

# Just for Women

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Sun	Leo	21°Le54'	10th	01 24°Li41'
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Jupiter	Virgo	10°Vi57'	11th	06 01°Ar15'
Saturn	Aries	25°Ar30'	07th	07 24°Ar41'
Uranus	Virgo	27°Vi17'	11th	08 22°Ta27'
Neptune	Scorpio	23°Sc47'	02nd	09 24°Ge27'
Pluto	Virgo	21°Vi33'	11th	10 29°Ca17'
Midheaven	Cancer	29°Ca17'		11 02°Vi38'
Ascendant	Libra	24°Li41'		12 01°Li15'

Planet	Element	Mode	Elemental	Modal
Sun	Fire	Fixed	4 Fire	3 Cardinal
Moon	Earth	Fixed	5 Earth	5 Fixed
Mercury	Fire	Fixed	1 Air	4 Mutable
Venus	Earth	Mutable	2 Water	
Mars	Fire	Fixed		
Jupiter	Earth	Mutable		
Saturn	Fire	Cardinal		
Uranus	Earth	Mutable		
Neptune	Water	Fixed		
Pluto	Earth	Mutable		
Midheaven	Water	Cardinal		
Ascendant	Air	Cardinal		

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## **Just for Women**

An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Hallie Berry

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.

Your chart shows a strong predominance of earth energy, indicating that you are a "show me," kind of person. A practical, common sense approach to life feels most comfortable, and you'll most enjoy life when you have your feet on the ground. You're the earth mother type - with a natural inclination toward sensuality, practicality and conservation. In any situation, you prefer to build strength and stability and you may be oriented toward producing: at the end of the day, you're much happier if you have something to show for your efforts. But be very careful of a tendency to narrow your vision to the dimension of the physical plane. There are multiple levels of reality! The elemental balance in your astrological chart indicates that air is a weak factor. With little or no air in your chart, you may have little use for the purely abstract. Your preference for things you can touch, taste or feel extends even to your choices in relationships and career, and long distance relationships can be difficult. Sometimes it can be difficult for you to adjust to new ideas or new people, and you may have trouble with objectivity. Even though you may be comfortable staying inside yourself for periods of time, you do need to connect and let others know what you think and feel. In fact, once a connection is made, you may even feel enlivened by sharing and opening up. But idle chatter can get on your nerves.

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. You have fixed energy strongest, which helps to account for your ability to stay with a project, relationship or idea until you are satisfied or until your responsibility is fulfilled. The downfall of this strength is not knowing when to let go, and you can be quite stubborn when facing the possibility of change or challenge. However, you also have adequate amounts of mutable energy, which is expressed through your ability to remain flexible when necessary.

When you view your chart as a whole, you'll notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the top half of the chart. This hemisphere strength indicates that you are driven by a need for recognition, and that you can be quite comfortable in the public eye. Career may have a high priority for you, and if you are not employed outside the home, you may be quite busy in community or civic affairs. You are drawn by the world, and your need for validation is most easily satisfied when your achievements are acknowledged and respected in some way. You may be quite influential in the lives of others, and have strong potential as a leader, teacher or mentor. However, you also need to remember that

you must allow some "down" time, and that your home and family may provide an important security base.

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 Leo you're likely to radiate a sense of regality and power, even if you're just sitting at home in your old jeans. Although you may not demand to be the center of attention, you can certainly carry it off when the spotlight is on you. You're driven by a need to create and express yourself, and enjoy playful people and situations. When challenged your pride can get in your way unless you develop some objectivity about yourself, which can be a tough job if you're too self-absorbed. It's okay to think of yourself as royalty some of the time, but just remember that others may not see you that way!

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Libra. You project an air or refinement and grace with Libra rising, and may take special care with your wardrobe, hair and appearance. Others may see you as beautiful. Your sense of color and style may be exceptional, and you can definitely pull off a class act when you want. You're most comfortable in a serene environment and prefer to maintain a sense of social grace and charm whenever possible. If there is difficulty, you may be the one called upon to help achieve harmony. Venus, the planetary energy associated with your rising sign, is in Virgo in your chart. Although you may prefer simple, practical styling in your manner of dress, you rarely opt for anything of shoddy quality. You appreciate natural beauty, and may look and feel your best when you enhance your best natural qualities.

With your Sun in sextile aspect to your Ascendant, you can be quite effective in meeting life on your own terms. Positions of respect and authority feel natural to you, and you can be an excellent leader. Applying your natural talents and abilities is easy for you, so easy, in fact, that you may not take full advantage of your personal resources.

With Mercury in sextile aspect to your Ascendant, your intellectual or communicative abilities may shine through in a positive manner. You may feel quite at ease in social situations, and have the ability to make others feel comfortable, too. This can be

developed as a positive skill which is useful in every dimension of your life - from boardroom to bedroom.

The energy of Venus is in a semi-square aspect to your Ascendant, indicating that you may feel some frustration between having what you want and dealing with the cost. Cost, of course, can be in the form of time, energy or money. When you take a good look at your discontent, it may be that you are simply dissatisfied with yourself because you've been judging yourself according to values which really do not fit who you are. Learning to accept and fully embrace yourself is the key to softening those rough edges.

With Jupiter in semi-square aspect to your Ascendant, you are possessed with a powerful sense of optimism but have a tendency to expect too much from yourself and others some of the time. Since you may prefer to think of a life as a series of opportunities to grow, you may be more interested in pursuing new directions than continuing to develop an existing situation. Others can be frustrated if you've promised too much, or if you fail to follow through on your obligations. Explore your underlying motivations before you agree to take on another task.

With Saturn in opposition to your Ascendant your standards are quite high. You may judge yourself by the opinions of others or by your association with particular people instead of accepting yourself for your personal strengths and limitations. Certainly you can rise above your limitations, but not by expecting someone else to carry you there! If you try to live your life through someone else, your unhappiness can become immeasurable, because you have failed to be responsible to your own needs. You may also feel that your only choices in life result from answering the demands of others. If you are in circumstances which require you to support or care for others, can grow to resent their dependence upon you. Listening to your inner self and learning to accept positive ways to take responsibility for yourself will be personally empowering for you.

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 Taurus Moon provides a quality of stability and sense of focus. Your real self residing at the core of your being is driven to attain a strong sense of security, and your resistance to letting go results from needing to maintain that security base. You are the Earth Mother, and your love for things rich in texture and form is connected to your attunement to the earth itself. Inner strength and calm allow you to face even the toughest challenges but also provide your solace when you need a break from the everyday grind.

## **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!

With your Moon in Taurus, you are a woman of substance. Your deep need to feel safe and stabilized may be seen through the way you go about creating your own safe haven in the world. You may love the embrace of your favorite chair and can feel invigorated when you get your hands in the earth. Even though other people may look to you for a feeling of shelter, you are not likely to resent it since you feel much more alive when you are surrounded by the people and things you love. The undercurrent of your energy is quite feminine, and your sensuality radiates in everything you do. Taking in love, beauty and the vital essence of life is easy for you, and when you love someone or something, you are not likely to change your feelings, regardless of what happens over the passage of time. If you have children, they may sense that you will always be there, unwavering, in your support. Lovers, partners and friends can experience the same security, and you need consistent support from them, too (even though you might deny it!). Despite the fact that much of your life is dedicated to producing growth-oriented options for yourself and others, the part of growth which means letting go is not easy for you, and dealing with change is not easy, since you hate the thought of losing anything that has become a part of your life. You may suffer great pain following separation and loss, and may feel quite diminished if love goes wrong. By using your power of perseverance to sustain you, you can accomplish the realization of many hopes and dreams, and experience healing and renewal.

