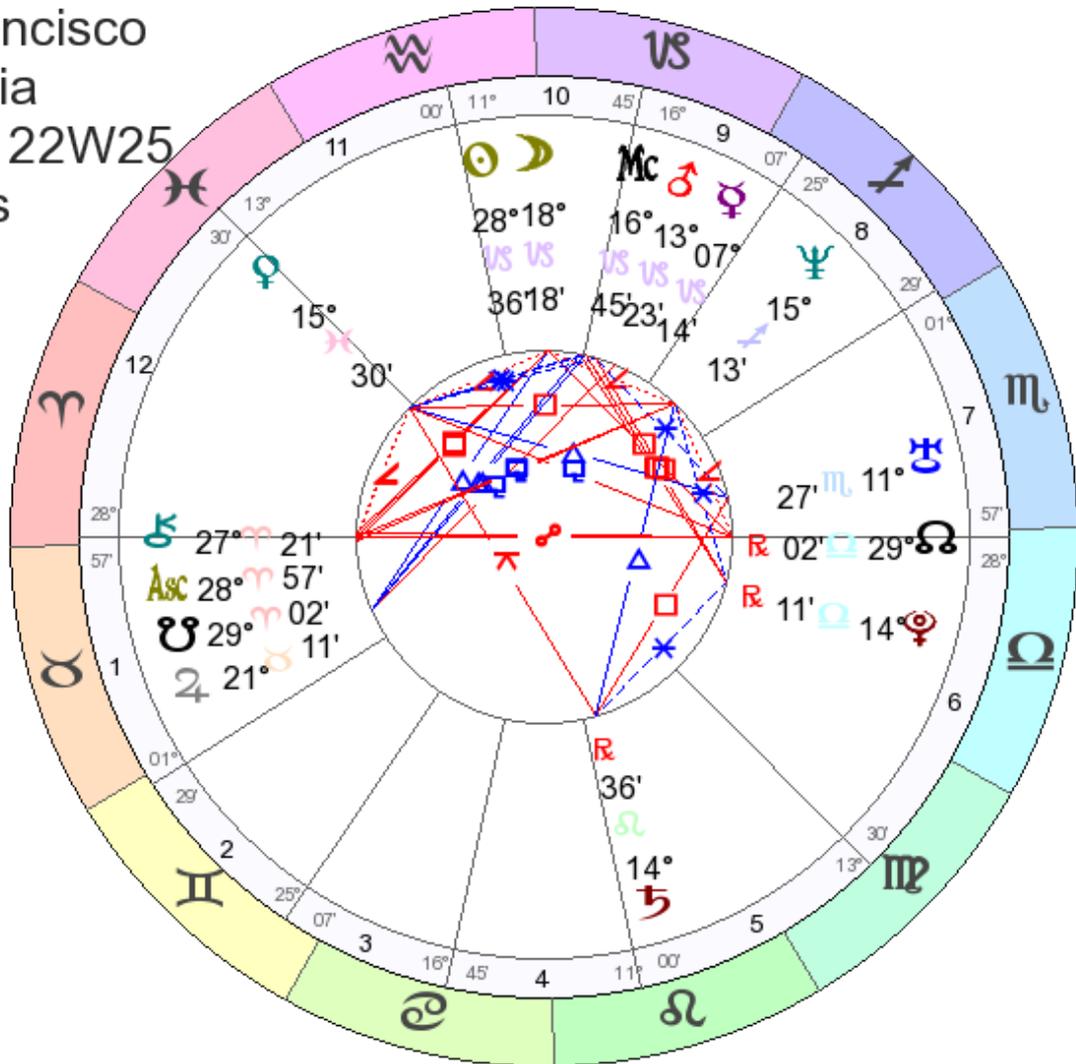


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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

LIFE GOALS

The Sun

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

The Sun is in the 10th House

Your Sun is in the 10th House of your birth chart meaning that you're the sort of person who likes to make your mark on the world, in particular through your profession. Depending on other influences in your chart you're likely to be born to parents of good standing in the community. From this favourable start in life, you're likely to steadily improve on your status. Success usually comes easily in whatever business or profession that you choose. People in high places are likely to look on you with favour, helping you further your ambitions. You're also likely to rise to a prominent position in society, perhaps even in government office. You've high moral standards, which you apply to yourself and to other people. Fortunately your vitality and health are usually good and therefore you're well able to achieve your goals. You're likely to carefully consider your proposed primary partner, before entering into a commitment which affects your standing in the community. As a result, depending on other influences in your chart, you're likely to benefit through your primary partnership. Ancient astrologers consider that the Sun is well-placed in the angular 10th House of a chart, and therefore you're likely to be successful in achieving your goals.

