trust your communicative ability, it's a good idea to develop it because this is one of your keys to establishing an identity which feels right. You may also be quite talkative, and can undermine your power by chattering endlessly about meaningless details or gossip, so try to be aware of the nature of what you're communicating!

The beauty, charm and grace established by the energy of Venus in your 1st House are quite empowering. You don't have to be on magazine covers to feel or be beautiful, but you do have to feel good about yourself, and if you cultivate your best qualities, you will attract exactly what you want and need from life. That's empowering! Developing your self esteem has long ranging benefits, and once you have the key, you may find that you attract others who want to know your secrets. This can also be empowering, and you may even feel better about helping others to develop their own sense of worth and importance. Cooperation and a loving nature are in your power tool kit, and although you may not think as these qualities as powerful, they are ultimately the most powerful of all.

Saturn's energy in your 1st House can be empowering when you learn how to deal with control issues. Taking responsibility for yourself is the most empowering thing you can do. That's different from taking care of everything and everyone, Superwoman, so remember that! You may be a little shy, especially if you feel insecure about yourself, the way you look, or your capabilities. For this reason it's important that you carve an image which feels safe, secure and strong. Your education and experience can be stabilizing, and if you need to get that degree before you venture out into the world, then do it! Whatever you need to accomplish that will fortify your stability is very necessary for you. But you can also become a real sourpuss if you cling to the negative energy of Saturn, and need to let your sense of humor and self-acceptance grow if you are to avoid showing this negativity. You may tell yourself that you're only being realistic when you see the glass as half-empty, but if you use that negative evaluation to alter your confidence, then you're just being self-defeating. If you tend to feel depressed on a regular basis, talk over your feelings and concerns with your physician to determine if you need to address the physical side of depression. You may just be tired from taking on too many responsibilities, but you may also need to give yourself some biochemical support!

With the energy of Neptune in your 1st House, your power as an individual may be difficult to grasp at first. You may be an exceptional actress, artist or performer - even if you're not on stage! Sometimes, you may be tempted to take on a role just because it will give you some sense of identity, and your roles may begin to feel like you. Although the roles you play may be a part of who you are, there is a core element to your being which is different from those roles. Finding the core self is your task, and it is through exploring your spirituality and creativity that you will locate the keys to this aspect of yourself. But you can also feel invisible some of the time, and may wonder why nobody seems to see you as you are. First of all, you have to become more aware of what you are projecting, and be willing to alter to your self-projection as you change and grow. You must also realize that you can be especially sensitive to the projections of others, and that this can be both empowering and defeating. If the projection is accurate, then it will support your sense of self. But if the projection is something that has nothing to do with who you really are, you will begin to feel lost, victimized and confused. Your relationships are a crucial means of learning about your personal power, because they will tell you what you are projecting and what others are projecting onto you. Learning about codependency and working to avoid the traps involved in codependent and addictive relationships is a major step in regaining your power and confidence. The rest of the work involves the fun part: making your dreams real. You're the only one who can do it, and you can

be successful if those dreams arise from the promptings of your higher nature.

Another power space on your chart is your Midheaven. This point, which is usually at the top of your chart and marks the cusp of the 10th House, is like the crown and torch of the Statue of Liberty. Here too, are the indicators of the types of people you most admire, and the clues to what you need to develop within yourself to attain unshakable self-respect.

Through your Scorpio Midheaven you may have a deep desire to achieve a position of power, although this does not mean that you necessarily have to gain massive recognition. You may even prefer to work behind the scenes and can accomplish things which infiltrate society and create transformational change without ever having your name in the headlines. Your admiration for those who can get to the heart of the matter in any field is very strong, and you appreciate individuals who are willing to rise above corruption or whose efforts expose corruption. Since you may be drawn to investigate many of life's ultimate issues, you will frequently come face to face with raw power. What you do with it is up to you.

