

# **Just for Women**

## **An Astrological Portrait Prepared for Princess Diana**

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

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

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

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

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

With a powerful emphasis on both earth and water elements in your chart, you may be very focused on achieving stability in the material world. Your needs for security are quite strong, and you may be especially capable of carrying on traditions. These elements here on the physical plane work together to form mud, and your life can become a quagmire of family, children, money, and responsibilities - leaving you feeling stuck. You may be seen as the woman who will always be there for everybody, but may wonder if you will ever receive the same level of support from them. If you find yourself feeling stuck in behaviors which are greedy or manipulative, take a look at the areas in which you feel threatened or unsupported. Maybe you need to get out of your rut and try something different - but first you have to remind yourself that change is safe. The elemental balance in your astrological chart shows fire as a weak factor, which may inhibit your ability to take action some of the time. Challenges, or even the thought of them, can exhaust you, but avoiding challenges may also take some of the spirit out of your life! If you're feeling uninspired or lacking in motivation at times, and want to change it, expose yourself to situations which stimulate your sense of hope and optimism. Use fiery colors, candlelight, or even the glow of a fireplace on a winter evening to help re-focus your energy. Take time to exercise, since increasing your physical activity can also stimulate your mind and spirit. You may feel overwhelmed by others who are constantly on the go, even though your attraction to them can be immense.

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

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 Cancer you can radiate a kind of comfort and care which comes from the core of your being. You thrive most when you're taking part in nourishing - whether you're tending your garden, teaching others, safeguarding children or fostering growth in a company. You may express strong sentimentality due to your attachment to the past, and can be especially tenacious with situations, people and your goals. Emotional sensitivity is simply a part of your essence, although your protective shell can fool people.

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 of 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 Taurus in your chart. You love to wear beautiful, comfortable clothing, and may prefer natural fibers and earth tones. Your earthy sensuality is strongly projected through your personality.

With your Moon in trine aspect to your Ascendant you can have good feelings about yourself and your needs. This translates into a projection of confidence, and others may trust you more readily. Your awareness of your own needs makes it easier to create a sense of safety and security in the world, and your guidance and support of others can help them accomplish similar goals. You may also find it easier

to embrace your womanliness - the power of being a woman looks great on you!

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

The energy of Uranus in sextile aspect to your Ascendant adds a flair of independence and autonomy to your personality. You can feel quite comfortable letting your uniqueness shine through in your mannerisms, dress and attitudes. You have a knack for doing things which can amaze and intrigue others. It's almost as though your sense of rhythm with the natural flow is finely tuned. Although you may not always be easy to accept, particularly by those who want everything to be predictable and "traditional", you can take an alternative path and may be able to make it work quite nicely.

Pluto's energy in semi-square aspect to your Ascendant adds a quality of mystery and intrigue to your personality. You may wonder sometimes why trust is an issue in relationships. It could be easily tied to the fact that you are struggling with the idea of giving up your power. When you realize that you do not have to relinquish your personal power in order to be close in a relationship, it might be easier for you to let down your shields a bit. But until then, you're likely to project a barrier between yourself and the world. You may carry old shame or resentments from past trauma as part of this barrier. These feelings can also keep you from experiencing a true acceptance of yourself. You have the capacity to become whole, and to feel the transformational healing power which arises from annihilating the pain of the past and being reborn. You deserve more than mere survival, and you need to convince yourself that you can experience a full and rewarding life. Part of this may come from working with others in some healing capacity. But some of it arises from simply allowing yourself to enjoy the rewards of being alive.

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 Aquarius Moon stimulates your need to know as much as possible. Because of this, others may see you as an intellectual sort, whether you think of yourself in this manner or not. At the core of your being, you know that you are pure consciousness, and it is that feeling which drives you and keeps you alive. You can feel that part of you which is connected to the whole of humanity, but you may not like what you see when you look at people, since humans are not always

humanitarian. Because of this connection, you may sense that your life is not entirely your own, that somehow, you're here to make a difference. And so you are.

## **Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self**

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

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

Through the energy of your Aquarius Moon, you have your own unique style of expressing your femininity. You can be outspoken, and may express attitudes which go against the grain of conservative thinking. You've never liked the thought of being saddled with traditional roles, and even if you have children, you're not likely to take on the job of mother in a conventional manner. As a revolutionary type of woman, you might prefer to be considered for who you are as a person. Your feminine self is not necessarily crippled by this attitude, but you may have a little trouble expressing your tender emotions or giving in to your feelings, even when they are overwhelming. What you dislike most about emotionality is the fact that emotions do not make sense. Well, it's the truth, but not everything in life is logical, Ms. Spock. You feel the way you feel, and expressing those feelings does not diminish you or your power. In fact, it is through that very expression that you may become fully authenticated! Your unpredictability is rivaled only by your need for personal space, and you may be uncomfortable in relationships which have a lot of requirements. Unconditional love and acceptance are your watchwords, but you may not always find this, even from yourself, once you cross the threshold of intimacy. If you feel

you've gotten in over your head, your attempt to stabilize yourself may be a bit radical, and your lover or partner may experience your withdrawal as aloofness or coldness. Unless you want to underscore this impression, you must clarify that you simply need a little time and space to get clear about your feelings. Then, be honest with yourself about what precipitated your bolting through the door. That fear of losing your independence and autonomy may have grabbed you by the throat. But you may also simply need a change. Trust your intuitive sensibilities to guide you. Be honest about the way you feel and give up on the idea that you will always understand your emotions. They simply are. And they are an important part of you.