With your Moon in supportive trine aspect to Mercury in your chart, you are an exceptionally perceptive woman. Your desire to learn, communicate and accumulate knowledge are ever-present, helping you maintain an open mind and youthful spirit. Communicating your thoughts and feelings is easy, and your sincerity and sympathetic nature encourage others to be open with you, too. Whether you choose to pursue a career path or if you're focusing on family concerns, your problem-solving abilities always work to your advantage. Part of your strength arises from the fact that you may be able to trust your "sense" of things as much as you trust the data about them. When you say that you have a "feeling" about something, it is unlikely that anyone will accuse you of being silly, since your sensibilities are usually right on the mark!

Through the supportive connection between your Moon and Venus in trine aspect to one another, you express a quality of beauty, grace and emotional strength which is

highly attractive. The fact that you are a woman works to your benefit because you are comfortable with yourself and love the softness, gentility and level of creativity that are so much a part of you. Your sense of color, style and form can be applied in vast situations - from the way you dress, to your design of an office, to the creation of a highly successful business venture. Your ability to deal with people may be legendary. Whether you're reading bedtime stories to your children or making a presentation at work, your warmth, imagination and refinement are a pure joy. You're the perfect person to influence positive change in others, because other people are likely to trust that your motives are pure.

With your Moon in square aspect to Mars you can be emotionally volatile. You may feel overly defensive, and can react to others in inappropriate ways when you feel insecure. Your lack of trust for men can be extremely marked, and you may also find it difficult to trust assertive and powerful women. Any emotional trauma you experienced as a young girl is likely to have penetrated your psyche like an irremovable shard of glass. Your own assertiveness seems to come out in bursts of anger or volatile temperament, attitudes which can alienate others and create a general atmosphere of mistrust and hostility. People may treat you with kid gloves for a while, but ultimately, if you are going to have any type of harmony in the world, you must find a healthy way to deal with your feelings of agitation and frustration. By dealing with your feelings when they arise, you are on the right track. Owning your anger is also important, and by finding positive ways to release anger and hostility you will finally remove that piercing pain you've experienced every time you've tried to open your soul. Because you are crisis-oriented, you might find a wonderful outlet for this energy in some type of crisis intervention work, emergency medicine, sports activities or the like.

Through the energy of your Moon in trine aspect to Jupiter, you have exceptional emotional resilience which is supported by your sense of optimism and confidence. You are more likely to feel that being a woman is an asset, and may find it easier to flow with the emotional tides and cycles of change which are a normal part of your life. Generosity is natural for you, and you have an excellent ability to attract abundance. Nurturing others may flow quite readily. However, it is also easy for you to take things and people for granted, so it's a good idea to take stock of your good fortunes and remind yourself to show gratitude and grace. This can be an aspect of laziness, since positive changes of fortune may seem to occur quite naturally. But if you recognize and develop your strengths, this same energy can provide an endless reservoir of emotional and spiritual strength.

Your Moon is in the Disseminating Moon Phase of the Lunation Cycle. The idea behind this lunar phase is that of broadcasting seeds, and although there is a masculine quality implied, this phase is definitely one which requires yin, or feminine, levels of continuity. You may feel driven to teach others, to share what you know, and are quite comfortable in the role of mentor. In fact, your mentoring flows so naturally that others may not realize that you're passing on to them a truly powerful depth of knowledge and understanding. Your own understanding of yourself and life experience can be enhanced when you open yourself and release your power, creativity and understanding into the world. The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of "The

Companion," the essence of equality, trust and sharing. It is crucial that you maintain a strong connection with the core of your being, so that you remain aware and awake, instead of allowing your own direction to be shaped by beliefs, ideals or attitudes which seem more powerful than your personal focus. Instead of being driven by these beliefs and ideals, you grow more fully into yourself when you add your ingredients to the soup and alter the outcome. Your crusade can be quite exciting.

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 Virgo you love the simple things of life. Your delight in the beauty of spring flowers, a kitty's warm purr, a baby's soft skin and the wrinkled smile around your lover's eyes make life worthwhile. Little escapes your eye for detail, and you appreciate excellent workmanship and self-expression. Your own natural beauty radiates best when unencumbered by excess, and you may sparkle in soft colors and elegantly tailored attire. Comfortable, soft, flowing garments may be your preference whenever possible, but you can also look great in a silk suit. You may have little time or tolerance for excess, and although you may enjoy romance, may not go out of your way to create it. However, you do know what you like, and once you've developed trust in a close relationship, may be quite open about your preferences. It's easy for you to be overly critical of yourself and others, partly because you notice everything and have such definitive taste and favorites. You can also be tolerant, although you have to work to develop this skill to its fullest extent. You may find it difficult to experience the love you dream about, especially if the guy who catches your eye turns out to have dirty fingernails. Give him a bar of soap and see how he cleans up before you strike him from your list entirely.

Through the blending of Mercury and Venus energies in conjunction with one another, your manner of speaking and communicating is enhanced. This aspect influences your ability to develop excellent people skills, and you may be a gifted speaker, writer or lyricist. These qualities may emerge through your manner of speech, which can be quite elegant and charming. Your sensibilities toward others, and the care you take in striving to create a feeling of peace and harmony can be seen in your personal relationships as well as within the work environment.

The conjunction of Venus and Jupiter stimulates your generosity and ability to attract high levels of abundance. It may appear that you are quite lucky, and, at the very least, these qualities attract good fortune. Yet if you direct all this energy toward yourself, you can become quite spoiled. Your sense of "I want" can become rather self-indulgent, especially if you take people or situations for granted and expect that you will always have everything without having to assert much effort. If you allow this energy to flow in and out, giving and receiving, you'll discover that you not only experience greater

satisfaction, but that you know the true essence of an abundant life.

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 Scorpio, you are part of the generation of women, born from 1955 to 1970 who are forging new frontiers in the sexual revolution. This is not only in terms of human sexuality, but also extends to the roles men and women play in regenerating society. You are the generation who will grapple with issues of control and whose influence in the arenas of human rights will cover the entire spectrum from conception, to birth, to sexual lifestyles, to choices in death. As you are maturing and making these choices, you may resist the idea that some belief system or government should dictate the choices you make in these intimate situations. But you must also create a vision which goes beyond these old systems and which encompasses a true compassion for the experience of life and the pain and joy of choice on every level.

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 women born from 1957 through 1972 who have Pluto in Virgo. It has been your challenge to develop a true awareness of the relationship between mind, body and environment. You've blasted through many of the mysteries of the way humans function - at physical, psychological and sociological levels. Additionally, you may be seeking a way to improve the quality of life and are likely to be dealing with repairing mistakes and fixing things as much as you are creating new options. At an individual level, this energy prompts you to determine ways to improve yourself.

## **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're no stranger to the spotlight, you've probably had ample opportunities to express your assertiveness and personal strength. Your Leo Sun is a magnet for attention, and your actions and attitudes determine whether or not that attention is helpful or detrimental. You have the potential to radiate a powerful energy and may be an inspiration to those who need a stable source of confirmation that life is, indeed, okay. You can be intimidating to men who are unsure of themselves and may even take advantage of this; just try to remember your own insecurity when you first faced raw power! Taking on the challenge of leadership can be one of your most fulfilling experiences, although you can be quite domineering in some situations. If you've been giving away your power to the men in your life, you have probably attracted strong-willed individuals. But to become truly complete, you must learn to embrace and express your own individuality in a manner which opens your creativity and fills your heart.

Adding emphasis to your self-expression is your need to be recognized as a thoughtful or intelligent woman which is emphasized through the conjunction of your Sun and Mercury. The value you place upon learning, knowledge or information can be rather intense. You may also be under the impression that if you're smart enough, you'll get what you want from life. That may be true, but there are many levels of intelligence. One of those levels involves knowing when to stop talking and start listening, so remember that if you feel that you're not really being heard.

