

Four Spiritual Paths

for Oprah Winfrey



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Sun	Aquarius	09°Aq00'	02nd	01 29°Sg41'
Moon	Sagittarius	04°Sg32'	11th	02 28°Cp22'
Mercury	Aquarius	19°Aq09'	02nd	03 04°Pi48'
Venus	Aquarius	08°Aq51'	02nd	04 17°Ar25'
Mars	Scorpio	23°Sc35'	11th	05 11°Ta16'
Jupiter	Gemini	16°Ge39'	06th	06 04°Ge56'
Saturn	Scorpio	09°Sc03'	10th	07 29°Ge41'
Uranus	Cancer	20°Ca19'	07th	08 28°Ca22'
Neptune	Libra	26°Li04'	10th	09 04°Vi48'
Pluto	Leo	24°Le09'	08th	10 17°Li25'
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Your Spiritual Path

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Aquarius, you are primarily the Thinking type. Thinking types tend to be less personal in their approach to the world. They are focusing on an objective truth that they hope to find, and not on the people in their path. They choose to be logical. They choose to be truthful. They choose to be argumentative - after all, they have argued with themselves enough times! They are usually able to go through a thought

process once and stop, without needing to re-evaluate. Air types benefit from an education that includes logical training, but they remain one-sided if they skip over the opportunities to appreciate the people and things around them. They judge the world through a logical process that seldom admits consideration of feelings. Thinking types can do well in careers where it is important to organize and assess quantities of information. You tend to be somewhat more businesslike, able to "cut to the chase" in planning as well as performance. You contribute to society through intellectual criticism, through the exposure of wrongdoing, and through scientific research. You perform well in executive positions partly because such positions are somewhat impersonal. You are willing to tell the truth, even when it is not convenient.

How You Express Your Will

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will exploit others (when I could be humanitarian). I will rebel (when I might be progressive). I will be eccentric (when I could simply study occult subjects). I will be reclusive (when I could be independent). I will shop until I drop (when I could be philanthropic). I will be logically exacting (when I could listen to my intuition).

Your Sun is in the 2nd house. The neck, ears and throat form the physical focus. Hearing is a factor in your contact with the spiritual world, and any illness or injury can affect how you develop spiritually. If you are injured, chiropractic, massage, or other medical treatment can alleviate pain and also help you to open to spiritual contacts. Voice is also an important factor. Voice training, either for singing or speaking, can be helpful. You probably express yourself well. Training serves to enhance natural abilities, and allows for effective spiritual expression. You may develop clairaudience through practice. First you need to listen to your own inner voice. Voice training, then, should incorporate a strong component of listening intently to speeches, singing, and ordinary conversation.

Aspects of the Sun

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. Feelings of love pervade your spiritual life. Strong relationships with your partner, friends and family provide a spark of spiritual activity deep within you. This spark can be expressed artistically or through social interactions. Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. You perceive the structure of your life as restrictive unless you can infuse spiritual values into all your activities. Early on you resent the authority of the church or teacher, but later you come to appreciate the ritual patterns of prayer, yogic practices, circle work, focused meditation - all life experience in fact. As you move through life, you find that what you know about yourself more and more closely approximates your inner spiritual being. You are able to evaluate your spiritual position with great precision. Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values.

Core Beliefs

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

The Moon

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Sagittarius, your secondary mental style is primarily the Intuitive type. Your internal intuitive style is very different from what you show to the world. People may feel the fire of your passion and not know what is behind it. They see you are "fired up" and wonder what is going on. Sharing the fire can be difficult, especially in the early stage where you feel it but don't know the direction it will take. You often know what will happen, and probably have déjà vu experiences frequently. If you focus on these experiences, you will find that you have them more often than you thought, and you begin to learn how to interpret intuitive or psychic signals more clearly. As you pay more attention, you find that what were once perceived to be anxiety attacks now are signals from your unconscious about present or future events. It is often helpful to share your insights, even in the early stage when you don't have the full picture. By doing this you gain intuitive skill.

Your core beliefs were good for your family and society of origin, and therefore they may be good for you too. However, you consider change when those beliefs conflict with perceived reality.

Aspects of the Moon

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The Fourth House

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Aries on the Fourth House cusp. The most powerful expression of will comes through Aries, so it is essential that you understand your core beliefs and work through them at all times. When you are able to do this, you provide a charismatic presence and find that you can be tremendously successful. When you don't - when you stray from your own beliefs and rely on others for direction - you stumble and perhaps even fail in your efforts.