The Sun is in Capricorn

Your Sun is in the Zodiac Sign of Capricorn indicating that you're a serious and responsible individual with a strong awareness of the 'right way of doing things'. You've the ability to work steadily and honestly towards achieving your ambitions in life. Others grow to respect your reliable and steadfast personality, particularly as you grow older. In fact, the people in your life come to rely on your ability to be a remain calm and detached in times of crisis. Mostly, you enjoy this role, perhaps even unconsciously adopting a superior attitude to those less calm and sedate individuals. However, you would be wise not to let your responsibilities become burdensome at times. Let others take on some of the chores, allowing you to have some well-earned time off. This will be difficult as work plays a particularly important role in your life. You're ambitious, and enjoy working long hours to methodically and patiently achieve your objectives, as long as you consider the goal worthy of attention. You indeed have the ability to work through a mountain of work, and eventually get to the top, through patience and an ability to create structure. You enjoy having structure in your life, in the form of routines and schedules, perhaps even literally enjoying architecture and design of buildings. Depending on other aspects of your chart, you can become inflexible, lacking spontaneity.

The Sun is Semisquare Neptune

Your lack of confidence is likely to stand in your way in achieving your life goals. This is because the Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Neptune in your birth chart. You're a sympathetic and kind person, but you're apt to be overwhelmed by the injustices of the world. As a result you lose sight of your goals and become confused about your direction. It's also possible that you allow other people to tell you how to live your life. You're so eager to please others, that you find it difficult to assert your own rights and beliefs. At times like these you may benefit from moments of quiet reflection, or meditation, which enable you to develop an ability to rely on your own inner resources. It's possible that your confusion stems from childhood experience with your father, or a father figure. Perhaps this person was weak or ill and unable to support your development, or perhaps the death or absence of a father strongly influenced your life. Either way the result is that you've difficulty finding a firm footing on which to base your life as an adult. Your challenge is to learn to trust your own intuition, and to use your artistic and sensitive nature for the benefit of other people without losing yourself.

Jupiter

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

Jupiter is in the 1st House

Jupiter is also in the 1st House of your chart signifying that you've a zest for life which makes other people sit up and take notice. This is fortunate because you do like to be the centre of attention, whether in the company of a small or large gathering. You also know how to best utilise your popularity. Whether it is quietly pursuing your own interests behind the scenes, or lecturing in front of a crowd of people, other people seem only too happy to help you achieve your goals. You're a natural-born teacher. This could be tutoring on a one-to-one basis, or teaching a room full of adults or children. Your optimism and enthusiasm are contagious, and you're likely to attract prominent positions in the field of education, and in business circles. You've a philosophical approach to most things in life, preferring to leave matters in the laps of the Gods rather than worry too much. This could be because you have a tendency to fall on your feet, no matter how difficult a situation. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's birth chart. They also believe that it's most powerfully favourable in the angular 1st House. This means that you're likely to be successful in achieving your goals.

Jupiter is in Taurus

You've the planet Jupiter in the Zodiac Sign of Taurus in your birth chart indicating that "success comes to those who wait" could be a good motto for you. This is because you like to take your time and build up your resources slowly and surely. You're a dignified person who realises the value of planning ahead and working towards a goal. Persistence pays off and material wealth is often the result. You're a peaceful person, more likely to be seeking security through expanding your financial resources and property rather than travelling around the world. It's not that you don't like to travel, but simply that you're a little stuck in your ways and prefer to travel for a purpose.

Adventure and fun can just as readily be found on the home front as far as you're concerned. It would also be fair to say that you're somewhat attached to a comfortable life, which you easily build for yourself. Reserved by nature you prefer to travel along known pathways rather than venture into new and exciting areas. At times you can also be a little over-indulgent, but then you can usually afford to be. You're also like to have fixed religious ideas, whether they be traditional or unorthodox. It's not that you're narrow-minded, but rather than you adhere to a set of beliefs which can be your guide through life. You're interested in practical spirituality. In other words you believe that it's important to incorporate your religious or spiritual ideals into everyday life. "Actions speak louder than words" may be an appropriate adage for your personal beliefs. For this reason you could also become a patron of a group or organisations.