The energy of your Moon in square aspect to Venus stimulates a feeling of discontent. You feel internal conflict when you want what you cannot have, and can be caught in the throes of emotional turmoil when you are faced with letting go of one situation in order to move into something different. That old adage, "you can't have your cake and eat it too," applies to the type of dilemma you frequently face, especially in the realm of relationships. When faced with compromise, you feel depleted. Yet you may also fail to allow yourself to really go for the things you want, since the fear of losing something that valuable can be overwhelming. You are highly susceptible to emotional blackmail, and may be reluctant to admit it when you feel strongly for someone because you don't want to be vulnerable. All these attempts to keep yourself protected act like a barrier against your happiness. And until you address your fears of intimacy, you may never have a fully functional relationship. You could gain exceptional benefit from studying human psychology and learning about human behavior. Working in a therapeutic group situation could also provide methods for you to understand the manner in which you relate to others and they relate to you. Then, you can ultimately risk developing a gradual intimacy. A female friendship provides a safe starting place, since part of your frustration arises from a lack of trust of yourself as a woman. Sharing your feelings and thoughts with a friend, and taking responsibility for becoming a good friend yourself, will help you overcome the barriers which may have been in place since you were a young girl. Jumping into an intimate relationship before you've learned to trust yourself and your feelings can leave you vulnerable, and may even expose your mate to your unresolved issues.

Your Moon is in opposition to Mars, stimulating a need for excitement. You may also feel that you are a magnet for conflict and crisis, and your life may seem to be somewhat crisis ridden. Others may think of you as a temperamental woman, and you can certainly be rather expressive when you want to be. Your anger can reach the point of overwhelming you, and you may find that when you do express excessive anger, you become emotionally exhausted. Yet you cannot resist getting things stirred up a bit, especially if you are ready for things to change. It's finding the balance point that's difficult, since going too far one way really causes problems. Relationships with men can be quite interesting, since you are capable of being just as assertive and may not be willing to wait for him to act (or react!). The old model

of the man in pursuit would be okay with you if the man would act when you wanted him to act, but you have little patience, especially if you want something right now! But you do like the idea of knowing that you are also desirable, and that is the rock versus the hard place. You may also find it difficult to avoid getting others emotionally stimulated, especially if you know that there's a fight in there somewhere - so watch the way you handle being emotionally manipulative. This is true in your intimate relationships, with your children, and with your friends. Passive-aggressive maneuvers will get you into trouble, and it's a good idea to at least strive for honesty, especially if you want to walk away on good terms.

Your Moon is in opposition aspect to Uranus, adding a high level of unpredictability to your emotional nature and a need for personal independence. You need excitement, change and distraction, but at levels you can tolerate without totally disrupting your life. You may also be more comfortable when you're independent, instead of being tied to a set schedule, a certain role or a particular list of demands. As an independent woman, you are more likely to tolerate commitments. If you're expected or demanded to do certain things, you may just rebel for the sake of rebellion. After all, you're an individual! There may be other planetary aspects in your chart which add a level of focus and stability to your life, but this influence alone can disrupt even the best laid plans! At the level of your soul you cry out to be seen and accepted for who you are, unconditionally. That acceptance must first come from within yourself. This influence also indicates the possibility of higher than normal fluctuations in hormonal levels, which can also stimulate more profound emotional changeability. Those who are close to you probably recognize a cyclical level to your alterations in mood, and you can probably tie them to a cycle yourself if you pay attention. You may or may not decide to choose motherhood as an option, and may be more comfortable in non-traditional relationships. To maintain a relationship you need plenty of room to be yourself. And to be the kind of mother you want to be, you need to develop a supportive relationship with your children which has some levels of consistency. You may relate to teen-agers more easily than to small children.

Your Moon is in the Full Moon Phase of the Lunation Cycle, signifying that you are in pursuit of illumined consciousness. This phase stimulates a quality of idealism, and you may feel most alive when you are somehow connected to the world around you in some way. Your objectivity may be one of your strongest qualities. The archetypal quality associated with this phase of the moon is that of "The Lover," the part of you which knows and shows the power of attraction, sensuality and desire. Through these qualities, you can create a level of eroticism and high romance. This sense of relatedness can stimulate a powerful desire to find your soul mate, and you may be more driven than many women to make that connection. But it goes beyond a singular relationship, since you are also capable of becoming intimately connected to the world in some manner. Communal experiences are quite empowering for you. Whether you're participating in rituals in church, sharing a group consciousness

experience at a retreat, or caught in the thrill of cheering for your favorite team - you can ride the wave of energy, and add your own vitality and strength to carry it further. The process of evolution and growth are extremely important, and despite your biological age, you will be most satisfied when your days and nights create a rhythm of continuity, completion, objectivity and connection.