Pluto's energy in your 10th House suggests a need to express yourself in a life path which centers upon transformational change. The healing arts may be especially important, but you can express your healing energy in many different professions - from cooking meals to hairdressing to music or writing. What you need to acknowledge is that you have a powerful desire and need to see things change. Your touch and artistry can restore something (or someone) to its rightful valuable place. You're an explorer, a researcher - one who looks beneath the surface to find what lies at the core. You're a natural alchemist and metaphysician. You may bump shoulders with many powerful people, since like attracts like. And once you are comfortable with the true nature of your own strengths, you can move into positions of great influence, which need to be driven through a heart of compassion. The type of work you do may not be as important as the manner in which you choose to do it, and that must reflect a strong conviction in yourself as a woman of compassionate power.

You love the feeling of success with your Moon in trine to your Midheaven and can be quite satisfied with successes of all types - from career to family to little leaps you make just for yourself. You can easily accept careers which have a cyclical nature and may even welcome some of the down times for your own rejuvenation. Working in fields which support the needs of women and families may be especially empowering to you. You may also make strides which have a positive effect upon the lives of women and girls who follow after you.

With the energy of your Sun in semisquare to your Midheaven, you may be strongly driven to achieve success but may be insecure about getting there. Setting goals can be especially helpful, but you also need to understand your motivations. When you are clear about your underlying motivations, you can then determine if they really fit your needs, or if you're trying to accomplish something just to please another. Once you're on track and secure in your own identity, you can be catapulted to success through focusing your will in harmony with your higher needs.

You may feel challenged to bring a sense of grace and fairness into the world through your efforts in career with the influence of Venus in square aspect to your Midheaven. However, you may run into a few obstacles, especially if your personal artistry, taste or values is out of synch with those of society. You may also feel a little lazy about working to achieve your aims and need to get clear about the fact that you are not always motivated to get out into the world and face all its challenges. Exposing your talents to the world may leave you feeling entirely too vulnerable some of the time and for this reason you may feel more powerful when you have

good allies standing next to you.

With Jupiter in trine aspect to your Midheaven, the doors to achieving your ambitions are likely to open rather easily. You may have excellent connections, but your confidence in your skills and abilities is what draws the attention of the people who are there to use their influence to support your aims. From positions of influence, you can also be quite generous and helpful to others. Sometimes, you can be a little lazy about reaching your goals, especially if you feel you deserve to be there already. But once you put your efforts into something, there's no stopping you.

The influence of Uranus in sextile aspect to your Midheaven brings an intense need to exercise your autonomy and independence in your career. You are most satisfied with ambitions which support your individuality, and can be quite successful in fields of endeavor which require you to employ your intuitive insights. Since you can have sudden bursts of energy, you need room in your life for change and will be most fulfilled when your life path takes interesting twists and turns.

Someone once said that money makes the world go around, and from all evidence, it certainly seems to be a powerful force. Money, in fact, symbolizes power. With money, you can have what you want. With more money, you can have more of what you want. Without money, you may want what you cannot have. Your relationship with money is an extremely intimate and seductive force. The way you use your resources - money, time, energy - says a lot about how you perceive your own power and personal worth. This facet of yourself is expressed through the 2nd House of your chart. Here, you express your value systems. The important special link between finances and self-esteem cannot be understated, and is especially important for you as a woman. In order to extract the real value of your talents and services from others in the world (such as what you are paid from your job), you must first value yourself.

The qualities of Aquarius radiate through your 2nd House, adding a need to use your personal resources to accomplish change in the world around you. You may have difficulty sustaining a steady source of income, but will ultimately learn how to create an approach to using your time, money and energy in a more efficient manner. This arises from developing an understanding of the real nature of material resources and the power which accompanies a sound financial base. With Uranus ruling this house, you may experience sudden changes in your finances, and the way you respond to those changes will determine how you feel about yourself. Since your self esteem is tied to your need for freedom, you may find that learning to manage your time and money provides the basis you require to manifest your dreams. You cannot afford to be selfish with your energy, and need to work toward achieving a balance between spending and saving what you have.