As a realist, you understand that you have certain responsibilities as a normal part of life. With your Sun trine Saturn, you may be quite happy to accept those responsibilities instead of expecting that someone else must carry your burdens. Your relationship with men and with your father may be quite good, especially in business circumstances. You express a positive sense of your inner masculine when you are in control of your life circumstances.

Experiencing an honest connection to the true essence of your spirit is not easy with your Sun square Neptune. In order to integrate or express this masculine element of your psyche, you first have to find it! Your tendency to project your sense of identity onto the men in your life is heightened under this influence. If you've been in situations with men which have left you feeling deceived, then you may be the victim of your own inability to see yourself and others clearly. The undercurrent of this energy is a lack of trust within yourself, and it is that quality which needs to be healed in order for you to move forward. Your compassion for life and need to feel spiritually connected are basic requirements if you are to embrace your ego. But you're caught in a true zen experience: you must first surrender your ego in order to find it! The key is knowing where and to what that surrender must be directed.

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!

When you want something, there's little to keep you from getting it. With Mars in Leo, you may radiate a strong sense of confidence when you're putting on your assertive face, even if you feel like jello inside. The key to your will lies deep within your heart. When you love something or someone, your willing courage is always there, helping you forge ahead or provide protection. You've stood in the center of the storm before and will probably do so again. And you may have learned how to be firm in your strength through the love and support of some powerful men in your life. However, you're more alive when you know how to harness that same power for yourself.

You may be fascinated by powerful people with Mars semisquare Pluto, and your desire to feel your own competence emerging is quite strong. But the way to handle power and influence correctly is not easy, since so many hidden issues come to the surface when power situations are foremost. Whether you're dealing with men who are obsessed with their own need to control everyone and everything or you find yourself driven by your own compulsions, you're struggling with defining the true nature of power. There are beneficial ways of exerting dominance, and when you experience the reward of bringing healing into your life you'll be able to direct your own need to be in control differently.

## **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. When you want an audience, you can be quite magnetic in your manner of speaking with Mercury in Leo. You can also be an attentive listener when you are interested in anyone or anything, and definitely enjoy being entertained. You're a woman who commands attention through your elegant style and presentation. Sometimes, though, your own opinions can get in the way of learning something new or different. It is rare that anyone will ever be able to convince you to change your mind unless you want to do so, although you may not be able to take "no" for an answer when you're on the other side of the picture!

You may enjoy learning with Mercury conjunct Venus. However, you're likely to be a little lazy in your approach, and may not like the disciplinary side of school as much as you like the socializing. With an excellent ability to relate to people, you can be an open and effective communicator.

Your ability to discipline your mind and complete projects is strengthened through Mercury in trine aspect to Saturn. This influence is quite helpful in educational pursuits, and you probably value the importance of education for yourself and for others. You may be a gifted teacher and can be a strong role model for those under your guidance.

Your fascination with beautiful, imaginative and out-of-this-world experiences is powerful with Mercury in square aspect to Neptune. But you can also be distracted from your ability to focus or concentrate by your need to escape. Listening can be difficult, especially if you are not interested in the person or subject. And paying attention to details can be bothersome. However, these elements are important, and if you incorporate them into your self-expression and intellectual development may even add to the effect of your creative and imaginative abilities!

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. You're a "show me" kind of woman, and learn most easily in situations which allow you to be involved. The influence of your Taurus Moon in developing your mind adds a practical sensibility to the things you're most drawn to study. If you see that you can use something to develop your stability or strengthen your long-range growth, you may study it even though you do not particularly like the subject! But when you do enjoy an area, you can be a very studious individual indeed, and you rarely forget anything.

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 has a practical leaning influenced by your

Jupiter in Virgo, and you are likely to learn easily and function best in an environment which has a sense of organization or pattern. You are naturally inclined to teach others, but need to watch for a tendency to expect others to move at your pace. Learning tolerance can be quite helpful if you are to achieve the success you desire (and that includes tolerance for yourself!).

There are no major aspects to Jupiter in your chart. To a large extent, this indicates that the energy of Jupiter is empowered, because it operates without undue influence from others energies in your chart. Your personal philosophies, ideals and beliefs form a major cornerstone of your identity. 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.

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.

With Saturn in Aries, your ability to reason can be quite strong. You may have good powers of concentration, and enjoy a stimulating debate. In learning situations, you may have had trouble dealing with your teachers when you were a little girl. Your desire to be accepted can overwhelm your need to express yourself, resulting in an inner conflict. Once you determine your own direction, it is important that you follow your path with confidence and courage.

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.

You may love the adventure of learning with Sagittarius on the cusp of your 3rd House. You can see the big picture and may enjoy situations which allow you to participate in decision-making. Travel and reading may be important pastimes and provide you with continued opportunities to learn and expand your mind. With Jupiter ruling your 3rd House you may be drawn to study religion or law. You can easily become an excellent writer and dynamic public speaker.

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.

Your powerful curiosity about life on earth and the people who inhabit the planet may stimulate a desire to learn both through institutions of higher learning and travel. The influence of Gemini on the cusp of your 9th House adds a powerful need for logic and reason in your life, and you may extend your education in order to strengthen this aspect of your understanding. You've always asked "Why?" about everything, and may be ever-seeking to answer some of those unanswerable questions. The influence of Mercury as ruler of this house adds a desire to connect your thoughts and share your ideas about religion, philosophy and culture with others.

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.

The overall organization of your life may be centered around the things you are striving to accomplish. With Virgo on the cusp of your 11th House, you function best when you have a plan of action. You're the one who is prepared for contingencies, because you're likely to have given some thought to the possibilities of what could happen. You can also be flexible when you have to alter your course, but only if you can see that you will still arrive at your goals. Change for change's sake may seem like a waste of time for you. The influence of Mercury, which rules this house in your chart, adds an analytical and rational quality to your approach to creating and setting goals. You may try to be logical whenever possible, but practicality is also important.

Learning the social skills necessary to further your pursuits of personal and professional growth is important with the influence of Venus in your 11th House. You know the significance of knowing the right people, making connections and developing the pathways which will help you achieve your aims. Although you may enjoy the experience of community, political or social interaction, you may not appreciate the feeling that you have to please others in order to have what you want. If this arises, it could be that you have made choices which are designed to satisfy someone else, and that it is time to re-examine your values and set goals which allow you to feel more worthwhile on your own terms. You can actually be quite adept at choosing the right friends and associates whose values reflect your own and whose influence helps to forward your own aims. Conversely, your influence can have the same effect in the lives of others!

Jupiter's influence in your 11th House adds strong optimism and confidence to your

ability to set and achieve your personal aims. Your vision of the future may always drive you to improve your life, and you may feel that setting limits will only get in the way of achieving the possibilities! You can become quite adept in public relations and community affairs, and may enjoy politics or spending extra time developing your special interests. Friends play an important role in helping you achieve your goals, and you can also benefit from staying active in professional and political associations. But you may need to learn how to say "No" to some of the requests which come your way, since you can become overly involved and thereby fail to accomplish half of what you hope to achieve.

Your approach to goals is stimulated by a need to express your individuality with Uranus in the 11th House. You may take an unconventional approach to achieving your aims, and operate best in situations which allow you plenty of freedom and room for independent action. Political and community affairs may be of interest to you, and if you become involved in such activities, you may be responsible for stimulating revolutionary change. Your choice of friends and associates, personally and professionally, is likely to be quite diverse.