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

Through the energy of Venus in Taurus you express an earthy type of sensuality and a deep appreciation for natural beauty. You seek out experiences which speak to the beautiful side of life: music, the arts, and creative expression are all important to you. You also have a special affinity for the earth and her life forms, and may enjoy a lifestyle which makes you feel in harmony with the earth. Colors of the earth enhance your own beauty, especially greens and rich earth tones. Touch is an important factor in developing a strong bond, and you may have difficulty feeling close to someone unless they are nearby. Surrounded by the things and people you love most, your own beauty radiates a glow that is difficult to ignore. Once you've found your own particular style in your manner of attire, hair style or other forms of self-expression, you're likely to stay with it. You do allow room for improvement, however, but are more open if it's your idea! When you're loving, you love completely and deeply, and have little tolerance for anyone who only provides lip service. You may expect that your lover will be as committed as you are, and can be sorely hurt if your trust is betrayed. You know what you like, and may not be open to trying something different. And you prefer to savor life, love and the things you enjoy. You can be a patient and understanding lover, although you can be quite possessive.

Venus and Mars in square aspect indicate an inner conflict between your desires and ability to attain or satisfy them. Part of the problem may be impatience with yourself and with others: you want it now. You may also feel some level of resentment or frustration with your inability to gain the full measure of what you feel you deserve, and this, in itself, can impede your progress! The core of this conflict can center upon a battle between your feminine and masculine inner self. It can manifest in ways such as sexual discrimination or sexual harassment, and if you stand up to these types of injustice and abuse you'll find that you feel much more powerful and at peace with yourself. But you must be attentive to the ways you give away your power, because this is the key to understanding how to resolve this conflict.

When you're committed to something, you put your heart into it. The influence of Venus in trine aspect to Saturn indicates that you take a straightforward approach to expressing your feelings. You're willing to give yourself time to determine what you want and how you feel, and this enhances your emotional maturity. Sometimes, you may take yourself a little too seriously, but you rarely go overboard. Although you prefer to be around others who are personally responsible, you may discover that you are the one who understands the bottom line and ultimately carries through. Men may be attracted to your impeccable manner, but may appreciate you most for your helpful support. As a mother, you provide a wonderful, steady support for your children, and understand their needs for continuity and responsible tolerance. These energies are a plus in all your relationships, because you have an honest grasp on the importance of longevity and the passage of time in developing an abiding and trusting love.

With the energy of Venus in a square aspect to Uranus, you have a rebellious spirit which shows in the way you present yourself as a woman. You may choose unusual forms of dress, different hairstyles or colors, or other forms of adornment which fly in the face of convention. Sometimes you do it for effect. Other times, you're just feeling experimental. Your approach to relationships may have much the same effect, and you're not likely to settle for playing the roles traditionally delegated to women. If your actions or attitudes alienate others, then this energy become counterproductive. What you really need is to be accepted for your uniqueness.

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.

Even when you're expressing your assertiveness and will, your emotional sensitivity acts as a filter. You innately know that expressing your masculine side has nothing to do with acting like a man, but that, instead, you can assert yourself and enjoy the edge that being a woman confers. Your projection of the masculine has a feminine quality - Cancer is a feminine water sign! Before you can readily assert yourself, you must "get a feeling" for the person or situation; it's almost as though you turn inward before you turn outward. It may be difficult for you to stand up to boisterous, power-hungry individuals, and your shields are likely to go up when you're confronted with circumstances that seem to assault your vulnerability. However, once you're more at home with a situation, your sensitivity will help you navigate through it more gracefully than some of those rowdy types of individuals. You appreciate sensitive men, although you may attract men who need to be mothered. As you've discovered, there are many ways to nurture, and these will be explored later on in your report. However, you may also think you need a man to protect you. When you step back and look at it, who is protecting whom? Your drive to accomplish recognition may be stimulated by your need to create the security you need for yourself and your family, and once you have children, they may take first priority.

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.

You may be inconsistent in owning your personal masculinity with your Sun in semisquare aspect to Uranus. When you're confident in your abilities and expressing your individuality, you can relate to men on an equal level (your preference) and remain in the moment quite easily. But when you're feeling overly rebellious or take actions which undermine your personal stability, you may discover that you're attracting situations which leave you feeling rather out of place and men who are simply flakes. Finding ways to express your uniqueness without turning over the apple cart requires finesse, and through listening to your intuitive self more readily, you'll become much more adept at staging revolutions where everybody benefits.

Through the influence of your Sun in trine aspect to Neptune you may express the masculine qualities of your ego self by directing your energy toward helping others. You may not need the recognition or the spotlight, although you can be quite gracious in its glow. Your need to integrate the spiritual and creative aspects of your

self-expression flows much more easily when you are in harmony with the rhythm of life. Your way of developing your identity may be connected to creating peace and making a difference in the quality of life.

At least some of the role models you've followed have known how to use their power positively, and your admiration for this quality arises from your own desire to establish yourself as an influential and healing woman. Your willpower is supported by your ability to embrace and utilize change through the sextile aspect between your Sun and Pluto. You realize the importance of owning your strengths, and may be instrumental in helping others do the same. Psychologically, you are more likely to feel good about embracing your needs to be assertive and strong - your masculine side - but you know that this does not mean that you have to take control of someone's life. And you're not willing to allow that to happen to you, either!

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!

Harnessing your assertive self is rarely your first priority. With Mars in Virgo, you're usually focused on getting the job done in the best manner possible. Although your work may be meticulous and the things you produce awe-inspiring, you may have difficulty standing up for yourself and making sure you get the attention you deserve. It may be much easier for you to allow someone who seems more powerful to fight the battles while you plan the strategy.