HOME

The Moon

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

The Moon is in the 10th House

The Moon is placed in the 10th House of your birth chart suggesting that you're ambitious and enjoy your job, spending much time in the workplace, working odd hours to make sure that you get ahead in your career. You've a need to be publicly recognised for your achievements, and this need may or may not be satisfied during your lifetime. It's likely that you succeed in your chosen profession at some stage during your life, but whether or not this success is enduring depends on other sections of your birth chart. It's true to say that your professional life undergoes several changes during the course of your life, with rises to fame and popularity, and possible falls from grace. You're also likely to move into a completely different field of work at least once in your lifetime.

You may be prominent in your field, popular with the public. The more that you express your emotional truth in public the more vulnerable you are likely to feel and yet, this will also ultimately earn you other people's heartfelt respect. Your mother is likely to have played a prominent role in your life. You learn much either by her example, or as a result of her mistakes. You seek to nurture others through your career, parenthood, or a public voluntary role. If your Moon is in an Air Sign (Gemini, Libra or Aquarius) then ideas, communication, writing and teaching may appeal. If your Moon is in a Fire sign (Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius) then independence and enthusiasm is a key feature in your career choice. Water Moons (such as Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) are likely to struggle somewhat early in life with finding a career path. Nurturing others, being of service or finding an artistic profession all ease this process. If your Moon is in an Earth Sign (such as Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn) then you are likely to build solid career paths based on a need for emotional security. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the angular 10th House of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your ambitions.

The Moon is in Capricorn

With the Moon in the sign of Capricorn you feel most secure when life is structured and predictable, choosing the straight and narrow path which involves the least risks. You find comfort in hard work, often spending more and more time at work when life becomes emotionally difficult. You need to remind yourself not to take life so seriously, to go out and play, and relax. The problem is that, astrologically, the Moon is in detriment in Capricorn, meaning that your need for emotional security can be an obstacle to forming warm and loving human relationships. While your ability to remain

emotionally distant can have the advantages of allowing you to stay calm and detached in a crisis, it can also prevent you from taking the risks needed to get close to others. This is particularly so when you're young. As you grow older and more mature you develop, step-by-step, the ability to build long-lasting and meaningful relationships with your loved ones.

The Moon is Conjunct Mars

The Moon is making an aspect to Mars in your chart indicating that your home life is active and boisterous, rather than a peaceful environment. Fortunately you're an impulsive and emotional person, who prefers action to becoming bored by inactivity. You're likely to feel more comfortable when faced with a challenge. For this reason you may enjoy working around the house or working from home. It's possible that your need for an active home life stems from your childhood home environment, which was busy and boisterous. Perhaps your mother, or a strong woman in your household, was vivacious and dynamic, possibly even fiery. In some cases male members of the family can display these traits. Either way at a young age you learnt how to enjoy a spirited home life, which you've carried into your adult life. You need to be wary of a lack of sensitivity to other people's feelings. Not everyone is as feisty as you. You could also try to avoid becoming embroiled in arguments with women. This could be difficult as you're impetuous, liable to act without thinking. Mostly you enjoy the challenge of new activity, but at times your vigorous nature can land you in hot water.

The Moon is Trine Jupiter

The Moon is making a positive aspect to the beneficial planet Jupiter in your birth chart suggesting that you enjoy your home and family life. This is a favourable aspect for health, wealth and family life. Depending on other influences in your birth chart you're likely to enjoy good fortune with your home, and any property investments. It's possible that you've a large family, enjoying connections with close and extended family members. You've a generous and expansive nature and an easy-going, philosophical approach to life. This makes your home a very hospitable environment. You enjoy catering for friends and family in your home, and may live in a large home or in spacious surroundings. Your optimistic view on life means that you're usually rewarded with many visitors. Family relationships are favourable, particularly with the women. It's likely that your good fortune has been influenced by your positive relationship with your mother, or an important female member of your family. You have fond memories of a warm and loving mother and want to share your good fortune with others. Perhaps there's a benevolent matriarch in the family tree. In some cases it's possible that your childhood relationship with your mother wasn't a positive experience. In this case you may be determined, as an adult, to be everything that your mother wasn't. Either way you are likely to benefit through your relationships with family members. You may also benefit through shared religious or spiritual beliefs.