With Pluto in your 11th House you need goals which will help you change your life. You may be drawn into groups of those who share your interests or profession, and are not likely to enjoy just sitting back if nothing is happening. You prefer to become involved in using the power of the collective to create change and you can be quite influential when you wish to be. You may be fascinated by politics, and if you choose to become involved in political or community affairs, can become a catalyst for far-reaching change.

## **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.

The influence of Capricorn on the cusp of your 4th House adds a need to feel centered and stabilized. Your soul may yearn for a solid foundation which will allow you to grow and change while still on solid ground. The influence of your family can be quite powerful, and you may feel that you were born into your family for very definite reasons. Saturn's connection to this house adds a tendency to hang onto others for support instead of establishing your own platforms for growth but also can help you discover the importance of becoming self-sustaining.

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 Taurus on the cusp of your 8th House, you may want some tangible proof regarding the mysteries of life which are connected to the experiences of birth, sexuality, death, healing and the inner nature of the self. To some extent it is possible to understand the deeper elements of life experience through the physical plane. The processes of life and death may be a profound mystery for you. If you have had children, or if you've been present at a birthing, your life will have been profoundly changed from the tangible experience of such a quickening. Although you may be able to philosophically accept the spiritual essence of yourself, you need to feel the effects this part of yourself has on the other aspects of your life. Adopting a working spirituality makes a lot of sense to you. That means you may need to make the effort to recycle and reclaim, since diminishing resources will not feel okay at the core of your being. With Venus ruling this house you may become caught in the illusion that locking up your resources will protect you in some way. But it's like the old story of the talents: if you don't put them to use, then what good are they?

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 superconscious self rests in this part of your psyche: the part of yourself that transcends your everyday reality.

Libra's influence on the cusp of your 12th House adds a need to be intuitive about your personal relationships. If you feel insecure, you may unconsciously try to adapt yourself to fit the needs of those around you instead of listening to your own inner voice. Establishing a strong sense of personal worth and a good perception of your true needs will help you feel more comfortable when you're alone with your thoughts. It's tempting to see others only as you wish to see them, especially since you may have the ability to look into the souls of those around you and feel what they are capable of becoming. With Venus ruling this house, you can experience true transcendence through love, but you must first realize that love begins in your own heart.

Since you do not have any planets in your 12th House you may not feel a strong urge to probe into your dreams, and you may not feel extremely tied to your past. However, to fully understand the nature of this house study the meaning of the sign on the cusp, explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

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!

Your sensual awareness is part of your intuitive insight which operates through your Taurus Moon. Your kinesthetic sensibilities can be quite amazing, and you may be able to pick up valuable information from touching someone or something. For this reason you're usually rather picky about the things you want to have around you. If it doesn't feel right, you are not usually drawn to it. But if something does draw your energy, you may have trouble removing your focus until it is yours.

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 North Node in Aries challenges you to develop your courage, independence and assertiveness as part of your spiritual growth and self-discovery. You may be drawn into situations which require you to stand up for yourself or to fight for your position, and

although your preference might be to just allow situations to resolve themselves, it is important to take action. Finding yourself involves finding your convictions and creating your own path. With the South Node in Libra your tendency to rely upon others to take care of you or forge the pathways for your development has to be abandoned in favor of self-confidence and free thought and action if you are to grow into wholeness. Self-determination is your key to fulfillment.

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!

Your insights may be highly valued by your friends with Uranus in your 11th House. You can also be quite adept at pinpointing the special talents and gifts of others, which can be quite encouraging when someone is seeking their particular path. Innovative approaches to fulfilling community needs may also give you an excellent opportunity to exercise your ingenuity and intuitive sensibilities.

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!

The influence of Neptune in your 2nd House adds a dimension of confusion about the best way to use and handle your material resources. You will become more clear about this once you've surrendered your need to determine your value through outside measurements.

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.

Although you may be quite aware of the ills which penetrate the social system with Pluto in your 11th House, you may hesitate to become involved in changing them. But it is important that you express your views and ideas, especially in a political sense, because your insights may be those which help to change the system and allow it to undergo great improvements. Community affairs can also be a positive outlet, although your ideas may cause some turmoil to those who would resist change.

## 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.

Your Taurus Moon is hungry for stability and continuity. You can nourish that need by creating a safe haven for yourself, and when you're nurturing others, feel that it's important that they are safe and secure as well. Your protective nature is quite prominent, and you feel good when you provide emotional (and physical) shelter for a child, lover or husband. Sometimes, you may feel that you need to hold on to everything and everyone, and can project all your energy into protecting your assets. Learning to trust is nurturing for you, and that means allowing some things and some people to leave your care. You feel most nurtured when you are close to the beauty and harmony of Mother Nature. Gardening and farming may feel good, or you might even enjoy building things, including houses or furniture. When you're feeling low, sitting under your favorite tree with your feet in the grass can be rejuvenating. Or you might prefer the pleasures of a massage. Indulging your sensual needs helps to fill your soul so that you have energy in your own storehouse to give to others. Just remember that the balance between giving and receiving is difficult to maintain.

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.

With Saturn in Aries you may prefer to take on the role of guide and supporter to your children and those in your care in a rather independent manner. You believe in personal autonomy, and will work to be sure that anyone you influence develops it. A competitive spirit may drive you to try to be on the top, first or the best, and you're not likely to be afraid of starting something new. But you can lose your drive if a situation seems to grow stale, and it's important to clear barriers from your path on a regular basis. Then you'll avoid the traps of repeating the same mistakes or staying in a rut. Either of these concepts just simply does not fit with your model of who you want to become. As a result, you may be tempted to jump into something new or different just for a change of pace. But if you still have unfinished business elsewhere, you may just have jumped from the proverbial frying pan into the fire! Creating your own traditions within your family may satisfy your yearning to establish a difference between the way you're doing things and the way mom did it.

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.

Having your own home is definitely important for you with Capricorn ruling your 4th House. Whether you have an apartment or a mansion, having a chance to put your personal touch on your environment makes you feel complete. You may have a well-defined sense of taste, although your favorite feeling is likely to be a room with rich wood accents and textured fabrics. Sometimes you can be a bit austere in your choices, and may even wonder why you bought that uncomfortable chair for the living room. Maybe it was well-made; or maybe it was just a good bargain! Saturn's influence in this part of your chart adds an energy of stability to your home environment, and may stimulate your own interest in antiques or period furnishings. You may also have a good sense of structure, and appreciate a home which is solidly built and stands on a strong foundation.

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.

The influence of Cancer on your Midheaven indicates a need to create security as a primary feature of your life path. You may feel torn between creating a home and family and pursuing a career, because you probably have some strong ideas about wanting to make a difference in the world. It might seem more reasonable to focus more on one for a while, and then to pursue the other, instead of experiencing the inner conflict of trying to do everything at once. You are likely to enjoy many of the traditionally considered "domestic" activities, like cooking or sewing, and can be an exceptional homemaker. Even working outside the home, you may find yourself dealing with home related industries. Your interest in preserving what has gone before may lead you to spend time studying and endeavoring to preserve history through restoration, antiques or collecting. You have a good sensibility toward social issues, and may be drawn to politics, community development, and businesses which appeal to women and families. Your Moon's energy also has a powerful impact upon the choices you make and the path you take toward creating a fulfilling life, and strengthens the importance of choosing a career which feels good instead of just taking a job because you have to work.

Your Taurus Moon influences you to make choices which will serve your needs to be stable. If you follow a career path, you will be most comfortable in a situation which appeals to your sense of values. Your sense of structure may be quite useful in the building or furniture industries, but you also have a keen business sense, and might enjoy retail sales.