You may never take "no" for an answer, especially if you're set on pursuing something or someone you really want. The influence of Mars conjunct Pluto in your chart adds an amazing level of intensity to your assertiveness. In fact you can even become obsessive if you've lost your objectivity. Releasing anger and hostility instead of repressing it will afford you a much greater level of personal freedom.

## **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. You are a receptive thinker with Mercury in Cancer and can use your convictions and personal feelings about someone or something to your advantage when you need to express your ideas. You may have a photographic memory, with outstanding abilities to recall anything you've seen or learned. If you really want to remember something, see it in your mind. Your ability to recall the details can be quite amazing. Although you can be a little sentimental, and may love romantic stories and songs, you can be objective when necessary. You may be a first class storyteller, with an excellent ability to use different inflections in your voice.

Your ability to grasp information quickly may be heightened with Mercury sextile Mars. One thing is sure: you like to get to the point! You may have little patience with slow decision-making processes. Your quick wit may be one of your trademarks.

You have big ideas and may overestimate your abilities or underestimate the requirements of a job or situation with Mercury in quincunx aspect to Jupiter. Jumping into an experience with inadequate preparation can also be a problem with this aspect, since your eagerness can outweigh your abilities some of the time. But this rarely dampens your enthusiasm, which is one of the qualities that keeps you interested in life and gives you the energy to stand up and start again.

Your imagination and creativity enhance your intellectual development with Mercury in trine aspect to Neptune. You may be a gifted writer, artist, actress or photographer-- and whether or not you develop these talents, you have an excellent eye for that which is beautiful and enthralling. You perform at your peak in an environment which is serene and inspires your visionary manner of thinking.

Probing into the depths is fascinating to you. With Mercury sextile Pluto, you're rarely satisfied with what you see on the surface. Consequently you are inclined to research, investigate and question. Complex ideas appeal to you, and you may enjoy subjects which challenge your mind.

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 fascinated by unusual ideas and unique individuals, and may enjoy learning about anything that takes you into the realm of the future. The influence of your Aquarius Moon in your intellectual growth and development is quite remarkable.

You look for possibilities, and prefer learning situations which allow room for experimentation. You may learn best in an environment which is open and will allow you to grow at your own pace, and perform at your peak when you have the freedom to express your ideas and talents.

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! You may embrace a philosophy which embraces the diversity of humankind with Jupiter in Aquarius. Developing your mind is an important priority in your life, and you can be quite intellectually adept. Your original ideas are part of your charm, and others may be impressed by your ability to integrate new concepts into existing structures. Your interest in other cultures and ability to relate to people from many walks of life may lead to your study of human relations, sociology or business management.

Although you may have great admiration and respect for yourself and others who achieve their goals, you may have a tendency to underestimate your own abilities with Jupiter conjunct Saturn. This influence provides a need to accomplish focus and outreach at the same time, quite a task, but there are situations which will allow you to do just this. Educational pursuits fall within this framework, particularly the pursuit of professional accreditation or accomplishment in your chosen field. However, this aspect can also represent a tendency to avoid challenges and take the easy way out.

You may not trust belief systems, especially if you feel that your life has been negatively manipulated by someone posing as an ultimate authority. Finding your own path can require a series of shifts in consciousness, but as long as you know you are on the path of personal discovery, you'll welcome the transformation.

The purpose of Saturn is to provide clarity, structure, form and discipline - elements which are certainly important to learning. Saturn functions primarily as your inner teacher. Mothers are the most influential Saturnian models in western society. They provide the structure, guidance and support for their children in the realms of learning, socialization or personal growth. Once you enter society as a child, teachers play the Saturnian role. But the role of mothers and teachers in relationship to Saturn is to help you define the structure upon which you will build your life. Then, you "own" your Saturn, and know how to discipline and focus your own energy.

You're likely to do whatever is necessary to help you accomplish your aims with Saturn in Capricorn. If that includes extensive education, then you're on track, but

you may also discover that the things you need most to learn are in the school of life. You can be highly disciplined, and may have a desire to achieve mastery in your chosen field. You also appreciate the practical side of life and might enjoy learning skills which help you maintain control over your life - like knowing how to change your own tires or repair a leak in the kitchen sink.

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

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.

Your affinity for philosophy, religious study, teaching and higher learning is no accident. With your Sun in the 9th House, you may feel powerfully drawn to study higher truth, and to invest much of your life in pursuit of excellence. You are an

eternal student and can be a profound teacher. In many ways you may feel that your life is a journey, and whether you travel on the face of the planet, into space or simply on the inner realm, you are always seeking to understand the greater meanings of life. A sense of higher moral law pervades your identity, and you may strive in all your endeavors to follow the path of true righteousness.

Your continual need to learn is enhanced with Mercury's placement in your 9th House. Instead of just learning facts, you can be drawn to gain a deeper understanding, and it can be quite natural for you to pursue higher education or lifelong studies. Your ability to expand your consciousness is enhanced through this influence, and you may be quite visionary and strongly intuitive. Travel, writing, teaching or publishing may be of interest and can add a sense of adventure to your experience of life.

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.

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

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.