The Moon is Square Pluto

The Moon and the planet Pluto are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're an intense and emotional person, prone to extreme highs and lows. You love drama and intensity, because these give you a sense of being deeply connected to your loved ones, and to the world. It's likely that your family and home life are periodically emotionally volcanic. This can be problematic if other members of your family don't desire the same level of intensity, particularly if they're seeking peace and quiet at home. If this is the case your needs are directly opposed to your loved ones', which

may not concern you, but could result in dramatic changes in your personal life. This is also a problem because you've a deep sense of commitment to your personal relationships, and feel betrayed if others don't share this commitment. It's likely that your need for emotional intensity originates from an early childhood experience, probably linked with your mother or another strong woman figure. Your relationship with your mother is likely to be immersed with intense feelings, perhaps even stemming from a life-or-death situation. You may feel positively or negatively about your mother. Either way your feelings are likely to be strong. You're a resourceful person, and can rely on your own resources to solve most problems. You need to find a creative outlet for your intense nature, something that will totally absorb your attention. Perhaps you would enjoy property development, or renovating your house. You're a powerful person with leadership skills, and a need for a challenge.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 9th House

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

Mercury is in Capricorn

The planet Mercury in the Zodiac Sign of Capricorn indicates that you're a wise and careful thinker, preferring to take your time to consider all possibilities before making decision. You are also likely to choose your words carefully before talking. You place importance on credibility and authority. Therefore you'll seek knowledge which carries some authority. You've an astute mind and enjoy studying a variety of subjects, approaching your topics in a serious fashion. For this reason you enjoy success in the academic world. It's also likely that others will appreciate your wisdom and counsel in many matters. While it's true that you have the ability to become an acknowledged expert in your field, it's also true that you can become a little rigid in your thinking. You approach new ideas with caution, preferring the tried and tested ways that have already been trod. However, with your practical nature you will soon see the advantages of anything new on offer.

Mercury is Conjunct Mars

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

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

Mercury is Sesquisquare Jupiter

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

RELATIONSHIPS

Venus

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

Venus is in the 12th House

When the planet Venus is placed in the 12th House of your birth chart you're likely to enjoy your own company, perhaps even craving the peace and quiet offered by seclusion rather than the hustle and bustle of a hectic social life. Your friends need to respect your need to be alone at times. On occasion you don't mind spending your time with one or two friends, particularly women friends, but "the more the merrier" is definitely not your motto. You're more likely to be an introvert than an extrovert, revelling in a fantasy world or in your secret pastimes. You love mystery and romance, and have more than your share of secrets, perhaps even investigating secret arts. The worlds of magic, alchemy and astrology hold a certain appeal, as do many of the occult arts. Your success in the world may be as a result of your investigation into the secret arts. Success may also come as a result of your work behind the scenes in your profession, or in an institution or charitable organisation. Your tendency to delight in secrets also includes secret lovers. For this reason you need to be wary of secret enemies, in particular women.

Venus is in Pisces

With Venus in the Sign of Pisces you're sympathetic and understanding in your relationships, often letting your kind heart rule your head. You are charitable and like to help others, perhaps even choosing a career in which you take care of those less fortunate than yourself. You feel drawn to nurture the underdogs in society, which is an admirable intent as long as you're careful to ensure that your trusting nature isn't being taken advantage of. It's important that you constantly remind yourself of your own personal power. This helps you avoid any tendency to put yourself at risk or fall into a victim role. This is also true for your primary relationship. You're a kind and loving person, and need to make sure that you enter into a relationship with someone who appreciates these qualities. Fortunately the planet Venus is considered to be honoured in the Sign of Pisces. Therefore you're likely to eventually fair well in your primary relationship. With the right person you'll enjoy sharing inspirational activities with your partner, whether it be listening to beautiful music or visiting an art gallery, or taking a peaceful walk by the ocean.

Venus is Sextile The Moon

You enjoy comfortable relationships with other people because of the favourable combination of the Moon and Venus in your birth chart. A charming and prudent person, you enjoy the company of other people, and they respond favourably. You're likely to enjoy success in your primary relationship, choosing someone who feels comfortable

and companionable. You're also likely to benefit from your relationships with women.

Venus is Sextile Mars

The planets Venus and Mars are combining in your chart indicating that you seek a stimulating and romantic relationship. You're charming and assertive, passionate and alive, and admire these qualities in a potential intimate partner. You love to share your adventures with your partner, and it's likely that your relationship will inspire both you and your partner to explore new territory. You need only be wary of holding unrealistically high expectations of your partner, as this can lead to difficulties. This is more likely to be the case when you're young and idealistic. You're liable to disappointment, perhaps even angry feelings, when your partner fails to live up to your expectations. You could also feel angry if rejected in love. Fortunately you've an irrepressible side to your nature, on which you can rely in times of relationship trouble. You're a loyal and fun-loving partner with an ability to balance intimacy with independence.