Just because your 2nd House is empty do not think that you'll be without money. This can, in fact, be a strong indicator that money matters will not be a primary drive in your life. Self-esteem issues may not be extremely powerful for you either, although you can strengthen your sense of self-worth by embracing the qualities associated with the sign which is on the cusp of this house.

Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart. Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which seems more like what

you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

Here you also find your compulsions. It's no wonder that you don't display this part of yourself to just anybody. You have to feel safe to open this facet of yourself, and you realize that this vulnerability can be used against you in power plays. But what you may not always remember is that this is also where you have the power! In true tantric traditions, it is through the vessel of a woman's sexual energy that a couple can ride the wave of sexual ecstasy. This also extends to the other power aspects of any relationship. If your transformational and magical qualities are blocked, the whole of the relationship will suffer.

The influence of Leo on your 8th House adds strong creative needs to your sexuality. Your experience of sexual sharing can be one of the keys to opening to a full experience of loving, although you may be more concentrated on your own satisfaction than that of your partner. Now, that's not to say that you don't enjoy providing satisfaction to your partner, but you may find it difficult unless you're satisfied, too. On a deeper level, you need an intimate relationship which will strengthen you spiritually and emotionally. You will not feel that you can open up completely unless you have the respect of your partner. From this point, you can share yourself fully and completely. Your loyalty to the relationship can be very strong, and you will expect that same deep commitment from your mate. In matters of the resources you share and create together, you will probably want to have an influence in these matters. Even if you're not managing the finances of your relationship, you'll need to know what's going on. Your controlling nature emerges when you feel that you're not appreciated, but it's equally important that you show your appreciation for and to your partner.

Since you have no planets in the 8th House you may not be obsessed with too many problems or hassles with the issues of this area in your life. But you may not get off free on this one, either. Study the sign on the cusp of this house and read everything noted about the planet associated with that sign, because this is the energy tied up with your emotional attachments!

Mars energy is about getting what you want by going after it. Mars is drive. Mars is courage. Mars is desire. Mars is unabashed sexuality. Mars is the fuel for personal power. Men do Mars quite effectively, right down to fighting and war. But you also have a warrior spirit, an Amazon Self. This is your Mars. If you fail to own and utilize your own Martian force, you lose power.

With Mars in Scorpio, you can be relentless about pursuing what you want. You are also quite sexual, and need high levels of intensity to feel fully satisfied sexually. That means you can't just approach a sexual encounter passively, waiting for sex to be over, and then sigh a little sigh. You are driven to participate fully and completely, to reach the plateaus you are capable of achieving. The real alchemy which arises when you've allowed your sexual energy to be released full force is like a magical elixir for you. Exploring your sexual needs and understanding their importance in your life is primary to experiencing the wholeness you need as a woman. When you are not sexually active, you can consciously direct this same force into your creative efforts. You may be quite adept at developing the connection to your own kundalini force, which you can use in any capacity in your life. You also possess an everlasting

charisma which can add to your personal power. Although you may not be especially temperamental in an open way, when you do become angry, you can be quite destructive and forceful. Your tendency to repress feelings of anger can be harmful. It might be a good idea to do some anger therapy if you feel that your Mars energy is blocked or repressed. Your power also grows when you surrender your energy to true healing. Whether your work involves healing directly is not important. You can heal with a look, your words, your touch and your thoughts. Harnessing this energy by directing it through your higher self will entirely transform your life.

With Mars and Saturn in semisquare aspect, you struggle with issues of control and domination, both within your relationships and with life itself. You may not trust your own power and can attract others who test your ability to take control of your life by offering you their own set of directions and limitations. When you determine your priorities, you may feel somewhat reluctant to put them into action, but once you've set upon your path, you can be quite effective at directing and controlling your own life. Pay attention to your tendency to try to control the outcome of everything, though. Learn to accept responsibility for your own mistakes. This is not power talking, it's fear. Sometimes, you also gain power by knowing when to stop and let the traffic move past you.