To gain a clearer understanding of your own core beliefs, you need to explore the nature of Aries:

1. Learn what it means for you to express your will effectively. Anyone can be willful, like an infant demanding immediate gratification. That style is effective for the baby, but not for you. Look inside yourself for more appropriate expressions of will. Perhaps you focus on sports activities, a musical or writing talent, or the determination to complete scheduled work tasks on time. If you are focused, these tasks will be accomplished cheerfully. You pay attention to the task and not the reward.

2. The creative urge is a strong component of your core beliefs. Whatever you are doing, you need to feel the energy of creativity flowing through your actions. Therefore all destructive acts are, and must remain outside the focus of your will.

3. You have a profound understanding of the nature of unity and will seek it throughout your life. You will find ways to express your understanding of the universe to others, but first you seek to understand and trust it yourself.

4. You understand the spiritual warrior's path. You must lift yourself above the petty battles of the playground of life and seek to express your warrior qualities in the most idealistic way possible - in creative service to others.

Communication and Mental Development

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

Training Your Conscious Mind

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- * the natural direction of your thinking
- * training to take advantage of this direction
- * training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

Element of Mercury

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Aquarius, your communication style is primarily the Thinking type. Your healing focus lies in words and skillful communication. You use your intellect to examine conflict, discover its significance, and illuminate the path toward resolution. Adept in the technology of communication, you may have impact over long distances. Whether you focus on oral traditions, written word or artistic communication, you use logic in the mediation between or among people.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

Your inventive nature is well served by developing intuition. You see future needs and focus your thoughts on how to fulfill those needs. Intuition is a natural component of your thinking process. Walking meditation may enhance the intuitive flow.

Your Mercury is in the 2nd House. You make progress when you engage in deliberate activities. Spiritually this might include calligraphy, Ikebana, or other meditative activities. Conversational style tends toward focus and brevity.

Mercury Aspects

An argumentative style pervades your inner dialogue, and may invade your interactions with others. Yet these people are able to help you develop your spiritual determination. Through them you will gain a broader range of judgment, making you a formidable voice for expressing spiritual values. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. Intuition inspires your creative activities. You try new things on a whim and hold on to the methods that work well for you. Your psychic senses are tuned so that you can talk about them clearly. You develop the capacity to tell other people the oddest impressions without causing discomfort. Your restless mind is always turning up another piece of ground, searching for a revelation. You become irritable when others seem to withhold key information from you. Because you can easily influence others, it is important for you to decide what spiritual values you want to espouse. You can speak fluently about how you came to understand your spiritual journey. This is because you have had many conversations with your inner spiritual source, asking questions and sharing feelings. You tend to be critical of others. This may be one of your hardest tests of compassion-to lighten up. You can begin by softening your attitude toward yourself.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

A right relationship between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Aquarius, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Thinking function. Your intellect is fed through close relationships with other people. These may be romantic connections, or you may connect to people you find attractive for some other reason. Ultimately your spiritual life is enhanced when you are able to communicate what you have learned to others.

You are well suited to the team environment and team activities. You can focus on your own role while maintaining a sense of the larger drama. Your progressive views on the subject of romantic partnership may contradict what you were taught as a child. It is probably more important to make sure those ideas do not run against the current of your spiritual leanings.

Your Venus is in the 2nd House. You recognize that your spiritual self-worth is very important. You like to have nice things around you, and will not deny your material desires too much. At the same time, you choose studies and other activities that are consistent with your metaphysical goals.

Venus Aspects

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. Feelings of love pervade your spiritual life. Strong relationships with your partner, friends and family provide a spark of spiritual activity deep within you. This spark can be expressed artistically or through social interactions. Your magnetic nature attracts others to you, and you are popular without making much effort. Sharing your spiritual joy does not have to involve sharing on the physical level. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection.

Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

Developing Your Psychic Ability

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Libra, your private, psychic style is primarily the Thinking type.

Your psychic sense is directly connected to intellect. Whether you hear, see, or even smell psychic information, mental processing reveals the meaning. It may help to share psychic insights with others, as this is the way you can identify your own projections and distinguish them from psychic energy being projected by other people.

Language is a powerful medium for your peer group. During your lifetime several profound changes in communication have occurred, including the rise of personal computers and the Internet. These allow you to communicate instantly with points around the world. This does not lessen the desirability of psychic development. Being able to reach out may actually enhance psychic ability, allowing you to confirm your thinking quickly and easily in many cases.