Venus is Trine Uranus

The planets Venus and Uranus are connected in your birth chart indicating that you value freedom and individuality in your most intimate relationships. In fact you're determined to be recognised as an individual by your primary partner, sometimes to the extent that you won't allow anyone to curb your sense of freedom. You're attracted to an unusual, active or lively partner, rather than someone staid. For this reason your primary partner is likely to be inventive, extraordinary or involved in an unusual occupation. This isn't everyone's idea of an ideal partner, but it suits you. You seek spontaneity and intellectual stimulation from your primary relationship. Depending on other influences in your chart, commitment isn't a major part of your vocabulary, and can be something that you tend to avoid, preferring to be "footloose and fancy free". It's likely that you're afraid of losing your independence, or perhaps you simply don't like the confines of a conventional relationship. Fortunately you're likely to have many friends and potential partners. Your bright and magnetic personality attracts potential life partners like moths to a flame. You enjoy socialising and have a wide circle of friends, and believe that it's important that a life partner share your friendships. Your best friend should be your partner, as far as you're concerned.

Venus is Quincunx Saturn

The planets Venus and Saturn have combined in your chart indicating that you have difficulty in intimate relationships. You seek commitment and security in your primary relationship, but may be disappointed at some stage of your life. It's possible for you to have a rewarding, long-term relationship with someone trustworthy and reliable, but it's likely to be after initial setbacks and upsets. You're faithful and loyal, a dependable, stable and dutiful partner. However, you need to be wary of becoming involved with someone who tries to control your movements and behaviour. Depending on other influences in your chart you may be shy and inhibited in your personal relationships, and be fearful of standing up for your rights. One of your parents may have been too strict, eroding your confidence and ability to make your own way in the world. Consequently you fear expressing yourself, particularly in intimate relationships, and harbour feelings of being unattractive. While your personal relationships may prove difficult you've the ability to form good business partnerships. This is probably because business partners don't require intimacy or emotional vulnerability. It's also possible that you're attracted to someone much older. The good news is that once you

overcome your feelings of inadequacy you've the ability to form secure and long-lasting personal relationships based on firm foundations. You may favour a traditional marital relationship, complete with a ceremony and wedding vows.

Venus is Square Neptune

The planets Venus and Neptune are combining in a manner which indicates disappointment in your primary relationship. The problem is that you're idealistic and unrealistic when it comes to personal relationships, lacking the discriminatory powers needed to form a steady and lasting partnership. This applies to both your personal and business partnerships. Consequently you often feel disillusioned and sorry for yourself, blaming others for failing to live up to your expectations. It's possible that your partner is indeed deceiving you in some manner, but it's also possible that you're not being honest. Either way it's likely that you're seeing your primary relationship through rose-coloured glasses, and as a result conflict arises because of your lack of discernment. You're caught in a web of fantasies and romantic illusions, either of your own or your partner's making. Coming to terms with the reality of your relationship helps you obtain a better understanding of your primary relationship, and prevents you from becoming disillusioned. Taking off the rose-coloured glasses means that you can make a proper assessment of your primary relationship. As a result you'll experience fewer feelings of resentment and disappointment, and won't be in danger of overlooking some major flaws such as drug addiction or deceit. With the right partner you'll enjoy a sense of peace and fulfilment. You may also enjoy artistic or spiritual pursuits together. You're ardent and loving, responding quickly to your partner's need. In turn you benefit from acts of kindness, love and appreciation.

MOTIVATION

Mars

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

Mars is in the 9th House

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

Mars is in Capricorn

The planet Mars in the Sign of Capricorn indicates that you're motivated by ambition. "A job worth doing is a job worth doing well" could be a good motto for your approach to both your personal and professional life. You have a serious side to your nature which seems to hold you back when you're young, but stands you in good stead as you grow older. You're cautious, slow to take risks, preferring the tried and true path trodden by others before you. It's not that you want to rely on other people. Quite the contrary. You're self-reliant and independent. It's simply that you're a serious person, who prefers to take things slowly and make sure that your responsibilities are carried out properly. You're a quiet achiever, reliable and trustworthy. You may not be as good as others at sounding your own trumpet, but you quietly achieve all that you set out to achieve, even if you do take a little longer than others. For this reason you're easily noted for promotion and leadership roles later in life as those in authority come to value your skills. It's also possible that you prefer working independently of other people, in which case you'll benefit through your business or professional associations. This is fortunate because you're eager to get ahead in life. The planet Mars is considered to be in a favourable position in the Sign of Capricorn and therefore it's likely that you achieve your ambitions, although perhaps later in life.