Saturn plays the role of the big controller in your life. Sometimes that control seems to come from outside. You know - all the rules and regulations, the authority figures, the intimidating people who tell you what to do - this is the Saturn of the outside world. But you have the same traffic cop in the back of your own mind, telling you what is right and wrong, chiding you when you make a mistake, holding you back when you're about to do something stupid. Saturn control can be a good thing. This is your energy for self-discipline, clarity and focus. You need Saturn. But you need Saturn in its most productive sense. You do not need the guilt, intimidation and self-limitation that keep you from having what you require from life.

When you're climbing toward the realization of your ambitions, you feel your power as a stabilizing force. Since you have Saturn in Capricorn, you have a strong desire to be in control, and will perform at your peak when you have a chance to take charge. But there is a difference between being in control and browbeating others into submission! The way you use your power will determine whether or not you really own it. You also need to take a careful look at your attitudes toward the responsibilities in your life. To truly take responsibility for yourself, you need an attitude which allows you to grow, change and accept things as they are. From this standpoint, you can assert your own energy and manifest a reality which creates true stability. In your relationships, you may have to learn to allow others to make their own mistakes. It's too easy to just do things yourself, since you don't really like having to clean up the mess others make. Learn to say "No" for the right reasons! The illusion of power conferred by social standing and prestigious positions will be meaningless unless you've really earned those positions and then use them to create opportunity and support in the world around you.

You are empowered when you've established strong emotional stability. With your Moon in opposition to Saturn, you are quite willing to work toward that end, but may be afraid that you'll never get there. You have to overcome your fear of not having what you need from life, and will feel empowered when you confront your fears and anxieties. Self-acceptance is the first and most important step in this process.

There is a difference between realistic thinking and depressive cynicism, and sometimes you have to struggle between those two places with Mercury in conjunction to Saturn. You're

probably a very good student with a self-disciplined mind and good sense of judgment. This is empowering. But when you sink into negative thinking, you lose strength.

Developing a true understanding of the link between freedom and responsibility is important since you have the energy of Jupiter in opposition to Saturn. You can vacillate between the desire to create your life on your own terms and the desire to have someone else take on the responsibilities. When you can forge a real partnership between yourself and those who share your life, re-evaluating your roles and responsibilities over the course of time, you can have truly workable relationships which support your sense of personal power. These relationships can extend into the world through your connection to employer and employee, teacher and student, etc. But if you go to the extremes, the lack of balance in your life will undermine your power and you can be stuck with responsibilities which do not belong to you.

Your views of reality are colored by your dreams and imagination with Saturn conjunct Neptune. These energies can be empowering when used through such techniques as creative visualization followed by applied action. But you can also lose your way if you just spend your time and energy dreaming. You're the woman who needs to build an anchor for your castles in the air. Passive attitudes will undermine your power base, leaving you with a feeling of distrust in yourself and disappointment in life. Honesty with yourself and with others is crucial if you are to have what you need. Any time you project a dishonest attitude, it will cost you dearly. This includes honesty about your beliefs and ideals, which must be based upon fulfilling your higher needs. Giving over responsibility for your soul to an imaginary power will never work. Finding the real power of the Source, however, can bring amazing results.

You can become an agent of positive, healing change in the world with Saturn's energy in sextile aspect to Pluto. You understand the power of releasing what you no longer need, and respect the need to make room for the transitions life requires of you. Those life stages can be periods of self confirmation, and your actions and attitudes when faced with change can support and inspire others.