The energy of your Moon in the 4th House does stimulate a strong need for home and family ties. You also can feel a powerful connection to your soul, and need a life which allows you to nourish and support the growth of your soul in whatever you're doing. Getting caught in feelings of selfishness or opting to do things which serve only your self-interest will limit your ability to achieve a deep sense of wholeness. Because of this you may reach to your family, especially to your mother, to both give and receive support. To truly find yourself, however, you may need to break away from your emotional attachment to your family to some extent and forge, instead, a true intuitive and spiritual bond with them. From this perspective you can respond

more appropriately to their needs from a position which allows you to feel comfortable with yourself.

You need a lot of space and room to move with Jupiter in your 4th House. This includes interior space - room in your psyche - an open mind! You may wonder how you attract good fortune, since frequently you seem to benefit from the generosity of others. But your soul is a generous one, and you may simply be attracting what you project to others. Your desire to learn, to explore the world and expand your consciousness is powerful. Whether or not you travel physically, you have the capability of journeying with your soul into the realms of truth and wisdom.

Saturn's influence in your 4th House may prompt you to operate from a basis of fear and insecurity. This may be an old memory, hidden in your soul from lifetimes past, but it may also be the result of the things you've learned from your parents or family. If you feel that you will never have enough, stop to honestly evaluate your life. What are you seeking? What are your true soul-level needs? Your intuitive powers can be hampered through this placement since you may mistrust yourself or your abilities to attract and create the life you need to experience. By releasing your extreme hold on the past and focusing on the present moment, you may gain a different perspective. You have the ability to build on a solid foundation, and the part of that foundation which is related to your soul growth includes your need to take responsibility for yourself.

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?

Venus in your 8th House suggests that your experience of love is strongly tied to your ability to heal and transform your life. Your emotional attachments can get in the way of your spiritual evolution if you place too much emphasis on them. These feelings can get in the way of your ability to be open to clear intuitive messages. However, you may also find that you are most sensitive to the needs of those you love, and may even feel what they feel. It is through experiencing the depths of love that you will know the greatest transformational changes in your life.

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

The influence of Virgo on the cusp of your 12th House shows a need for purity of thoughts. This includes a clear and compassionate acceptance of yourself and others, and may involve developing tolerance for the imperfections which exist in everyone. You may relish the times you spend in quiet contemplation and may become quite adept at using meditation techniques which help you clear your mind. Removing mental clutter is important, since Mercury rules this house, and you may fritter away too much energy on unnecessary thoughts or ideas. Your physical health can be closely tied to your emotional and spiritual harmony. If you are prompted to serve the needs of humanity, you may spend much of your time in service to others. This can be accomplished in many capacities, but the best choices will arise from your deep sense of awareness which is guided by your intuitive self.

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!

With your Moon in Aquarius your intuitive self is always prompting you to open the doors to your originality. You may spend a lot of time on the mental planes, skimming around the world of ideas, thoughts and possibilities. But you can become caught in the world of your own thoughts and may lose track of the needs of those around you. Sometimes your ideas can be quite unique and progressive, and you may feel that you're ahead of your time. You may never be quite satisfied with yourself until you've learned ways to incorporate both your intuitive and creative processes with your logical and rational processes.

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 task with your North Node in Leo is to develop your leadership and influence in ways which fill your heart with self-respect. Power for its own sake is not your goal. Rather, you are exploring the path of the power which arises from the heart of divine love and inspires your creativity and self-expression. Placing yourself in situations which allow you to radiate power and warmth into the lives of others will always benefit your spiritual and emotional growth. With the South Node in Aquarius your tendencies toward self-centered independence need to be abandoned in favor of using your sense of humanity as a springboard to experiencing true love and happiness. If you fall into the trap of prejudice or distaste, you will only inhibit the true power which sustains your spirit.

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 intuitive self needs free reign to operate in your professional expression with Uranus in your 10th House. If you feel penned in or restrained by your work, you may become agitated or frustrated and perform below your peak capacities. When you can use your intuitive sensibilities in your profession, then your own genius shines through. You may be especially interested in astrology.

Neptune's energy takes you into the world of the etheric - the place beyond the physical which is filled with mystical wonder. You surrender to this part of yourself when you meditate, when you give in to your creative muse, and when you give of yourself to others. In developing your intuitive and psychic sensibilities, Neptune provides a primary ingredient: letting go. Through this energy you surrender yourself

to the greater truth. But be careful: you can also surrender your will to the power of deception and abuse through another of Neptune's doorways!

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

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

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.

You may think that you don't really need much nurturing with an Aquarius Moon. The truth of the matter is that your soul is hungry for the feeling of freedom which occurs when you rise above the ordinary into the realm of the seemingly impossible. You can experience this transcendent freedom in many ways, but may feel it best when you're actually doing something that allows you to physically move beyond the bounds of earth. Flying, hot air balloon rides, hang gliding, even wind surfing may provide this boost to your soul. But you may also love skiing, skating, bicycling or running - when you feel the wind in your face and reach that point of lifting out of your body - your soul is free. Your approach to nurturing others is to help them find their own inner freedom, and you may encourage your children to feel good about their differences and to accept the true diversity of humanity. Your friends also provide an uplifting energy in your life, and spending time with them nourishes your soul. Sometimes a book is your best friend, and when you need to be alone with your thoughts, reading and contemplating can refuel your soul. Meditation and activities like hatha yoga, tai chi, chi gong or aikido may also help you maintain your mind/body/spirit connection.