Mars is Sextile Uranus

You're positive, self-confident and enterprising. This is because the planets Mars and Uranus are combining positively in your chart. You're enthusiastic and highly

self-motivated, if somewhat impulsive, enjoying adventure and new horizons. You do need to be wary of accidents caused through your own rash actions, particularly as you're courageous and likely to be attracted to risky sports and activities. Your dangerous driving on the road is also likely to cause a few hair-raising moments, both for you and other drivers. You're full of good ideas, and once you've determined on a course of action, then you've plenty of motivation to see it through to successful completion. You're independent and prefer to be given plenty of room to carry through your own ideas in your own way. Fortunately this combination usually indicates that you succeed in your wishes, as well as your projects. It's even possible that you'll rise to prominence during your lifetime because your "do or die" attitude to achieving your goals.

Mars is Square Pluto

An unfavourable combination of the planets Mars and Pluto has a powerful effect on your life, suggesting that you've intense emotions which are difficult to control. Violence may even be a theme in your life, either your own or someone else's aggressive actions. Those who know you well also recognise a volcanic temper when they see one. Whether you're the type to lose your cool often or rarely, you certainly make an impact when you do! On the other hand you're a great person to have around in a crisis because little daunts your indomitable spirit. You're capable of swift and effective actions, and commitment to seeing something through to the end. One of your key lessons is to come to an understanding of your own and other people's powerful emotions, and to express your own in a positive and creative manner. Fortunately your will-power is awesome once you've decided on your objective. You've the ability to work with persistence and determination, and to achieve a great sense of satisfaction when you have reached your goal.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 5th House

The planet Saturn placed in the 5th House of your birth chart suggests that you find it more difficult than most to experience joy in your social life. This possibly stems from your childhood. While all the other children seemed to be living a happy, carefree life, something was weighing on your spirit preventing you from fully enjoying your childhood. This could have been an event associated with your father, or the repressive nature of a parental figure, again probably father. It's also possible that a death of someone close to you, perhaps father, had a marked effect on your early life. As a result you're still inclined to hold back rather than fully let yourself go and have some fun. It's even possible that a sadness is still hanging over your life, preventing you from fully experiencing joy. You're more tuned in to the hardships of life, rather than the lighter moments, and need to take some time out to reflect on this part of your life. For this reason you might find it easy to enjoy your work, but difficult to experience the same pleasure after working hours. While your friends and workmates are out partying, you sit home and catch up on a few leftover tasks from the office. The saying "all work and no play makes for a dull person" could be something to watch out for in your life. It's possible that, with awareness, you can gradually make changes in your life to incorporate more fun. It's unlikely that changes happen spontaneously, but with a little careful planning you can learn to enjoy some rest and recreation without worrying about other people.

Saturn is in Leo

The planet Saturn in the Sign of Leo signifies that you take pride in your work, and have an ability to build personal authority. You've a strong will and are determined to succeed in your objectives, even if it means forgoing a few pleasures along the way. In fact you can be passionate about the projects in which you become involved. This positive attitude can benefit your ambitions, although at times you can display too much pride and arrogance and other people start to resent your attitude. This is particularly true if you're placed in a position of authority and let the power go to your head. Those working for you could resent your high-handed approach. The reason for these difficulties, astrologically speaking, is that the planet Saturn is considered to be in a detrimental position in the Sign of Leo. However, on the whole you're generous and can develop the ability to achieve your ambitions through thoughtfulness and by including the ideas and plans of other people. Your strong will-power and determination also help you overcome any obstacles strewn on your path.

Saturn is Trine Neptune

The favourable combination of the planets Saturn and Neptune indicate that you've the

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

Saturn is Sextile Pluto

The combination of the planets Saturn and Pluto in your chart suggests that you're an ambitious, insightful and powerful person. You're likely to make a powerful impact on your friends, family, colleagues and loved ones, both as a child and an adult. At times you might be surprised by the extent of other people's reactions to your presence and opinions. You may even surprise yourself by your own reactions to some circumstances. Authority is likely to be a continuing source of difficulty in your life, as you attempt to find the right balance between your own individual rights, and those of the community. Of course there are many instances when these two rights coincide, but you're more likely to find yourself involved in the clashes, perhaps as a mediator. It's possible that you could become involved in someone's power struggles, in which your role may or may not be central to the outcome. It's true that you've the ability to be a powerful leader, perhaps in the government or armed forces, or as an executive or politician. You can be a powerful leader, but first you must learn to use your unique insights for positive purposes. The 19th Century author John Stuart Mill said in his work *On Liberty* (1859) that: "Everyone who desires power, desires it most over those who are nearest to him, with whom his life is passed, with whom he has most concerns in common, and in whom any independence of his authority is oftenest likely to interfere with his individual preferences". Herein lies a key to your chart. You've the ability to succeed in your ambitions, but first you must learn how to deal with the balance of power in your life, respecting both your own and other people's rights to succeed.