Plutonian control is sometimes difficult to grasp, but it's definitely there. When you feel this control from outside yourself, it is undermining and extremely intimidating. The force of Pluto is buried deep within your psyche. It is unleashed and grows in a manner like the process of mitosis in a fertilized cell, which is altered, splits off, combines with other cells and ultimately becomes an organism. Through Pluto, you experience the power of life, birth, healing, and the ultimate change of death. If you are trapped in a mire of shame, guilt and self-destructiveness, you may have undergone a Plutonian transformation as a result of trauma earlier in your life. But it is this same force which plants the seeds of change that eventually can lead to the creation of a new self.

With Pluto in your 10th House achieving a sense of power can definitely be among your ambitions. This can be a highly creative position for Pluto, since exercising your ability to bring about transformational change and healing through your career path can be quite a challenge. Even if you decide not to follow a career path, you can still be a powerful force in your family and may even play an influential matriarchal role as you mature. However, you're likely to run into power issues with others too, since as you become more adept at moving through the chain of command your presence and strength can attract power struggles with others. This is not the only option, since you may also find that you enjoy rubbing shoulders with the movers and shakers. After all, that's where you belong! But before you can achieve the levels of success you deeply desire, you may have to address buried resentments, guilt or shame which have their

origins in your past. In essence, you can become a vessel for regeneration and healing, and your own wounds may be the keys to your power to influence change in the lives of others.

You were born when Uranus and Pluto were in semisquare aspect, an influence which impacts a generation. You may or may not feel that, as an individual, you need to use this energy to break through barriers in social conscience, science and technology, but you will likely experience radical changes which alter the quality of your life. The way you respond to changes which appear to be beyond your control will determine whether or not you feel reborn in the face of transformation.

The influence of Uranus in sextile aspect to your Midheaven brings an intense need to exercise your autonomy and independence in your career. You are most satisfied with ambitions which support your individuality, and can be quite successful in fields of endeavor which require you to employ your intuitive insights. Since you can have sudden bursts of energy, you need room in your life for change and will be most fulfilled when your life path takes interesting twists and turns.

## **Embracing Your Divine Self**

In western society today it's okay to admit that women are Goddesses. This, in itself, implies that the power of The Source may not be solely masculine. In essence, this power contains All That Is, but as a woman, you express it through your Goddess Self. This part of yourself is always there when you feel abandoned or alone to give you comfort. Your Goddess Self is standing firmly beside you when you face a major challenge, sharing her strength and support. Your Goddess Self opens the doors to Truth and Understanding. She is the essence of all that is Love. Look in the mirror. Stare deeply into your own eyes and you will see her reflected back at you.

When you need to get in touch with your inner being, an exercise in guided imagery can help you make the transition from your everyday thinking to heightened awareness. Take a few minutes to make this journey. Before you begin, find time to be alone. Sit or lie down in a comfortable position in a place that feels safe to you. Take three deep breaths. With each breath, release the tension from your body as you exhale. As you inhale, fill yourself with energy, light and inner calm. Then, close your eyes, and take one more relaxing breath.

Imagine that you are on a journey during autumn, when the colors are at their peak. You arrive at a place which is breathtaking, hillsides covered with all the brilliant colors which reflect into a lake. It is here that you decide to walk under the warm sun, just so you can hear the leaves rustling beneath your feet. All the smells and sounds fill your heart with laughter. As the breezes blow gently around you, the leaves dance 'round your head and feet. From out of nowhere, you see a figure in the distance, walking toward you. You cannot help but go toward it, and as you draw closer together you see

a woman dressed in silvery robes carrying a small child. You look into the face of the child and feel somewhat strange. Somehow, it's as though you've looked into your own eyes. You feel both helpless and totally supported. But as you look more carefully into the eyes of the child, you see wisdom, understanding and inner calm. You realize that the mother and child are one in the same, that they are somehow completely connected to one another, yet different parts of the whole. The woman reaches out to touch you, and as she does, you feel your heart opening to a total sense of peace and comfort. She places three keys in your hands - the keys to your desires, hopes and longings. Your experience here reminds you that you have everything you need to create a life of wholeness.