You may want to record your psychic impressions in a journal. In this way you can track and confirm your impressions later. Too often we dismiss these impressions and may miss the connections. The psychic undercurrents of your life provide a rich resource for your imagination, and they reveal how your life is a fabric woven of various energies.

Neptune is in the 10th House. Even in crowds you can tune your psychic abilities. At first there is a clutter of input that is at best confusing. However, over time you refine your directional awareness and can track individuals through the busiest markets, or identify the one person who needs the emotional support you have to offer. You may be a skillful manager, as you understand the way to motivate others.

Neptune Aspects

Your psychic senses are tuned so that you can talk about them clearly. You develop the capacity to tell other people the oddest impressions without causing discomfort. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. Through contact with other people, you develop an inner psychic vision. At first you dismiss your psychic insights as flukes, but later you may find that they become more frequent, more accurate, and more spiritually enriching. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may

even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. Generally you are not a strong team player. You doubt the value of cooperative effort and expect more of others than they are likely to give. Thus your efforts are better directed to self-discipline. This apparent limitation can be overcome by focusing on the stronger areas of your personality. You are easily influenced by other people and need to develop your spiritual voice to counteract this tendency.

The Twelfth House

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Sagittarius on the Twelfth House cusp. Your precognitive powers develop through experience. Including a contemplative practice in your daily routine can hone this skill. If you ask your dreams for guidance before sleep, you will find that you are well prepared for the activities of the following day. Sometimes the messages are direct and clear. Other times you will need to record your dreams and think about each character and symbol to discover the meaning. It is very important for you to have a direct connection to your inner being.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- * They are signposts to indicate progress.
- * They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- * They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- * They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- * They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most

traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Leo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Intuitive function. Your most direct way of managing transformative events is to will yourself to envision the future. Whether this means imagining life without someone who has left you, or simply moving from one home to another, your strength lies in the ability to listen to your own intuition.

Yet you also sense the hand of the divine - however you define divinity in your life - in the unfolding of a larger plan. While in the moment of transition you may feel helpless and weak, you don't remain helpless for long because you quickly begin to evaluate clues about outcome. You gather information from your surroundings, your thoughts, your feelings, and your sense of spiritual connection to the energy around you.

You wish to rule, and so do a lot of your peers. This could lead to trouble if you all think you have to be the first and the best. Once you experience coming in second or third, you focus your sights on those areas that truly matter to you. Then you make spiritual progress along with achieving career and other successes.

Pluto Aspects

Your restless mind is always turning up another piece of ground, searching for a revelation. You become irritable when others seem to withhold key information from you. Because you can easily influence others, it is important for you to decide what spiritual values you want to espouse. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. You are able to find and encourage associations with other people to foster creative spiritual growth for yourself and for them. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

The Eighth House

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Cancer on the Eighth House cusp. More than most people you connect to larger change processes. You may even be able to feel the earth's rotation when you lie on the ground and watch the stars. Yet your most skillful interactions occur in small groups or in one-on-one situations in which you use your nurturing abilities to smooth the path for transformation.

You are able to see the light within other people and to nurture it. This spiritual capacity also works in your own life to transform your mundane ideas into spiritual aspirations. Because you are able to stimulate the spiritual motives of other people, you make a strong leader, but you are not likely to be the most public figure. Rather, you quietly guide others and share in their successes without stealing their glory. You see yourself as part of the whole process that leads to success.

Planets in the Eighth House

Pluto in 8th House:

One change begets another in your life. You see transformation as a way of life, not an isolated event. Often you feel changes coming long before any outward signs are visible. You dwell in the underworld of the mind. Without training you are susceptible to the energies of people around you, and you fall under their spells easily. With training you can cast your own spells, and certainly you can use your power to protect yourself. You have tremendous endurance - your ability to keep going means that you can chart a spiritual path and make definite progress. You tend to be around when traumatic events happen to other people, and you may have your own share of difficulties. These experiences place you in the ideal spot to help others, as you know how they feel and you know just how to lift their spirits.

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The Development of Intuition

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Cancer, your intuition works best through the Feeling function. Your intuition flows more smoothly in a calm environment. Ritual preparation is very helpful in cultivating this kind of insight. Contemplative practice also helps, and it doesn't have to be sitting on a cushion to meditate. You may find that walking, swimming, or other exercise provides a gateway to expanded intuition.