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 function much better in work situations which allow you to work on your own without a great deal of supervision or interference with Aries on your 6th House. You may enjoy a job which is somewhat physically active, although you may just save your physical energy for the office softball team or weekend marathon. You may have strong levels of mental creativity, and can benefit from a job which presents intellectual challenge and interest. It's easy to drive or push yourself in your work, so try to remember that before you reach exhaustion! The energy of Mars has a strong impact on your approach to working, and can indicate a tendency to become involved in disputes in

the workplace. If in positions of authority, it is important to become aware of the way you treat others. You can be an exceptional leader but may be somewhat harsh or abrasive when you're impatient.

You have no planets in your 6th House, but still need to do something productive with your life. This may be an indicator that you do not feel a need to focus all your attention on working. Look to the influences suggested by the sign on this house and to the planet ruling this house for more information about how to best approach fulfilling your needs for productivity and duty.

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!

Pisces' influence on your 5th House adds an amazing imaginative quality to your creative sensibilities. You may be so sensitive when you're in the midst of doing something creative that what you create seems to reflect the energy of everything around you. Regardless of your choice of self-expression, you may be especially gifted. When you take time to relax and play, you may prefer something that transports you to another dimension. An enthralling movie, intriguing novel, stage production or concert can all be quite wonderful. But you may also enjoy retreating from the world entirely from time to time to a secret place which allows you to indulge your fantasies and completely let go. The energy of Neptune is associated with your 5th House, bringing an element of compassion into your creative expression.

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.

Well, admit it, sometimes it's just fun to show off with your Sun in Leo. You may even be quite low-key, and gracious about giving others the spotlight. But you know that when you're shining in all your glory, that the light can be blinding for a moment, and then, well, you're just gorgeous! To feel a true sense of success, you may need that few moments of fame and glory. And if you're doing it right, the Universe may even grant you more!

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.

Uranus is in Virgo in your chart, stirring your need for awakening in regard to issues which affect the quality of your life. Along with other women born from 1961 to 1969, you've grown up with an awareness of the importance of the connection between mind and body. You also feel the need to use your analytical mind to bring about revolutionary change. Your revolution is being staged within the context of health, science, discrimination and prejudicial attitudes and will continue in its effect upon society for quite some time to come. The insights you share with other women with Uranus in Virgo are connected to the importance of individual awareness in achieving a truly functional society. You've broken ground in your own ability to see clearly where you need to bring about revolutionary changes in your own life in the areas signified by the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

With the energy of Uranus in your 11th House you may be involved in work which serves the needs of your community. From social work, to teaching, to consulting, to city planning and beyond - you can be quite comfortable in situations which allow you to bring change into the world by working cooperatively with others who share your ideals.

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 Aries, signifying a need to discover your true courage. Your life purpose is centered around your needs for pioneering into unexplored territory, whether physical or idealistic. Your life work may involve breaking ground, cutting through barriers, or blasting through outworn attitudes. Your head and heart need to be in harmony with one another if you are to succeed in achieving this purpose.

With Chiron in your 6th House you're learning how to work cooperatively with others. You may also have a special need to attend to health matters, and your consciousness in this regard can be one of your greatest challenges. Self-improvement is your key to fulfilling your life purpose.

## 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!

Sometimes, you may feel that you are not really worthy of the love you need with Venus in Virgo. This feeling stems from that yardstick you use to measure your own perfection. And who says that you have to be perfect in order to be lovable? You can place the same restraints on yourself by feeling that you can only love someone if they meet your detailed list of criteria. All these fancy restrictions may just be your way of assuring that you won't be hurt, because the thought of someone that you care about might reject you is almost unbearable. So, let's start from square one. You do need love, and when you love, you love deeply. You love most easily when you have reached a real understanding and know that you are truly accepted for who you are. You don't have to get that tummy tuck in order to be lovable after all! To keep your heart open, you need to remind yourself that you are whole, perfect and loving. To sustain love, you strive to make life wonderful; that's good. But trouble arises when you start trying to fix somebody because you love them. Oops! Instant opportunity for pain! So before you pull out your doctor kit, think about the situation first. Maybe you, or your sweetheart, are perfect as you are. Imagine that....

Your experiences of love can be quite self-confirming with your Moon in trine aspect to Venus. Maintaining a sense of inner harmony is easy for you because you are likely to honor your own values and feel comfortable with the choices you make in matters of the heart. Giving love through giving of yourself fills you on many levels, and can bring wonderful rewards into your life.

Talking about your feelings can enhance your love relationships, and it's easy for you to express your feelings with Mercury conjunct Venus. You may be most attracted to someone whose sense of refinement is well-developed, and may find it much easier to open your heart to a man who appreciates your ideas and enjoys open communication.

The game of flirtation and attraction can be a great deal of fun with your Venus in semisextile to Mars. You may find that the steps between your initial attraction and close personal encounter add a significant boost to your love life, and that these experiences are

the ones which you fondly recall over the years. You may be quite adept at sending the right signals when you're interested in a man, but sometimes you may miss the signals you receive in return if they are too subtle. Innuendo can be intriguing, but sometimes a good old fashioned hug is just what you need.

Your generous and gracious nature stimulated by the energy of Venus in conjunction with Jupiter can attract good fortune through your love relationships. But it's no accident: you draw positive situations because you create them! When your heart is open, there's nothing you would refuse the one you love. Allowing the flow of love to fill your life with joy increases your ability to give of yourself and your energy. It is tempting to be too indulgent, however, so remember that before you go out to shop for a birthday gift for the man you love! Your intimate relationships are most meaningful when you share ideals, beliefs or philosophies with your lover or husband, and striving to accomplish a shared vision will add a special spark to the energy of love.

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Scorpio, you are seeking relationships which involve total connection. When you finally open your heart to love in an intimate relationship, you need to feel that you can create a true bond with your lover and mate. Halfway connections don't quite cut it, and if you're the one resisting, it's crucial that you discover the root of your fears or blocks. Your experience of compassionate love involves surrender to the processes of transformation, and that transformation may involve getting to the core of why you need intimacy in your life. Sexuality is certainly a part of the drive, but it is not for pure pleasure alone, nor is it for simple regeneration of the species. There is a link of energy formed during the process of intimacy which leads to the alchemy of loving, and it is that link which you are learning to understand more fully.

With your Sun in square aspect to Neptune you may have a history of rescuing men who don't really appreciate or acknowledge your sacrifice. If you're sacrificing your own dreams and needs so that the man in your life can have his, then you're in trouble! If you're making excuses to yourself because your man drinks too much, uses drugs, is not available for the kids, runs around on you - whatever they are - you have lost yourself to an illusion. By learning to set reasonable boundaries and to identify the situations which you can and cannot support, your life will change. Your ability to love fully will change. If you stay stuck in the same old dependencies, then your life will be more like a nightmare than a wonderful dream.

The difference between fantasy and reality concerning the nature of love is sometimes difficult to determine with the energy of Mercury in square aspect to Neptune. You may be prone to "selective hearing," listening to the things that fit your fantasy of what you want to experience and ignoring those things that would shatter your fantasies. This type of thinking is a form of denial, and you may also have some tendencies toward codependency in your relationships. Take a look in the mirror every morning and remind yourself what you know and how you think and feel about things. Don't let yourself be swayed by someone else who seems to know more than you do. Who knows you better than you know yourself?

It's sometimes aggravating when you have to fit your dreams into the world of reality.

Energized by the quincunx aspect between Saturn and Neptune, you may be constantly attempting to shape your life in such a way that will allow you to feel spiritually connected while still operating realistically. This can be particularly so in the realm of relationships, since your fantasies about the kind of partner you need rarely have a chance to manifest through a real man. You don't have to compromise your deeper needs, though, so remember that when you're making choices. If you really don't like the guy, it's not a problem. But if you love the man and dislike his personality, then you have a dilemma. Sometimes, the problems are simple ones, like different belief systems. If you can still make time in your life for the things that are ultimately important to you, then it's likely the relationship can work. But if you have to sacrifice your spirituality, security or safety - think again.