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

You may be most comfortable with a predictable pattern and schedule and are definitely at ease when you're in charge of a situation. With Saturn in Capricorn you're a capable teacher and may achieve the greatest success in situations which allow you to create a structure or plan for others to follow. You may be right at home

in traditional roles of wife and mother, but you can also do quite well following a career path. You need to achieve, and may be driven by a desire to gain respect. A common sense approach to dealing with life's challenges is your mainstay, and if you're balancing many roles, you can carry through successfully by keeping your priorities clearly in order.

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

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.

Family and home are exceptionally important needs for you with your Moon in the 4th House. Regardless of your other priorities and responsibilities, you may always operate with an underlying consideration for the needs of your family. The influences of your parents were probably very powerful when you were a young girl, and you may still feel quite close to them or be deeply influenced by their responses to the way you meet your own needs. This placement can also stimulate a desire to create your own family, and whether you have children or not, your nurturant qualities may be quite apparent to anyone who is close to you. You need a home space which provides a true feeling of comfort and support, and may not feel at home unless you have your special things around you. Those things usually considered domestic, like cooking, may be rather enjoyable for you, and can provide a sense of stability and fulfillment. But most importantly, you need a nesting place.

Home can be an uplifting and inspiring place for you with Jupiter's energy in your 4th House. You need room to move and space for expansion and may enjoy living in an area which offers a wide range of options such as cultural activity, education and recreation. You may have a large extended family, although you may not always see them all. Establishing your own family can be rewarding and enjoyable, and being part of and passing on family heritage may be one of your greatest rewards. Your parents may have encouraged you to extend your education or travel, and your influence upon your own children, if you have them, may motivate them to fill their

minds with knowledge.

Your home needs to be a place of foundation and safety, but you may feel that you have to create it yourself with the energy of Saturn in your 4th House. Living a simple life may make more sense than striving for excess, and learning to live in cooperation with nature and the environment can be both rewarding and stabilizing. You may have issues with your parents or family, although getting beyond those issues can be much more difficult than it seems. Hanging onto the past seems to provide a stability which arises from familiarity, but can inhibit your growth. If you are to truly break free, you may have to relinquish your old attachments and strike out on your own. Creating your own sense of home and family allows you to recreate the fulfillment of your needs which may have been ignored or stifled when you were a little girl. Be careful that you are conscious about the way you parent your own children and nourish your own family. There's a temptation to repeat the patterns buried in your subconscious mind instead of defining a new paradigm.

## **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.

With your Moon in Aquarius, you may feel that self-actualization through your career is highly important. Your first requirement will be work which gives you room to move and to do things in your own way. Following a rigid pattern will not feel harmonious, although you can sometimes get stuck in a rut.

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

You may feel that your work needs to mean something with Pisces ruling your 6th House. Your efforts in your job may sometimes be a little overboard, since you have a tendency to put the demands and needs of others first. This may stem from your need for a peaceful working environment. You may use your creative and imaginative sensibilities on the job and can enjoy work which brings beauty, serenity and magic into the world around you. Neptune's energy plays an important role in your approach to your job, and may stimulate an urge to become involved in charitable efforts or to work in fields which involve rescue and help.

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.

Regardless of your priorities, you will feel successful only when you've created a real sense of security with your Sun in Cancer. Defining this security is a very personal thing, and you must be happy with your own definition. Your work, your roles within your family, and your creativity all depend upon your sensitivity in this regard, since when you're insecure, you hang on tenaciously to everybody and everything. But when you're feeling stabilized, you don't even over-water the plants!

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

You have Uranus in Leo and are integrating the importance of individual

accomplishment and achievement into your life. Along with other women, born from 1955 to 1962, you've broken down many barriers women have faced in their struggle of recognition as accomplished and capable individuals. Your revolution has been staged within the context of career and relationships, and continues in its effect upon society. The insights you share with other women with Uranus in Leo include the importance of establishing places for leaders who possess the courage to create change. To understand where you are creating this revolution in your own life, look to the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

The influence of Uranus in your 10th House can have a monumental impact upon your career development and work. You need to follow a path which allows you to shine as an individual. You may also need to integrate your energy into a direction which somehow influences the evolution of the collective. Even if you choose a "traditional" career of some sort, you're very likely to accomplish its tasks in an untraditional manner! You're an innovator, and can attract a lot of attention for your efforts. For this reason, you may be either famous or notorious, and sometimes it's not so much a matter of choice as it is circumstance!

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 Pisces, pulling you toward a need for a life purpose which revolves around developing your spirituality and strengthening your capacity for compassion. Whatever you're doing, your sensibilities about what's happening on an inner level enhances your attunement to the person or situation. If you're working in the capacity of healer, you may be most noted for your caring and gentleness. You can extend your compassionate outreach in any field, however. Those areas which require you to utilize your imagination and talents will be the most rewarding.

With Chiron in your 5th House you're finding ways to use your creativity and self-confidence to help you achieve your life purpose. Right use of your talents and abilities is crucial to your growth, and plays a powerful role in the realization of your true self.