Saturn is Square Uranus

When you're not rebelling against authority, or anyone who tries to curb your individual rights, then you're able to succeed in achieving your ambitions. However, the combination of the planets Saturn and Uranus indicate that you're likely to sabotage your own success through wilful behaviour. You need to overcome your wayward tendencies, and learn to compromise, otherwise your career suffers. On a positive note you're independent, resourceful and self-motivated, all of which enable you to eventually achieve success in whatever you turn your mind to. You may discover that you've natural abilities in the fields of science, mathematics, business organisation, industry and metaphysics. It's likely that you'll succeed in any career that utilises your gift for blending the old with the new.

The Midheaven

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

further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

The Midheaven is in Capricorn

With a Midheaven in the Sign of Capricorn and ruled by the planet Saturn, you'll choose a responsible and respectable career path, preferring to be seen as authoritative and reliable rather than innovative or extraordinary. You may experience some early career setbacks, but your hard work will pay off in the end and you'll receive the respect you desire. It's likely that you'll become an authority in your field. Your career choice depends on many other factors in your chart, but you could be attracted to politics, business, government positions and public service. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Australian historian Manning Clark, UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, and German Chancellor Willy Brandt.

The Moon is Conjunct The Midheaven

This is a prominent placement for the Moon indicating that you have a strong inclination to find your purpose in life and express it through your career or through parenthood. Your emotions are likely to affect your choice of career. Therefore you need to make sure that you strike out on your own journey rather than trying to please one or both of your parents. You also need to ensure that you like and respect anyone who holds authority in your chosen profession. Otherwise you may feel uncomfortable at work. You are likely to crave recognition for your achievements. This may come in the form of praise from your colleagues or bosses, or if you receive awards in your industry. You are sensitive about your role in public, and seek a sense of security from your chosen profession. The more that you feel that you are steering your life in the right direction the more happy you are likely to be in all areas. In the same way that you feel comforted when your career is stable, you may also comfort others through your chosen profession. Perhaps you enjoy looking after your workmates, listening to their troubles and bringing them little treats, or maybe your career is in a helping profession, or the hospitality industry. Your life choices may be strongly influenced from childhood through to adulthood by your mother, or another matriach in your family.

Mars is Conjunct The Midheaven

Self-confidence plays a vital role in how you handle your professional life. If you had a stable and loving home life, as depicted in other aspects of your birth chart, then you are likely to stride forth into the world with confidence. You set your goals, work steadily towards achieving them and then enjoy your success in any chosen profession. Of course sports, politics, and law may feature. On the other hand if you lack self-confidence then you may falter in your chosen career. You may start with the very best of intentions, setting your goals and moving forward. However, any obstacles or conflict may upset your course. As a result you could suffer from stress-related illnesses at the sign of any professional setback. You may also make rash decisions, which adversely affect your advancement in life. If this is the case then you need to seek professional advice either through personal counseling, vocational guidance or some other such course of action that helps you build your esteem, make wise choices and achieve the success that you so desire. The prominent placement of the planet Mars does indicate that success is within your reach if you can learn how to grasp and enjoy.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY

Uranus

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

Uranus is in the 7th House

The planet Uranus is in the 7th House of your birth chart suggesting that you've a need for unconventional relationships. Depending on other aspects in your birth chart, these relationships have a positive or negative effect on your life. On a positive note you attract an unusual primary partner, someone who is original or involved in an unusual occupation, perhaps even a genius in their field. Your marriage gives you just the right amount of freedom to pursue your independent activities. You also benefit from lively and unusual business partnerships, or a business partnership in an unusual project. On the other hand, you may experience misunderstandings and troubles through your marriage and business relationships, which can lead to separation and disputes, possibly even law suits. Perhaps your partner is cruel, or possibly you rushed into these partnerships with little thought of the consequences. If you've experienced troubles in your marriage and business partnerships, which have resulted in loss, then you would do well to avoid conventional partnerships in the future. You would also be wise to avoid legal conflicts, because you're unlikely to benefit.