You were born with Uranus in sextile aspect to Neptune, an aspect which occurs about once each century. As a generational influence, this aspect shows increased idealism and new approaches to religion, philosophy and personal ideals. You will be happiest in a relationship with a man who gives you plenty of room to find and follow your own spiritual path.

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.

You long for a love which allows you to open on spiritual and emotional levels. Energized by Pisces on your 5th House, you have dreams of the lover whose purity and passion will allow you to transcend beyond the ordinary into the realm of ecstasy. Opening your heart to allow love to flow is not always easy for you, though, because you do not like the feeling of vulnerability which accompanies an open heart. Letting go of your fears is a crucial part of experiencing love, and that may involve working on forgiveness toward those who have hurt you in the past. You don't have to forgive them because they deserve it, but because you need it! Neptune's influence here adds an immense capacity for the experience and expression of compassionate love, but this can only happen when you've surrendered your life to the needs of your soul, instead of the needs of your ego.

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.

Your 7th House is ruled by Aries, indicating that you may be the one who initiates partnerships. You need relationships which provide ample room for independence and autonomy, especially your own. It's important that you try to be fair-minded in this regard, and that you avoid any type of passive manipulation of your partner, since it will only come back to haunt you. If you attract a man who is very strong willed and controlling, you can learn to stand up to him. In fact, you may prefer a relationship which is active and somewhat challenging. But if you do not know how to assert your own needs, you may ultimately grow to resist his control and can become belligerent instead of cooperative. You do need a relationship based upon equality and harmony, but with Mars ruling this house, need to direct your own energy into making the relationship work to the benefit of both parties. Dealing with anger in a direct and forthright manner can make a big difference in the nature of your personal contentment with your marriage.

Your Moon resides in your 7th House, opening your soul to the hunger for a mate. If anybody yearns for the experience of a soul mate, it is you. However, finding that man can be difficult, especially if you over idealize. In essence your soul mate is inside you, waiting for you to fully embrace her! But you may give more of yourself to a partnership than many women might. You need to know the support and caring of a mate, and in order to grow emotionally must feel that your needs are important to your partner. Feeling at home with a man has many dimensions, and the promise of creating a home with your partner is high on your list of priorities. Good questions to ask before marriage will center around home and family. Just be sure that the answers are mutually supportive!

Your motivations for getting married are important to understand since you have Saturn in your 7th House. Marriage may seem like a security arrangement, and can definitely provide a structure and support in your life. However, if you rely on another person to generate your sense of security, you will always wonder if you're really secure. You may instead, end up in a situation where you feel controlled or inhibited. Learning to be personally responsible as an individual and within the context of relationships is one of your primary lessons. You do not need to marry to find someone who will care for you like a father. If you do, you may wake up one morning to discover that you are a prisoner of your own fears. However, you may prefer to marry a man who is older than you, because you do need a partner who has some maturity. Sometimes, Saturn in the 7th House delays marriage, and in today's world the delay is frequently a result of a woman's choice to establish herself in a career or profession. One thing is certain: when you do make a commitment, you intend to honor it and will expect the same from your husband or mate.

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 Virgo's influence on your 11th House, signifying that you prefer to limit your friendships to those which are most worthwhile. You can be a good and understanding friend, although you do not appreciate wasting your time in nonproductive situations. When a friend needs to sort through problems and needs help on a job or project, you can be the best person to call, and may really enjoy helping out. You also like the feeling of giving your time to those who are less fortunate, and may be a friend to your community through your charitable efforts. You may also have a special affinity for animals, and truly feel that your pets are your friends. You can feel quite comfortable taking part in efforts which protect the interests and needs of animals. With Mercury's energy influencing this area of your life, you will find that your most special friendships are with men or women who truly understand you and your ideas. It's much easier to open your heart and allow love to flow in when you're clear about what it means, and that happens by first reaching an understanding in your relationships, especially friendships.

You may love spending time with your friends with Venus in your 11th House. This energy is likely to attract women friends and artistic individuals whose tastes and refinement are appealing to you. Through shared efforts with friends, you may also strive to support and protect the arts within your community. You'll probably meet and establish your best friendships while pursuing your own artistic interests, and will appreciate friends who applaud your own talents. Sometimes you can be a little lazy about doing things for your friends - it's easier when they're doing something for you. But it's hard for you to say, "No" when your support is requested. It's a good idea to have a few parties which encourage camaraderie and sharing, and you may really like playing the role of the hostess with the mostest.

Jupiter's energy in your 11th House brings abundance through your friendships. Together with your friends, you can accomplish amazing things. If you have political leanings, this influence attracts others with whom you can send a very powerful message. Whether or not you travel (which you probably do enjoy), you probably have friends in many different places and from different cultures. Your closest friends share your philosophy of life, and you may forge your most intensive bond of friendship with someone whose devotion to truth and justice is equal to your own. It's important to avoid an attitude which prompts you to take your friends for granted. You may also attract wealthy or influential friends and can enjoy sharing time with friends who enjoy the good life. However, you can develop some of your acquaintances solely because of their social or political value, especially if your Jupiter energy shows internal conflict in your chart. Spending time with others who indulge in wasteful or excessively extravagant lifestyles may only be pleasant temporarily, since overindulgence can be costly for you on many levels.

The dynamic energy of Uranus in your 11th House attracts a broad spectrum of friendships. You can relate to almost anyone, although your closest friends will be those whose aims and ideals are expressed through interests similar to your own. When you were a young girl, you probably had friends from many different backgrounds, and you may have run into some conflict with your parents over some of your more controversial

friends. Now that you are a woman, you may still have unusual friends, and will cherish those who are proud to be different. You may even join with them to fight for their rights or champion humanitarian causes. Although the ideal of unconditional love is quite easy for you to understand, you may not always feel satisfied with the give and take of friendship, and will discover a broad gap between the walk and the talk. Your quest is to incorporate a true sense of power within the context of individuality, and to bring revolution into the world of apathy. Of course, you might prefer a revolution of ideas and change in ideologies rather than a revolution of guns, violence and destruction. Therefore, it's imperative that you have some clarity about connecting with others whose aims are truly pure and motivated by positive change for the good of humanity.

Through the energy of Pluto in your 11th House, you attract friends who are involved in creating transformational change. You may not easily open to the experience of friendship, and your few good friends will understand your needs for privacy and confidentiality. Your intensity can sometimes be intimidating, and you need a friend who will embrace and support your power instead of being jealous or offended in some way. Although you do not necessarily distrust your friends, you may find that experiences and changes put their trustworthiness to the test from time to time. You may have a deep appreciation for your women friends, and may attract powerful women into your life. Cooperative efforts with friends can be a highly effective method to bring about significant changes in the world around you, and your energy may be the catalyst to get these things moving. Just be sure that your motives are pure, or directed toward ends which will stimulate growth and opportunity.

### **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 your Libra Ascendant your personality takes on that unmistakable air of refined grace and good taste. Your power radiates as a true beauty which can be both attractive and can inspire a real sense of peace and harmony. In the world, you can be a voice for justice and fairness. This begins with a deep sense of self-worth, which is critical to your ability to allow your beauty and intelligence to shine forth. But you may question your value, or wonder if you're beautiful or smart enough, and have this uncanny ability to always be comparing yourself to other women. These comparisons, especially when occurring unconsciously, undermine your personal power. If you're always worried about what everyone else will think, you may lose track of what you think and feel. You can also undermine your power when you spend your time trying to keep everybody happy, or when you adopt behaviors which are placating. Peace at any price is too costly, especially if it means that you give and give and never allow yourself to receive. By remaining honestly conscious of your real needs while still acknowledging the needs of others, you will establish that sense of balance in your relationships which is truly empowering to everyone.