## **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!

For you, love is meant to last forever. Venus in Taurus is about sustaining love, growing it, prospering on every level because the sweet presence of love adds the beauty, comfort and strength you need to carry on. In many respects love forms the foundation of your life, and acts as the glue which holds you together. This love does not really have to come from the outside or from a man, and your own creative expression and outreach to those in your care help you build a powerful bond. Somehow, though, life seems so much more complete when you're safe in the arms of the man you love. It's like a dividend. The love you hold within your heart is solid and sustaining. Once you've opened your heart to another, it's unlikely that your feelings will change unless something drastic happens. Then, if you are hurt by the experience of loving, you can be an unrelenting thorn in the side of the one who has hurt you. Letting go is definitely not your strong suit! It's important to remember that your inner beauty and love for yourself can only grow when you are giving of yourself, and that if you've locked your feelings away, your life can become stagnant. So, finding ways to let go and move on may be worth the effort after all. Place your faith in love itself, and let that energy guide and protect you.

You may wonder why you always seem to have to give more than you receive in love relationships with your Moon in square aspect to Venus. This frustration probably has its roots in your soul's history, and until you can allow love to just flow openly from your heart you may always feel that the books are not balanced. Disappointments in love may have wounded you in the past, so you may have a little sensitivity as a result. Your initial reaction when you feel your heart opening may be to guard yourself, since you don't want to repeat the pain of disappointment. The only way to change this is to learn how to fill your own heart with joy and love through the pure experience of love itself. Love without expectation. Love just to love. And begin by loving yourself and knowing that you deserve the kind of love which brings mutual tenderness, respect and comfort.

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

Conflicts in relationships may be more the norm for you than peace and harmony with Venus and Mars in square aspect to one another. You enjoy a relationship which is filled with passion and excitement, but it may take a while before you learn to discriminate between painful and positive forms of conflict. Beneath the surface you may feel a bit competitive with the men in your life. If you can find some manner of open competition with your lover or husband, whether through sports or games, it will help to diffuse some of the potential disagreements you may encounter in your relationships. Dealing with your own feelings of anger is also crucial, or you may find that you continually attract angry or violent men into your life. Once you learn that you do not really need to suffer in order to prove your worthiness for love, the entire nature of your relationships will change.

You can be quite reliable in your love relationships with Venus in trine aspect to Saturn. You believe in a love which endures and will grow best in relationships which provide an opportunity for mutual trust and support. Patience with your own mere humanity adds a sense of practical humility, and reflects in your attitudes of helpful acceptance toward others. You're willing to put effort into your relationships instead of just expecting that they arrive ready-made. Opening your heart is easy when you trust yourself, and developing that sense of self-acceptance is one of the key ingredients for experiencing the kind of relationship that can stand the test of time. For you, love is the great teacher, and you are the willing student.

Sometimes, you just need to make changes with Venus square Uranus. You do not easily tolerate restrictions in relationships, and if you're in a circumstance which is too inhibiting, will rebel against it. You also tend to be most attracted to men who are emotionally detached or unavailable in some way (married, living in another country, aliens from other planets, etc.), and until you realize that this happens when you really don't want to be tied down, it will continue. Okay, so maybe they're not aliens, but they can certainly seem that way when you try to get into a really intimate situation. Your own needs for intimacy can seem quite alien to you, and if you are to incorporate them into your life, you first need to recognize that you are not interested in repeating patterns women have repeated for centuries. You will do a relationship your way or not at all. Before you can experience a truly satisfying level of intimacy, you need to come to grips with your deeper emotional needs instead of just seeking thrills. You are a truly unique woman who needs a truly unique kind of love. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to find out about the true nature 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 passionate 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.

The image of the perfect man can be rather realistic with your Sun in trine aspect to Neptune. You certainly have your hopes for what you want, but you also allow room for mere humanity. After all, if you share a vision with the man you love, and you can use your combined energies to create that vision, then life can be a wonderful experience. You may even decide that you are perfectly comfortable without a committed relationship, but there are other factors which relate to these needs.

Since you have Mercury in trine aspect to Neptune, you're the perfect candidate for creating wonderful representations of love and compassion through your words. Your lyrical abilities can extend to the way you talk and your mannerisms may be quite fascinating. You may actually attract more men than you realize, since you do spend some time in your own inner world. And it is that quality which is at work when you finally let go and share your life and fantasies with someone you adore. Promise yourself to always make time to get away with your lover so your dreams have a safe place to overtake your life - for at least a little while.

Jupiter's square to Neptune indicates a frustration between your ideals or beliefs and the essence of Truth. On an inner level you may feel that a particular path is right, but the teachings you've learned may not echo those inner feelings. It's like the discovery of hypocrisy from someone who speaks about one truth but lives a life which does not reflect that truth. You are struggling to integrate the truth with your beliefs, and your relationships may act as a catalyst which challenges you to explore those ideals further. You may also find that differences in spiritual practice are quite difficult to handle within your relationships.

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.

The lack of planetary energy in your 7th House does NOT indicate that you will be

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

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

You have 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.

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

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.

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

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

Through your 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 Uranus in your 10th House you're most interested in a career which gives you ample room for individual self-expression. In the arts you may opt for the unusual; in business you're the perfect candidate to run your own shop or to work independently. You may exhibit special genius in particular areas, and will prosper in fields which allow you to show your outstanding abilities. You're the kind of woman who likes to break through old barriers and shatter old stereotypes and will be happiest in a career which is out of the ordinary. You can be a Bohemian rebel or an inspirational revolutionary. You may have a keen interest in astrology, psychology, computers or technology, the television industry or fields which have not yet been invented! You like being on the leading edge, no matter what profession you've chosen, and by listening to your intuitive urgings will find the perfect outlet for your special abilities.