You are able to perceive the emotional and astral flows of energy, and you often can determine which current to follow before the decisive moment. You tap into energy patterns just enough to gain a sense of direction.

Your Uranus is in the 7th House. Your business or romantic partners stimulate your intuition. Alone you might ignore this information, but together with a partner you maximize your opportunities for whatever is important to the partnership.

Uranus Aspects

Your strong intuition provides a rich source of information in your relationships with others. You may eventually be capable of seeing into the future quite clearly. Meetings with unconventional people can provide the spiritual contacts you need to make further progress. You can be a radical without being irresponsible. Intuition inspires your creative activities. You try new things on a whim and hold on to the methods that work well for you. You find yourself brushing up against dangerous situations. Spiritually you learn from each one, eventually learning how to help others without taking unnecessary risks yourself. Through contact with other people, you develop an inner psychic vision. At first you dismiss your psychic insights as flukes, but later you may find that they become more frequent, more accurate, and more spiritually enriching. Your capacity to share your experience forms a large part of your spiritual involvement with others. You seek new experiences that help you to gain the broadest understanding of life. Your life is punctuated with sudden changes. Self-awareness comes through dramatic, sudden events. To the extent that you can foresee them intuitively, you can avoid the harsh impact to some extent.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Libra, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Thinking function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to engage actively in whatever attracts your attention, you find the desire to devote yourself to someone or something outside yourself. You may experience an initiation with a teacher to whom you devote yourself with single-minded faith and courage. You will benefit from practicing meditation, as you must clear your mind in order to reach the profound state of consciousness where pure devotion arises. In the process of identifying a purer form of devotion you may appear fanatical in your actions or statements. You work with the forces of nature, striving not to control them but to flow with them naturally. The most positive attitude you can cultivate is one of harmlessness - you seek to do no harm and to think no evil.

Your understanding of the nature of duality in the world can be used to move past mere devotion to teacher. You will seek an attitude that engenders the fusion of body and soul, with its illumination of the ideals of unity in your spiritual life. You learn the meaning and value of self-sacrifice, not because they are goals in themselves, but because they will lead you to an understanding of higher spiritual service on the group level.

To understand your own core beliefs is to live in harmony with your spiritual being. These beliefs emerge from the deepest part of your being. When studied, they provide the information for a lifetime of self-exploration.

Midheaven Aspects

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Karma and Dharma

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no clearer about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Scorpio, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Feeling function. Intelligent activity, for you, is inspired by the feeling component of your mind. You can make a plan using any of the mental strategies, but you evaluate and judge its efficacy through the feeling function. In looking back on your own past, into past lives, or even ancient human history, you judge people's actions by the results they achieved, and you also consider whether those results were worth the effort. Even if the outcome was what people wanted and needed, you evaluate the effectiveness of the action. You are able to learn from the past and to exercise good judgment in almost everything you do. You may tend toward caution in your planning, and you gather information at every step of the process. Because of sensitive positioning, you are

able to make adjustments to suit the needs of the moment. You like to have the time to project your plan into the future to think through the possible outcomes. When you feel rushed into implementing a plan, you may be reluctant if you cannot see a positive outcome. For this reason, it may be difficult to have faith in someone else's plan.

Your intense focus on the metaphysical realm can distract you from the demands of physical relationships. Sexual energy can be inhibited unless you can see the path to ecstasy includes all levels of consciousness. You see the spiritual value in all life, and understand birth and death as necessary transitions.

Your Saturn is in the 10th House. Your strong will furthers your career and supports your social position. You believe that steady work serves you well on the material level, and it works well in terms of spirit too. Your tendency to follow a narrow line of thinking provides strong focus, but may cause you to miss the richness of possibilities that surround you. The plus side is that this same focus helps you to get right to the heart of the subject at hand.

Saturn Aspects

You perceive the structure of your life as restrictive unless you can infuse spiritual values into all your activities. Early on you resent the authority of the church or teacher, but later you come to appreciate the ritual patterns of prayer, yogic practices, circle work, focused meditation - all life experience in fact. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection.

Transcendent Values

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Gemini, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Thinking function. Regardless of your typical mental style, indicated by the element occupied by the Sun, you tend to process best through thinking, and through the skillful use of words. You aspire to more perfect expression, both within yourself and in the social realm. Mental and spiritual training benefit you by providing rigorous reasoning skills and by opening your heart to the intuitive information that flows around you. Even when you have achieved fusion of heart and mind, you find that your mental process and expression focus on intellect and the thinking process. You may come to trust your intuition deeply, but you gain this level of confidence through testing your intuitive knowledge logically and rationally. You understand that the cycle of cause and effect begins on the mental plane, descends through the emotional realm, and manifests in the physical world.