Since you do not have planets in your 1st House your personality expression may not be overpowered by the drive of a particular energy. The qualities associated with the sign on this house cusp, explained above, since through as the primary manner in which you want to be seen by the world.

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 Cancer Midheaven you experience the need for the power which arises when you feel connected to a world which is safe and secure. You have a deep understanding of the power of human potential, and may feel drawn to use your own influence to help foster the needs of children and to stabilize the role of families. Your admiration for those in public service may be quite strong. Whether you like it or not, you've also been immensely influenced by your mother and the women in your family. You may ultimately take on a role which is akin to family matriarch within your family, from which you can wield immense power. But you may also perform quite well in roles which allow you to initiate new opportunities for women in the world.

With the Sun in your 10th House you need recognition and you may be highly ambitious. Your sense of identity is strongly tied to your career and it is imperative that you develop a career path which looks good on you! You may excel in careers which allow you to take a position of leadership and where you can direct things in your own way. The nature of work which suits you best is further defined by your Sun's sign and aspects to your Sun, but the sign and ruler of your Midheaven (explained below) are also influences which you will incorporate into your sense of personal fulfillment through career.

Mercury's energy in your 10th House indicates that you can be highly adept in a career which requires you to develop your mind and communicative capacities. Whether

you're writing, editing, teaching or researching, you'll enjoy a field which challenges your mind. You'll feel at home in a career centered around young people or work which requires keen manual dexterity.

The dynamic energy of Mars in your 10th House stimulates a desire for a career which keeps you active. Your drive is matched by the courage to forge a path which allows you to assert your needs and abilities in a strong manner. You're the woman who can be at home with "the good ol' boys" and can match wits (and probably strength of will) with anyone. Work in physical fitness, the military or law enforcement may be good choices. But you may also be fascinated with medical fields and in any capacity can take charge or initiate. Developing positive ways to assert yourself may be necessary if you are to experience the success you deserve, since aggression may seem easier than positive self-assertion. You don't mind taking risks to get ahead.

You may feel frustrated with your role in the world with your Moon in square aspect to your Midheaven. This is particularly true if you seem to be doing too much caretaking and accomplish little self-fulfillment. Listening to your inner needs and working to eliminate your old self-defeating subconscious messages is very important to you. If you try to ignore these subconscious motivations, you may find that you're caught up in situations which simply do not feel right.

Through the influence of Mercury in semisextile aspect to your Midheaven you experience a need to stimulate your mind through your life path. You'll feel most empowered working in a field which is mentally creative or challenging, and may even present concepts which can bring positive or innovative changes into your work environment.

Mars conjunct your Midheaven activates your sense of ambition, and can play a strong role in your need to establish power and autonomy through your life work. You'll be most attracted to career circumstances which provide breakthrough opportunities and allow you to utilize your leadership. Your needs for crisis and competition in your career are strong, so finding a career which incorporates crises or positive outlets for competition will be necessary if you are to avoid hostility. Pay attention to the way you handle power plays in your profession, since your desire to achieve your aims can blind you to the needs or sensibilities of others.

You're likely to jump right into situations, even if they're a little over your head, with Jupiter's energy in semisquare to your Midheaven. If you find yourself treading water, you won't like the feeling of not getting anywhere. You like to feel forward motion toward achieving your ambitions, and those times which require you to slow down can be a little frustrating. Continually re-evaluating your goals will help you maintain a sense of personal power within your profession or in your efforts within your community.

Saturn's energy in square aspect to your Midheaven provides a powerful challenge in regard to achieving your ambitions. You may actually perform best when you're under pressure, and you rarely choose goals which are easy to achieve. But if you are well prepared and have the confidence in yourself required to rise to the occasion, then you can accomplish a great deal. The problem you may run into is in your motivations. It is

crucial that you explore the underlying reasons for your goals, since if you are trying to satisfy someone else and gain little satisfaction for yourself, you will feel that you have failed - even if you reach the summit of achievement. The obstacles in your path are usually quite apparent, but sometimes it's not so easy to figure out what to do about them.

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.

The energy of Neptune in supportive trine aspect to your Midheaven suggests that many of the accomplishments you're making for yourself can pave the way for others. Work that has a spiritual basis or that allows you to reach into the psyche and soul of others, can be personally empowering. You can be quite capable of surrendering your will to the will of a Higher Power in order to achieve your aims. This aspect also underlines the importance of your role in making your dreams happen in harmony with your Highest Needs. However, you can also be unmotivated and may even be lazy, living in a dream instead of making it real. The difference is applied effort.

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.

Scorpio's qualities radiate through your 2nd House, intensifying your need to make the best use of your personal resources. You may have a lot invested in establishing financial strength, and can be very possessive when it comes to your finances. For this reason, you may not like the idea of anyone else controlling your money, although you might appreciate advice or support which will increase the value of your resources. Sometimes, it's not easy for you to share, especially when you're feeling vulnerable, and you can even be a little stingy with your time if you don't like the person who is asking for it! That's perfectly okay as long as you're clear about your motivations. You may even withhold favors when you've been emotionally wounded; you are protecting your vulnerability can keep yourself from having something you want. If someone has insulted your personal worth, you may completely shut them out, feeling that you don't want to waste your time with anyone who cannot see your value. Just be sure you're clear about this before you torch that bridge! Learning to get the most for your time, money and investments will probably extend to your desire to learn a bit about economics. With

Pluto's energy influencing this house, you may also be quite focused on avoiding waste. For this reason, recycling makes a lot of sense to you, and you can stretch your resources much further when you apply this to everything you own - including your time and energy!

Since Neptune's energy operates best on the spiritual plane, it does not always have the best effect when residing in a material house like the 2nd House. Your financial judgment may not be very good, since you may not pay much attention to the details involved. Keeping track of your finances is simply not a high priority, but it is a necessary one. If you're in the dark concerning your finances, your self esteem ultimately suffers, because you're only fooling yourself by running away from your need to stay connected to where your resources are being used. But you can become more financially stabilized when you learn to trust the right people to help you manage your money, time and resources. You'll make connections to those individuals more easily when you make the effort to see others realistically. You may experience your greatest rewards when you're doing things for others and when you're allowing your compassion to flow freely and completely through your creativity. Music, the arts, and nonprofit agencies are good options for career.

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.

Your approach to the bond of power created in your sexual relationships can be quite intense with Taurus influencing your 8th House. You need to feel deep love for a man before you are comfortable with the vulnerability which accompanies sexual sharing. When you do express this aspect of yourself, your sensuality guides you into the realm of desire and fulfillment, and you'll be much more satisfied with a relationship which delights all your senses. You can become very attached to your partner, and your possessiveness can lead to jealousy if you feel threatened. For that reason, it is important that you understand the real feelings you have for one another, and it's equally important

to realize that the changes you experience over time may alter those feelings in some way. You may not like that fact, since you don't like the idea of letting go of your attachments. Unless you can allow room for the creative qualities of love to change you, you'll never experience the real alchemy of bonding with your partner. Although you may take an apparently passive approach in dealing with joint finances, you probably have your eye on what's going on. If you discover problems, deception or difficulties here, you will lose trust for your partner. Money issues within your relationship can be handled amicably as long as there is trust and you feel that you have a say in what's going on. If a relationship ends, you'll discover that your attachment to the things you've accumulated can become a major issue. If you attempt to maintain harmony with your ex by giving him everything, you'll only resent yourself. But if you don't know where to draw the line, you'll hurt yourself. Maybe you should consider a prenuptial agreement before you marry, even if you don't have many resources. It might solve a number of potential problems later on.