You are empowered by your own expression of artistry and feminine grace with Venus in sextile aspect to your Midheaven. Regardless of your career choices, you can use the essence of being a woman to your advantage. You may enjoy a career in the arts but can also do very well in business, since you have an excellent sense of the value of things (and people).

You may not trust your ambitions or may feel that you don't really deserve to realize them with Saturn in opposition to your Midheaven. This can be especially true if you've not experienced the type of support you needed from your family. Even if your parents seemed to be supportive, were their aims for you centered on what you needed or what they expected? Sometimes necessity just gets in the way, and that's understandable. But if you are afraid of failure, you may never get what you want from life. You must establish a strong foundation, and from that foundation you can accomplish anything. The foundation may be educational; it may revolve around establishing a home. But whatever it is, when you concentrate upon building it, you will realize the value of standing on solid ground while you reach for success.

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; 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!

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

Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart. Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which seems more like what you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

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

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.

With the energy of Venus in your 8th House, you may experience an emotional intensity which rivals the power of the seas. It's easy to become overly attached to your partner, and you may also find that it is difficult to let go of old love wounds and open your heart again. You may feel that your partner is more worthy than you, but deep within yourself, you know that is not true. It's just an excuse you use to keep yourself from experiencing the love you really desire. Your fear of losing that ultimate love can actually work against your ability to attain it. If you've compromised for something that seems "safe", a partner whom you could afford to lose, then you may never know the fullness of love. This approach can not only undermine your power, but can result in your abandonment of your quest for the ultimate love. Once you agree to allow yourself to approach intimacy and loving by

risking your heart, you may finally experience what you so desperately seek. Even if it does not last forever, you will have known it, and the love itself can heal you. You need to experience transformation through love, and that is the key to your real sense of personal prosperity!

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

With Mars in Virgo you direct your personal power toward work. You feel good at the end of the day when you've produced something, and are empowered when your accomplishments are appreciated for their attention to detail and fine quality. You can undermine your effectiveness when you fuss over nonessential details, and can lose energy when you become caught in your own insecurities which arise from your feelings of imperfection. So what if your hips are not perfect! Who defines those things, anyway? You are most attracted to men who are healthy, well groomed and kind natured, and will probably not give a boorish lout the time of day. In the bedroom you enjoy sensual sharing to the ultimate and may be quite knowledgeable about sexuality - to the surprise of anyone who thinks you are a bit prudish. Well, they've not been alone with you in an intimate setting! Sometimes you can think too much about what you're doing and forget to let go and enjoy the passion of the moment. And watch those feelings of regret which occur after the fact when you're wondering if you were okay. Yes, you were. And you are.

With the energies of Mars and Pluto joined together your sexual drives and needs to express power are extremely important. Trying to ignore them will only complicate your life. Learning where your power and that of another begins and ends is a crucial lesson, especially if you're driven to reach the top at all costs. You may also find that you're easily intimidated by others who negatively use or abuse power until you learn to assert your own strength of will. These energies together intensify your passion, and when you want something your passionate desires can be unstoppable until you are satisfied. Sexual fulfillment ranks high on your priority list, as it should, since you not only understand the nature of desire but have the ability to achieve a powerful bonding with your lover and partner. In situations which require strength or control you can harm or heal, depending upon the focus you choose for your drive and energy. First, you must begin with yourself by accepting the regenerative power you hold and utilize throughout your life. You can be much like the High Priestess, and by focusing upon this archetype will find pathways which allow you to become a truly powerful and influential woman.

Saturn plays the role of the big controller in your life. Sometimes that control

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

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

Sustaining your self worth seems natural with Venus in trine aspect to Saturn. You know that you build solid foundations when you develop your talents, share what you have and teach what you know. Love is the key to your power, and sometimes being there for someone else in times of trouble strengthens you, too. You may also have a good ability to manage your finances, which forms an excellent base for power on many level.

You are learning the lessons of manifesting true abundance in harmony with your needs with Jupiter in conjunction to Saturn. Your life can be a full, self-affirming and empowering experience only when you apply yourself and use your talents to reach beyond your current circumstances. It's tempting to rest on your laurels with this energy, and there are times when it's nice to drift with the currents of life. But if you feel a little uninspired, it could be the result of too little effort on your part.

You may not trust your ambitions or may feel that you don't really deserve to realize them with Saturn in opposition to your Midheaven. This can be especially true if you've not experienced the type of support you needed from your family. Even if your parents seemed to be supportive, were their aims for you centered on what you

needed or what they expected? Sometimes necessity just gets in the way, and that's understandable. But if you are afraid of failure, you may never get what you want from life. You must establish a strong foundation, and from that foundation you can accomplish anything. The foundation may be educational; it may revolve around establishing a home. But whatever it is, when you concentrate upon building it, you will realize the value of standing on solid ground while you reach for success.

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.

## **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 fabulously beautiful creature who seems to float above you. This creature smiles and gestures for you to follow. Fascinated by the creature, you follow along. You are taken to a space which is filled with rainbow colors of light, and as you step into the light, you feel your mind opening to a powerful awareness. Through this awareness you experience a true sense of calm, clarity and understanding. Your experience of allowing your consciousness to be permeated with this light reminds you that you are always capable of experiencing a heightened level of awareness.