Your versatility makes you the welcome guest at any gathering. You thrive on the many social connections that feed your self-awareness and spiritual bank account. Because you love change, you move forward on the spiritual path with relative ease, as long as you keep your own values in mind.

Aspects of Jupiter

Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. Your magnetic nature attracts others to you, and you are popular without making much effort. Sharing your spiritual joy does not have to involve sharing on the physical level. You have the capacity to become fully conscious of your spiritual values and the path you follow this lifetime. You also can become content with your progress toward self-awareness.

The Ninth House

You have Virgo on the Ninth House cusp. The transcendent values you seek to understand are three expressions of the feminine. The first expression is Eve - the true physical expression of knowledge, and the search for knowledge. This value is expressed on the mental plane. The second value involves taking the quest for knowledge to the emotional plane. The third value is the expression of knowledge on the physical plane through creation. These three values relate to the expression of mind into physical form and creative work in the material world. This involutory process can be compared to the evolutionary process whereby the receptive mind becomes the expressive agent of the spirit.

Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

The Element of Mars

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses-touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Scorpio, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Feeling function. You are like a steam engine in many ways. Once you get rolling, it is nearly impossible to slow you down. You are able and willing to push into territory that other people shrink from, and you come out of difficult situations more or less in one piece, with your enthusiasm intact. You exemplify the connection between the past and the future in your devotion to whatever task you set for yourself. You are not satisfied until this connection has been made and you understand it. Spiritually you have to understand your karma from the

past in order to guide your present decisions. Thus you may press deeper into your personal and family history, and even into past lives.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Regeneration and Transformation, Determination, Healing. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 11th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues concerning the group process. You understand the ritual content of human interactions, and you can facilitate meetings by injecting the missing ritual pieces into any situation. You train your enthusiasm to always include tactfulness and kindness. You focus on the power of hope within yourself, and you can engender this emotion in others.

Mars Aspects

An argumentative style pervades your inner dialogue, and may invade your interactions with others. Yet these people are able to help you develop your spiritual determination. Through them you will gain a broader range of judgment, making you a formidable voice for expressing spiritual values. You find yourself brushing up against dangerous situations. Spiritually you learn from each one, eventually learning how to help others without taking unnecessary risks yourself. Compassion comes easily to you. The trick, if there is one, is to think through what will truly help before you leap to the rescue. Let others help themselves when they can. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. It is important for you to maintain a consistent rhythm, including the physical, astral and spiritual in your daily meditation. Working with others lifts you spiritually.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

You are driven by especially human motivations as you pursue your spiritual life. Your rising sign, Sagittarius, governs the hips and thighs. It is the arrangement of these parts of the body that allows humans to stand upright and walk. Translate this metaphorically to your spiritual life - upright thinking and attention to your spiritual path are a reflection of your capacity to maximize human potential on the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual levels.

In addition to the above capabilities, you have the capacity to use intuition in your life. You can envision the future better than most people. When you match your intuitive sensibility to your spiritual aspiration, you find that your path becomes easy to identify and to follow. The more you use your intuition, the more useful it becomes. Your intuitive ability rests in your intellectual development, so it is important to educate yourself well. In your studies you are often able to leap to the answer. It is important for you to fill in the blanks, even if it means going back, so that you learn how to solve more and more difficult problems.

You experience your soul's calling early in life. Other people may put down your budding ideas, but you gather these thoughts to yourself and nurture them. You trust that these ideas have come to you for some reason. You are able to recall them in moments of crisis, and you find you can communicate profound sentiments with few words. You have material ambitions, yes, but you also have spiritual aspirations. You will find that right spiritual aspiration often brings suitable material satisfaction in its wake.

Because your rising sign is connected to the hips and thighs, you may find that walking meditation, Tai Chi, or other contemplative movement suits your spiritual development. Sitting may not help you to focus, while walking meditation may allow your thoughts to settle and your intuition to arise.

Ascendant Aspects

Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values. You tend to be critical of others. This may be one of your hardest tests of compassion-to lighten up. You can begin by softening your attitude toward yourself. You are easily influenced by other people and need to develop your spiritual voice to counteract this tendency. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

Conclusion

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.