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.

You possess strong reserves of energy with Mars in Leo, and can definitely assert domination and control when necessary. You may adore positions of power and can be quite effective when operating as a leader or director of others. But if you feel threatened, you can quickly undermine your own power through feelings of jealousy or excessive pride. In either case you may not back down once you've drawn battle lines, simply because your pride won't let you. You can also attract men with the same attitudes and, if you are in a heated disagreement, can carry it to very destructive ends unless you know when to let go. Sexually you can be very dramatic and demonstrative, and enjoy sexual sharing which is playful and passionate. You need a man who knows his own power, and you will be most open when you know you have mutual respect and admiration for one another.

Mars and Pluto in semisquare aspect create an undercurrent of dissatisfaction with yourself and with the men in your life. Now this does not mean that you can't have good relationships or that your sex life will be forever frustrating. But if you're having trouble look into your own feelings of guilt or inhibition in these areas. To embrace and fulfill your sexual needs you may have to go beyond a simple of understanding and experience of your sexuality into a heightened awareness of the true nature of sexual energy. Additionally, to achieve the realization of your deeply held desires in any area of your life you must uncover hidden issues which could sabotage your success. Pinpoint your

resentments. If they are the result of bad experiences from the past, then it's up to you to find a way to heal and move beyond the old trauma into the light of the present moment. Once you've learned to let go of old resentments and guilt you may find that you are a wonderful vessel for healing in the lives of others. This is an aspect of shamanism and requires honest confrontation with your deeper needs and desires.

Mars conjunct your Midheaven activates your sense of ambition, and can play a strong role in your need to establish power and autonomy through your life work. You'll be most attracted to career circumstances which provide breakthrough opportunities and allow you to utilize your leadership. Your needs for crisis and competition in your career are strong, so finding a career which incorporates crises or positive outlets for competition will be necessary if you are to avoid hostility. Pay attention to the way you handle power plays in your profession, since your desire to achieve your aims can blind you to the needs or sensibilities of others.

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.

Your power is confirmed when you have joined your needs for freedom with personal responsibility for your actions. With Saturn in Aries, you may resist taking control of your own life, even though that's what you want most of all. Your resistance can stem from a fear of growing up. After all, life is much easier when somebody else takes the fall for you, and that may be why you're subconsciously looking for a man to take on a father-role. You may just be afraid of stepping out into the world on your own, even though there are no real reasons for your fear. But when you are not taking responsibility for yourself, you run headlong into situations which inhibit your freedom and squelch your power. Learning to be more conscious of your own life force and allowing that energy to spontaneously flow through you brings exceptional power. But self-centered immaturity and a lack of trust quickly diminish the stability and power you need.

You may be quite confident about yourself and your ability to achieve what you want from life. With your Sun and Saturn in trine aspect, you can use responsibility, self-discipline and structure to your advantage in building your security base. It is this base which strengthens your power as an individual. As you've matured, you've discovered the importance of focus, and are most successful when you have well-defined objectives. You can use your achievements as stepping stones, and will be most satisfied with your life when your choices reflect a clear sense of yourself as a whole woman.

Your mental attitudes are centered upon responsible thinking with Mercury in trine aspect to Saturn. You'll find that when you are guiding or teaching others or sharing what you've learned from life experiences, you are rewarded with a sense of inner confidence.

You know the power of your mind and have the capability of changing your life through techniques like affirmation and positive thinking.

Even when you try, you're probably not comfortable in traditional roles. The influence of Saturn in quincunx to Uranus will probably result in your experience of several circumstances which are not really what you'd planned for yourself, but which you are required to fulfill. The attitudes you adopt in meeting your responsibilities will make all the difference in whether or not you stay stuck in circumstances which inhibit your growth or if you break out of them. Stubborn rebellion alone will be rather ineffective, but revolutionary efforts which open avenues for your self expression can result in options which surprise even you. If you are to be fully empowered, you must adopt a viewpoint which allows you to create change within existing structures.

Sometimes it's difficult to know exactly where to aim your ambitions with Saturn in quincunx aspect to Neptune. In different periods of your life, you've found that you've needed to surrender your selfish desires to something more powerful or to the pressing needs of others. But you've also discovered that there are times when you must believe fervently in your own dreams and do whatever you can to make them reality. This vacillation is part of your natural rhythm, and although these rhythms are not as predictable as the changes of the seasons, they are very much determined by changes prompted by your inner needs for growth. You are most empowered when you adjust your priorities based upon your honest spiritual revelations and centered within your awareness of the highest possible principles.

Saturn's energy in square aspect to your Midheaven provides a powerful challenge in regard to achieving your ambitions. You may actually perform best when you're under pressure, and you rarely choose goals which are easy to achieve. But if you are well prepared and have the confidence in yourself required to rise to the occasion, then you can accomplish a great deal. The problem you may run into is in your motivations. It is crucial that you explore the underlying reasons for your goals, since if you are trying to satisfy someone else and gain little satisfaction for yourself, you will feel that you have failed - even if you reach the summit of achievement. The obstacles in your path are usually quite apparent, but sometimes it's not so easy to figure out what to do about them.

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 11th House, you may meet many of your power issues within the social sphere, particularly around special interest groups or when dealing with political processes. You're not the woman who enjoys sitting on the sidelines if you're part of a group, especially if something could be done more effectively. If you have not developed

a strong sense of your own ideals and beliefs you can fall under the influence of others who would usurp your power in order to boost their own. But once you've awakened to your own ideals, drives and directives, you can be a highly influential leader and instigator of social change. The extent of your efforts depends upon you and the choices you make for yourself.

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You were born when Uranus and Pluto were in conjunction. This aspect occurs only rarely (about once in a century) and influences an entire generation. If you were born in the 1960's, you're among a generation of women whose impact upon social change can be very strong if you are united in your focus. As an individual, you may relish change for its own sake, and if you are to use the power of these energies to their highest benefits, need to develop an awareness of the impacts of the changes you are about to create. You may be challenged by the task of setting new trends for the uses of technology and the power of the mind, but may also become a voice for true social conscience and join together with others to champion the value of human rights and positive social transformation. However, you must also learn to develop fulfilling outlets for your individual self-expression if you are to know the true power that these energies can bring into your life.

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 walking through a beautiful park. You hear around you the sounds of the city, the hustle and bustle. You see a bench in a secluded part of the park, which sits beneath a ray of sunlight. As you feel the warm breeze tickling your face, you close your eyes and focus your attention on the song of a nearby bird. Other birds join in the song, and you feel yourself smiling. When you open your eyes, you see a magnificent parrot sitting next to you on the park bench. The parrot invites you to join him, perches on your shoulder and whispers in your ear about a secret path. As you follow the path, the park begins to change, and the colors around you come alive. You feel that you have been transported into another dimension where everything is clear and perfectly in harmony. All the creatures communicate with one another in their special manner, and you are aware of the many things they are saying. As you continue onward, you feel that you're walking on air with the new knowledge you've obtained. At the end of the path are two portals. You choose one of them, and when you enter you meet a woman dressed in a dark green velvet cape. She holds a basket of fragrant flowers, and offers to place a ringlet of flowers around your neck. You sit with her in a quiet place, and she sings to you of her life, which is the story of love itself. Then the song reflects your own life and your need for acceptance and love. As you listen to her song, your heart begins to open and you feel overwhelmed with joy. She opens her arms to embrace you, and when you yield to the embrace, you feel a sense of calm and inner peace. Your mind and soul are filled with understanding and inner strength. Your experience with her will always remain in your heart, reminding you that love is always there with you, and is the source of your real needs on every level.