Uranus is in Scorpio

The planet Uranus was in the Sign of Scorpio from 1975 - 1981. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the Sign of Scorpio indicates that you belong to a generation which experiences highly-charged emotions and transformation in their lives. This generation holds many innovative ideas about change, and will need to call on these in order to transform the way in which the world uses its resources. This is the generation which will tackle the problems inherited from the past. It's likely that this generation will experience a world-wide upheaval during their lifetime.

Neptune

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

Neptune is in the 8th House

The planet Neptune placed in the 8th House of your chart means that you become knowledgeable through your own experiences, rather than relying on other people's advice. You benefit most when following your own intuition. This intuition tells you that you're likely to benefit more from pursuing the spiritual, rather than the material side of life, and you would be wise to follow these feelings. You're likely to suffer financial loss through personal and business partnerships, as a result of external circumstances, fraudulent activities or carelessness on behalf of your partner. Depending on other influences in your chart, you're also unlikely to gain through inheritance. On the other hand you're gifted in psychic and metaphysical matters, and may be keen to pursue this side of life. You may experience strange dreams, or dream-like states, which urge you to explore the deeper meaning of life.

Neptune is in Sagittarius

The planet Neptune was in the Sign of Sagittarius from 1970 - 1984. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the Sign of Sagittarius indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the gift of spiritual vision. You'll be able to help humanity focus on spiritual goals and become more expansive and inclusive of differing races and beliefs.

Neptune is Sextile Pluto

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

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

Pluto

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

Pluto is in the 6th House

The planet Pluto is in the 6th House of your birth chart indicating that your health can be a major challenge in your life. During the course of your life you may experience dramatic changes in your health, or it could be that a single bout of ill-health has had a powerful effect on the rest of your life. Perhaps you suffer from a chronic illness that resurfaces dramatically at times. It's possible that your health problems affect your ability to live a regular routine. Fortunately it's likely that you prefer to change your routine, rather than adhere to a strict schedule. One of your challenges is to do as much as you can to take control of your own health care and hygiene. It's possible that you could play an important role in regaining your health through physical fitness, diet, relaxation, and hygiene, or by following the advice of conventional or alternative medical advisors.

Pluto is in Libra

The planet Pluto was in the Sign of Libra from 1972 - 1984. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the Sign of Libra suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global justice and transforming human relations. Your generation possesses the ability to see the necessity for change in personal and global relations.

PURPOSE AND JOY

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

The North Node

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

The North Node is in the 7th House

Your North Node is in the 7th House and your South Node is in the 1st House of your birth chart indicating that you are destined to learn as much as you possibly can about relationships. This could be a challenging path, or it could be easy. Either way you benefit greatly through your relationship experiences, both personal and distant associations. You may also experience a sense that many unions formed in your life are pre-ordained. You fare best when you learn to let go of ego-centred actions and become more focused on service to other people. You also benefit from choosing your marriage partner wisely, taking your time to consider the union.

The North Node is in Libra

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Libra and the South Node in the Sign of Aries denoting that you're destined to learn co-operation. You may have had a tendency to want your own way and to force your opinions onto others. From an early age your experiences will challenge this tendency. Perhaps you're born into a large family, where you learn the joy of giving and taking, or perhaps your schooling teaches you these values. Whatever the means, life events will teach you how to develop selflessness, the ability to share and a sensitivity to the needs of other people. It's also possible that your destiny is linked with pursuing creative projects with other people.

The Ascendant

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're

joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The Ascendant is in Aries

The Sign of Aries is considered "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Aries is also a Cardinal Sign denoting enterprise, enthusiasm, self-assertion and initiative.

You're frank, pioneering, headstrong and self-reliant. You revel in anything that enables you to take the initiative, avoiding following other people's lead in preference for striking out into new territory. You like to be first. You value challenges, particularly those that test you physically and mentally. It's likely that your purpose is linked to taking the initiative, starting something new that benefits other people. Your intellect is keen, and you're full of ideas. Your challenge is to see your ideas through to completion in any project, either by yourself or by ensuring that others can carry out your ideas. You also need to restrain your impulsive nature at times, to make sure that you're not risking your own and other people's safety.

In Esoteric astrology the Sign of Aries is linked to the divine mind of God, or in other words the ability to tune into and initiate inspirational ideas. You need to make sure that you're receptive to the will of God, rather than following your own wilful ideas. Your purpose is connected to helping manifest the plans and ideas of the divine influences on the earth.

CONCLUSION

This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool. If you would like further information please contact Julija Simas of C*I*A julija@cosmicintelligenceagency.com at www.cosmicintelligenceagency.com or the Author Stephanie Johnson of Seeing with Stars seeingwithstars@gmail.com or www.seeingwithstars.net

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